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Scooter injuries occurring more frequently and with greater severity

Transportation throughout Santa Monica and the Greater Los Angeles area has been taken for a ride over the past few years with the increased usage of scooters. The ease of access for the mobility unit, combined with its popularity among youth, has made the transportation mode quite common on sidewalks and streets alike.

With the rise in riding comes a tangential, and substantial, increase in scooter injuries. According to new UCLA-led research, scooter injuries nearly tripled across the United States from 2016 to 2020, along with a similar increase in severe injuries requiring orthopedic and plastic surgery over the same period. The study, published January 9 in the peer-reviewed Journal of the American College of Surgeons, compared national trends in scooter and bicycle industries as well as the implications of these injuries on the healthcare industry.

Lead author Nam Yong Cho, a third-year medical student at UCLA and a research associate at the UCLA Cardiovascular Outcomes Research Laboratories, said he became invested in the topic after encountering scooter-related injuries during his clerkship in emergency medicine services, as well as orthopedic surgery.

"Although (the patients) were pretty young, (freshman and sophomores) at UCLA, they had to undergo a surgery to fix their broken bones," Cho said. "Living in L.A., you see scooters all the time, so I was interested in how these injuries happen, and what is the implication in terms of healthcare resource use, and in terms of long-term outcomes (for) the patient."

Cho and researchers sought out the 2016-2020 National Inpatient Sample, a database from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, to compare trends for scooter-related and bicycle-related injuries. Out of nearly 93,000 patients hospitalized in the sample, about 6,100 resulted from scooter injuries, but injury severity was skewed toward the scooter users.

Scooter-related injuries led to major operative interventions 56% of the time, compared to 48% for bike-related injuries. Scooter riders were also shown to have higher odds of experiencing long bone fractures and paralysis than bicycle-related injuries. Both groups were similarly likely to suffer traumatic brain injuries.

In doing his research, Cho noted he was surprised by the injury severity increasing over past years, and said that injury characteristics are influenced by factors like frequent lack of protective gear, mixed road usage among scooter riders, and a younger age range. Out of those hospitalized from scooter-related injuries, about 27% were under 18 years old, compared to 16% for bicycle-related injuries.

"I think what makes (scooters) popular for young people is that it is very expanded around urban centers, where young people are commuting, walking around," Cho said. "They can easily pick up a scooter to go from one place to another."

Among the study's limitations were limited amounts of data on conditions like helmet use, the presence of multiple riders on scooters, as well as intoxication levels of those injured. Cho stated that during his emergency medicine shifts, he usually encountered

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SCOOTER INJURIES: Scooter use has been on the rise in recent years, which has brought an increase in severe injuries related to riding.



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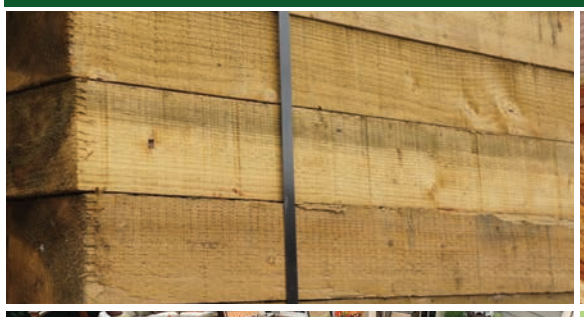
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Big Blue Bus reports rise in ridership, plus a new safety officer program



Big Blue Bus

BUS: Big Blue Bus is about to follow in the footsteps of Metro by implementing a new transit safety officer program early this year.

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Despite some overwhelming obstacles, including recruiting shortages and pre-pandemic level service restoration, Santa Monica-based Big Blue Bus saw steady gains in ridership, according to the fiscal year 2022-23 performance year-end report.

The findings of the report state that despite ongoing challenges in recruiting and retaining Motor Coach Operators (MCOs) and post-COVID recovery, the city-owned public transportation service had success in retaining contactless fare passengers and initiated several exciting projects over the past fiscal year. Additionally, the report notes the increase in ridership on MODE (Mobility On Demand Every Day), the City's demand response service for seniors and people with disabilities.

"Staff put forth significant efforts to recruit and retain MCOs during the fiscal year, including participation in job fairs, new MCO training classes, enhanced training pay rates, targeted recruitment advertising and various staff well-being initiatives," the report says adding, "Despite these endeavors, the number of MCOs did not substantially increase during the fiscal year, hindering increases in service levels and necessitating the continued suspension of certain routes."

This ultimately resulted in the continued suspension of Routes 42, 44 and Express 7 and a service reduction of Rapid 3. Only Route 14 saw a major increase in service levels resulting from its full extension to Inglewood when the Metro K Line opened in October 2022. However, MCO counts (280) are still at their highest levels in two years, allowing for the extension of Route 16 to Playa Del Rey in August 2023.

In spite of these challenges, Big Blue Bus carried 7,741,258 passengers in FY 22-23, an increase of 23% compared to the previous fiscal year. Big Blue Bus also succeeded in keeping cash transactions at a relatively low level (17% compared to the pre-pandemic average of 33%), which leads to reduced travel times. Tap payments made up 74% of fare transactions, with mobile payments making up 5% and free fares, or refusals to pay at 3%.

Fares have not risen since July of last year and according to Anuj Gupta, Director of the Department of Transportation for the City of Santa Monica, no imminent fare changes are scheduled. "We're currently discussing, along with other transit agencies, possible future alignment on a regional fare capping policy. Metro recently switched to a pilot fare capping scheme and we, along with other transit agencies, are considering a similar model, but we don't have any concrete plans to adopt or announce at this time," Gupta said.

Metro launched the pilot program in July of last year. Customers can use their TAP card to pay per ride until they hit a daily fare cap of $5 or a seven-day fare cap of $18. Once the one-day and seven-day caps are reached, Metro riders are able to use the system for free for the remainder of the one-day or seven-day period.

Complaints were also down, according to statistics presented, with 11.3 per 100k passengers reported during the last financial year, compared to 16 during FY 21-22. An opposite but equally positive result was that compliments were up, by 50% to 2.4 per 100k passengers.

Moreover, Big Blue Bus is soon about to follow in the footsteps of Metro in the hiring of transit security officers. "We will be rolling out a new transit safety officer program early this year where we'll have unarmed security guards on many of our buses and at our bus stops to ensure a positive customer experience," Gupta said.

According to Gupta, a recommendation will be brought to City Council during the next meeting, on January 23. He says that a competitive procurement was undertaken, the budget has been approved and that the service will be provided by "a security vendor

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Popular second-hand clothing store Buffalo Exchange permanently closed on Sunday



Scott Snowden

CLOSED: The Main Street branch of second-hand clothing store Buffalo Exchange permanently closed its doors on Jan. 14.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Main Street branch of the popular second-hand clothing store Buffalo Exchange permanently closed its doors on Sunday.

For the last few weeks, regulars to the store will have seen a large notice on the door that read, "Thank you Santa Monica. We loved the Santa Monica community and are grateful to have bought, sold and traded with you over the past 17 years. We hope to see you at our other locations in Sherman Oaks, Melrose, Orange County and Ventura."

And additional note on the website added, "We want to remain a sustainable fashion resource for many years to come, so we made the tough decision to refocus efforts on our other stores..."

Buffalo Exchange started out as the original buy-sell-trade fashion shop in Tucson, Arizona in 1974. According to the website, over 40 stores now exist across the U.S. It was the brainchild of Kerstin Block and together with her husband, Spencer, they rented out a small 400 square foot space and filled it with clothes from Kerstin's own closet. Soon enough, they had a bustling business buying, selling and trading the likes of denim skirts handmade by Kerstin, Hawaiian shirts and Kork-Ease sandals for an average price of $3.50.

In the 1980s, Kerstin and Spencer started setting their sights further afield and opened up a few locations in the San Francisco area. In the 1990s, as the popularity of secondhand shopping grew, so did Buffalo Exchange. From 1990-1999, the husband-wife duo opened up 19 new locations across California, the Southwest and the Northwest, learning a lot about business along the way.

Since then, Buffalo Exchange has only continued to grow and lead the way in sustainable style, offering customers across the US the option to recycle their clothing and accessories for cash or store trade on-the-spot. After 50 years of running Buffalo Exchange, Kerstin retired in 2024. Her daughter, Rebecca Block, continues to run the company as CEO.

"What I'm most proud of is how much we've been able to empower people – especially women. That and the clothes. It's always been about the clothes," Kerstin says in a quote on the website.

According to staff, the lease is up on the Main Street location and so all the stock will be distributed over the other outlets in the area. Some staff will be moved to a new store opening soon in Pasadena at 468 E Colorado Blvd, but not everyone, since that new outlet is significantly smaller than the Main Street branch. According to the store, trade never expires and you can use it at any of their other locations.

"We loved the Santa Monica community and are grateful to have bought, sold and traded here for the past 17 years. We want to remain a sustainable fashion resource for many years to come, so when our lease came up on this location, we made the tough decision to refocus efforts on our other stores," Jessica Pruitt, Marketing Assistant Manager, told the Daily Press.

"We have five other locations in the Los Angeles area and we're excited to be opening a new store in Pasadena in just a few weeks. We don't have the exact opening date, but we're aiming for the end of January and many of our Santa Monica employees will be joining us at this new location. Though we're sad to be leaving Santa Monica, we're excited to explore a new part of the city and meet new faces in Pasadena," Pruitt said.

The store was one of several brick and

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.2**

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

Looking like a light wind day with some small/playful waves for the bigger boards. The new, steep-angled NW swell that comes up Sunday will linger through the day.

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

Looking like another cleaner morning window with tiny, steep-angled NW swell mix expected. The early tide push should help but it's probably a small wave gear only kind of day.

Weather

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

Heightened Concerns for Safety on PCH Following 10th Accident Since Tragic Incident in October

Thursday, around 9:00 PM authorities responded to a three-vehicle accident at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Las Flores. The incident resulted in minor to moderate injuries, and an ongoing DUI investigation revealed that the driver involved had an active warrant for DUI-related charges.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is actively investigating the circumstances surrounding the recent accident, emphasizing the need for enhanced safety measures and public awareness. The repeated incidents on PCH highlight the urgency for addressing potential hazards and implementing measures to prevent further tragedies.

This unfortunate event marks the tenth (10th) accident on PCH since the devastating incident on October 17, where four Pepperdine students lost their lives due to a speeding motorist. The frequency of accidents in this area is the reason for ongoing concerns about the safety of this particular stretch of road.

The City of Malibu community stands united in advocating for improved safety measures on PCH and seeks collaborative solutions to address the ongoing challenges faced by residents and commuters. As discussions continue, local authorities are committed to working with Caltrans to implement effective strategies for enhancing road safety.

For more information about the City's efforts to improve safety on PCH, visit www.MalibuCity.org/PCHSafety.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California's worker shortage has quickly become another existential issue



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WORK: Andrew McDowell, a small business owner of With Love Market & Cafe, makes sure the food section is fully stocked in Los Angeles, on August 4, 2021. According to McDowell, it has been a difficult task to keep his business in full operation due to the pandemic and a lack of financial assistance from the government.

DAN WALTERS

Millions of Americans watched last weekend as NFL teams played the final games of their regular season. California fans were treated to the much-anticipated finale between the San Francisco 49ers and the Los Angeles Rams, and during commercial breaks they were also exposed to ads from two state law enforcement agencies.

Despite offering six-digit starting salaries, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which operates prisons, and the California Highway Patrol are having great difficulty filling vacancies and are using TV ads to recruit new officers. They are not alone.

Throughout California, public agencies and private employers are contending with an endemic lack of workers of all kinds, from unskilled to highly educated.

School districts can't hire enough teachers, hospitals are chronically short of nurses, state and local law enforcement agencies have vacancies they cannot fill, construction companies are begging for skilled tradesmen, and even fast food outlets can't find enough workers despite offering as much as $20 an hour.

The shortages persist even though California has nearly a million unemployed workers, according to a new report from the Employment Development Department, and its 4.9% jobless rate is the highest of any state.

California's worker shortage is a manifestation of interacting economic and social trends that emerged during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Gov. Gavin Newsom shut down much of the state's economy four years ago to battle the dreaded disease, upwards of 3 million Californians suddenly lost their jobs.

California's unemployment rate skyrocketed to more than 16%, displaced workers scrambled to keep roofs over their heads and food on their tables, and what had been a trickle of Californians departing to other states became a river.

When businesses reopened, they found that many of their workers had either dropped out of the labor force or migrated elsewhere, leaving jobs that went unfilled.

California's sharp drop in population over the last few years has also meant a sharp drop in the number of Californians who are working or available for work. "Since February 2020, the state's labor force has contracted by 240,200 workers, a 1.2% decline," Beacon Economics notes in its analysis of EDD's latest jobs report.

California's labor force participation rate – the percentage of working-age adults either working or available for work – is scarcely 60%, which is mediocre at best and well under the 70% rates in some other states.

One obvious circular impact is on California's chronic shortage of housing, which drives housing costs upward and indirectly entices California workers to migrate to states that have much lower housing costs. The strident efforts of state officials to increase homebuilding collide with a shortage of skilled construction workers.

During its period of high population growth after World War II, California could fill its need for teachers, nurses

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News Binge: All of last week's stories in one place

SMDP STAFF REPORT



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THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORTATION: (L-R) Community health workers Bryon Williams and Whitley Killian; Lisa Wong, Director of LA County DMH; Lindsey Horvath, LA County Supervisor; Mayor Phil Brock; Community health workers Katy Hammer and Romeo Martinez; rolled out its latest tool to fight mental health crisis, Therapeutic Transportation teams.

ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE THROUGHOUT TOWN WITH STOP SIGNS, BIKE LANES AND NEW TRAFFIC WARNINGS:

Several road-related projects kept the City of Santa Monica Mobility Department busy during the final months of 2023, including the upgrade of 10 different intersections from two-way to four-way stops. One of the necessary changes occurred at the intersection of 19th Street and Idaho Avenue, following the October death of Tania Mooser and a crash in November that left Paul Postel with four broken and two bruised ribs. An installation of relevant markings and road signs at 19th and Idaho took place on November 27. The department is also in the final months of construction on the 20th Street Bike and Pedestrian Connection Project, improving bicycle and pedestrian paths on the Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway.

COMMISSION ENCOURAGES SMPD TO LOOK FOR TEAR GAS ALTERNATIVES:

In an early January meeting, the Santa Monica Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission reviewed the Santa Monica Police Department's California Assembly Bill 481 mandated report regarding use of approved military-grade equipment. After discussion, the commission approved the report in its entirety, but ultimately encouraged the SMPD to "search for an alternative method of control" than tear gas canisters. SMPD Deputy Chief of Police Darrick Jacob told the commission that use of tear gas is "rare" but would typically be used for barricaded suspects.

SANTA MONICA ROLLS OUT MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT:

The City rolled out its latest tool in its ongoing efforts to deal with mental health issues on Jan. 8, composed of a specially trained team that will eventually be on call 24 hours a day to assist anyone in Santa Monica suffering from mental health-related trauma. Named Therapeutic Transportation teams, they will be deployed when appropriate by the City's dispatch center to alleviate pressure on local emergency services. The team is able to do a psychiatric transport to an urgent mental healthcare facility or hospital, as well as impose a 72-hour psychiatric hospitalization for a person who is deemed to be a danger to themselves or others.

MARINERS CAPTAIN COMMITS TO IDAHO FOR FOOTBALL:

Saint Monica Mariners team captain and senior Joshua Barnes committed to play for the University of Idaho Vandals football squad in the fall. A special signing ceremony for the wide receiver and cornerback included appearances from high school coach and father Thomas Barnes, other family members, Mariners teammates, Athletic Director Jasoon Bowers and Saint Monica Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson. Barnes was an integral part of the Mariners winning the 2023 CIF Southern Section Division 13 championship, leading the team in receiving with 32 receptions for 812 yards and 10 touchdowns, including a massive 203-yard, 5-touchdown playoff performance against Montclair.

DISTRICT REMAINS VIGILANT AGAINST ILLNESS AS WINTER BREAK ENDS:

Students returned to class at Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and district officials recognized the circulation of respiratory illnesses throughout Greater Los Angeles by sending out a note before winter break began. SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton urged caution to students and their families, saying the district "wants to ensure that we take all the proper return-from-break safety measures and start the new year safe and healthy."

LOCAL LAWSUIT LINKING SNAPCHAT TO DRUG DEATHS CAN PROCEED:

On January 2, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lawrence Riff denied a majority of Snap, Inc.'s motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the company behind social media giant Snapchat. The lawsuit, Neville et al v. Snap, Inc., was filed in October of 2022 on behalf of families that had children die after taking substances sold by drug sellers operating on snapchat. The plaintiffs describe the Snapchat platform as an "open air drug market," and that the platform's "role in illicit drug sales to teens was the foreseeable result of the designs, structures, and policies Snap chose to implement (to) increase its revenues. Last week, Snap, Inc. released a statement to the Daily Press, restating its commitment to anti-drug selling rhetoric and actions, and making clear that they will continue to defend their position in court.

SANTA MONICA'S MEDITERRANEAN MOVEMENT CONTINUES ON MAIN STREET WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ZONA LITTLE ITALY:

A new Mediterranean themed restaurant has opened in Santa Monica, called Zona Little Italy at 2400 Main Street nestled in between the Bicycle Service Center and Dolcenero Gelato. Other Mediterranean themed restaurants and dining experiences in Santa Monica include Italian-themed market and wine bar Sogno Toscano at 1512 Montana Avenue, Mon Ami at 1541 Ocean Avenue, as well as the predominantly Italian-themed menu at The Georgian at 1415 Ocean Avenue.

FAIRMONT BECOMES SECOND HOTEL TO SIGN A DEAL WITH HOTEL UNION:

The Fairmont Miramar hotel recently signed a deal with hospitality union Unite Here Local 11 to settle the long running labor dispute at the property. Union officials sent out a statement announcing the deal, saying the new contract would improve the quality of life for workers. Once ratified, workers will receive a wage increase, healthcare and improved pension payments, among other benefits. A total of 25 hotels have signed a deal with the union in the past six months including Le Merigot Santa Monica, but other local hotels have yet to reach an agreement.

STUDENTS DISPLAY HOPE, POSITIVITY IN PTA ART PROGRAM:

After more than 580 submissions from 13 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District campuses, 21 pieces of art were awarded this month by the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) as part of the National Parent Teacher Association "Reflections" program. The Reflections program has been a national staple since 1969, selecting the most creative and expressive works under a common theme. This year's program, themed "I am hopeful because…," allowed students to enter in six distinct artistic categories like dance choreography, film production and visual arts. The district winners of the Santa Monica-Malibu PTA's Award of Excellence in the program now move onto the 33rd District level of competition, the next step into possibly taking the national spotlight.

LOCAL RENTS END 2023 DOWN MORE THAN 4 PERCENT:

A seasonal trend in countrywide rent prices was also reflected in Santa Monica, according to a report from Apartment List. The report states that Santa Monica apartment rent prices went down 3.5% from November to December 2023. The median rent in the city now stands at $2,466 for a 1-bedroom apartment and $2,956 for a two-bedroom. Nationwide, rent price in December fell 0.8%, acting as the fifth consecutive month of decline after a mid-year peak. Over the course of 2023, the city's median rent price fell by a total of 4.2%, outpacing California's drop (1.7%) and the national fall (1%).

COMMUNITY CORP. CONJURES UP REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR VENICE CHURCH:

In January, Community Corporation of Santa Monica announced a joint partnership with Venice-based Hoop Bus Inc. to revitalize the First Baptist Church, located at 685 Westminster Ave in Venice's Oakwood neighborhood. The property, including the church and two adjacent parking lots, was first acquired by the Community Corporation in March 2023, with the church being reimagined as a community and cultural center. Hoopbus, a nationally-recognized engagement service known for youth basketball activities and community events, is helping the Corporation fundraise for the church's revival.

PERFORMANCES, SPEECHES, ACTS OF SERVICE TAKE PLACE FOR MLK HOLIDAY:

Celebrations took place throughout this past week into the Monday holiday, honoring Rev. Dr. On Jan. 12, the Santa Monica Interfaith Council presented a 2024 MLK Freedom Celebration at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Events over the holiday weekend included a MLK Day of Service at the Main Street Community Garden and an annual concert by the Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra. On Monday, Santa Monica College's Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Auditorium played host to one of Southern California's largest birthday celebrations for Dr. King, with the 39th anniversary event presented by The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition taking the theme "Stop the Hate, Start the Healing."

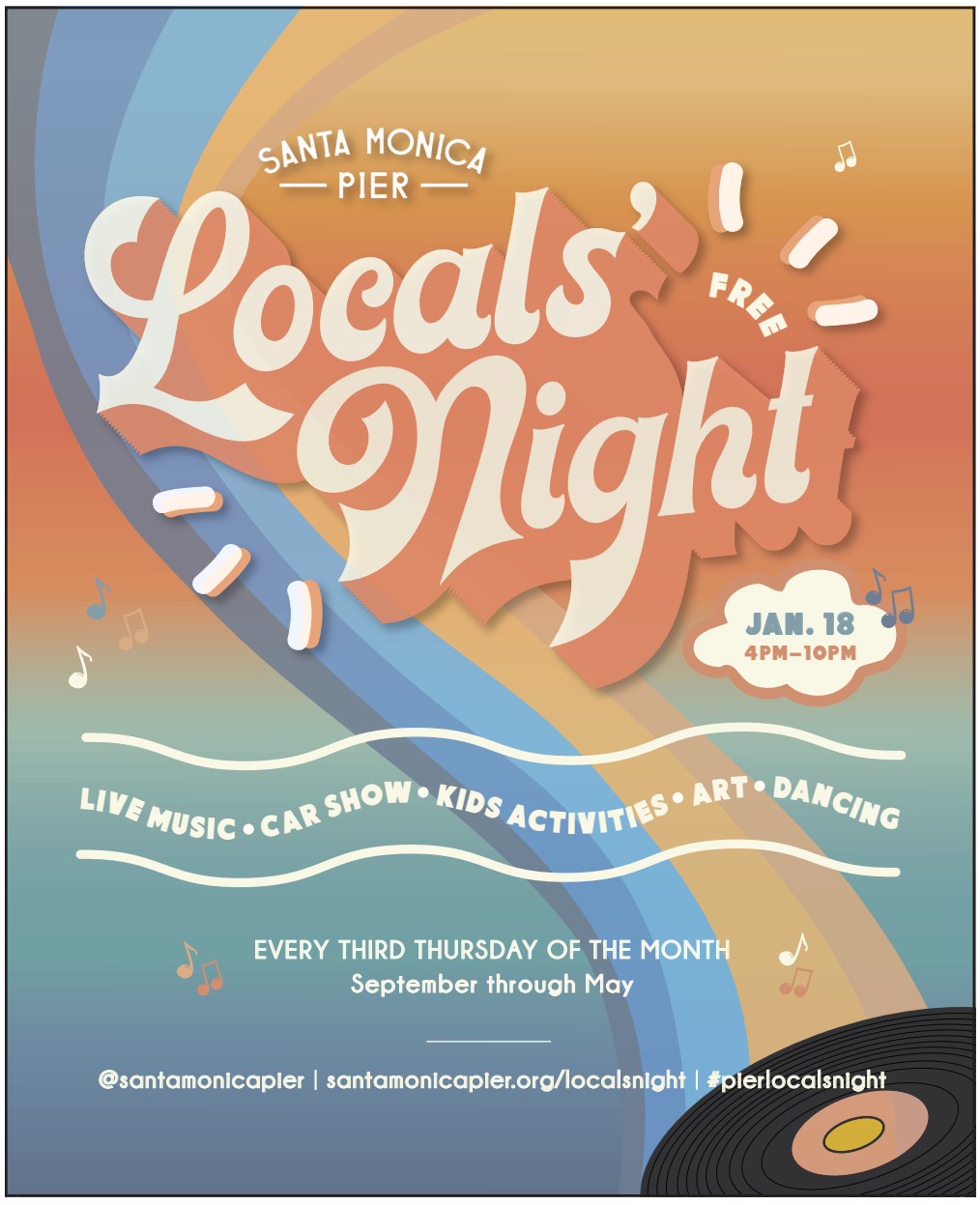
SANTA MONICA HIT WITH HIGH SURF BUT NO DAMAGE:

Visitors to Santa Monica Beach on Jan. 11 were greeted with the rare sighting of waves, as the beach was one of several in Los Angeles County to be put under a high surf advisory by the National Weather Service. While high winds and big waves posed problems in some areas, Santa Monica came through the weather event without any damage.

Santa Monica Arrests

For the week of Jan 5th to Jan 11th

Crime	Arrests
Assault	1
Assault & Battery	2
Burglary	2
Driving without headlights	1
Grand Theft	1
Making a False Fire Alarm	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	2
Possession of Brass Knuckles	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
Possession of Methamphetamines	3
Possession of Methamphetamines for Sale	1
Probation Violation	2
Resisting Arrest	1
Robbery	1
Unlawfully Occupying Property	1
Vandalism	1
Violation of Stay-away Order	3
Warrant	2
TOTAL	**28**



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Golden Globe Foundation Awards Grants to Santa Monica College Journalism & Film Programs

The Golden Globe Foundation (Foundation) has given the Santa Monica College Foundation two grant awards to support the award-winning Santa Monica College (SMC) film production and journalism programs. The grant awards will support a named scholarship for SMC journalism students to work/intern on the college's media outlet/newspaper The Corsair, and help fund the film production program's capstone class "Making the Short Film."

The $20,000 renewed grant award to SMC's journalism program and $35,000 to the film production program were part of $5 million overall granted by the Foundation for 96 programs through its philanthropic program, announced on Jan. 5 in Los Angeles, Calif. These donations support a diverse range of nonprofit organizations assisting underserved communities, universities, and colleges. The grants also support film restoration projects in the United States and abroad, as well as programs providing aid and assistance to journalists across the globe. Funding for the philanthropy program comes from revenue generated by broadcasting the Golden Globe® awards show.

In an official press release issued Jan.5 by the Foundation, Board Chair Earl Gibson III stated: "Philanthropy is part of the Golden Globes tradition and history since its founding, and our program has grown to support cultural, educational, artistic, and humanitarian organizations . . . our community has always taken pride in devoting its resources to supporting the broadest range of programs with the most impact especially aimed at underserved communities. We are exceptionally proud of this year's grantees and the impact they are making."

Between 2017 and 2024, Santa Monica College Foundation has received $350,000 overall to support the film and journalism programs, as well as the Meal Project which provides currently enrolled SMC students experiencing food insecurity with meals to help them accomplish their educational goals without experiencing severe hunger.

"The dedicated support and recognition by the Golden Globe Foundation is unparalleled," said SMC Foundation Board Chair Margaret Sohagi. "The film and journalism programs are stronger in part thanks to generosity and commitment to providing exceptional experiential learning and critical financial support for student scholarships. The student experience is elevated with the Golden Globe Foundation as our partner."

The Foundation's $35,000 fellowship grant to SMC's film program helps to fund the capstone class, Film 33 ("Making the Short Film"), a hands-on student learning experience in all facets of filmmaking—preproduction, production, and postproduction through film festival submissions—in which students collaborate on a professional-level short film, enabling students to gain ever greater exposure, access to cutting-edge technology, and entry into a career in applied filmmaking. In 2022, Moviemaker Magazine ranked the SMC film program as one of the 40 best film schools in the U.S. and Canada, and one of the top 12 in the U.S. West and Northwest alongside Stanford University, USC, and UCLA. The college supports traditionally underrepresented students by offering a high-quality education at a fraction of the cost of many four-year filmmaking programs.

The SMC student short films funded by the Foundation have won major awards and been invited to prestigious festivals both in the U.S. and overseas. These include "Out of Touch" (Best Short Film, Prague Independent Film Festival), "The Attempt" (Best Short Film, Vienna Independent Film Festival), "Broken Layers" (Best Student Film; The American Pavilion's Emerging Filmmaker Showcase at 2021 Cannes Film Festival), and "Leaving the Factory" (Winner, Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum), "The War Within" (Best Student Film, California Women's Film Festival), among others. To learn more about SMC's film production program, visit smc.edu/film.

The scholarships for SMC's journalism program has funded 14 scholarships thus far for low-income students to develop real-world experience by working as part of The Corsair's staff. Members of The Corsair—which helps students develop storytelling techniques and think critically in real-world settings—are required to commit a minimum of 20 hours per week (for reporters) and up to 40 hours per week (for managing editors). Most SMC students are not able to sacrifice the opportunity for paid work needed to commit to serving on the newspaper. Scholarships targeted to low-income students have enabled a more diverse range of talented journalism students to engage in this important academic and career development opportunity.

Of the 14 students who have received a named scholarship from the Foundation, several have moved on to four-year universities including UCLA, Loyola Marymount University, and CSU LA, CSU Long Beach, and CSUN while some have produced media content for outlets including The Forward, 70 Faces Media, KPFK 90.7 FM, AfroLA, YR Media, and the City of Hawthorne and more. To learn more about The Corsair and the journalism program, see: smc.edu/journalism. The Corsair is online at thecorsaironline.com.

Alongside Santa Monica College, other higher education institutions receiving support include Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Northridge, Cerritos College Foundation, Feirstein School of Cinema at Brooklyn College, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Valley College, Loyola Marymount University, Mt. San Antonio College, California Institute of the Arts, UCLA, Southwestern Law School and the American Film Institute.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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and other skilled workers by recruiting in other states, particularly those with harsh winters.

That's no longer true, simply because living costs in California – particularly for housing – are so high. If anything, California is hemorrhaging well-educated and/or skilled workers to other states, as the latest analyses of migration data indicate.

The worker shortage negatively affects the state's overall economy since employers are less likely to expand their operations. One factor in the state's multibillion-dollar budget deficit is the decrease in upper-income taxpayers who are the mainstays of the state's revenue system.

California already has too many existential issues, but a chronic shortage of workers must nevertheless be added to the list. As the final cohort of Californians born during the post-World War II baby boom reaches retirement age, the shortage could become even more acute.

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Supreme Court will hear case about homeless encampments, with huge implications for California



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CAMPS: Cities have claimed the law prevents them from clearing some camps.

JEANNE KUANG
Special to the Daily Press

The U.S. Supreme Court will weigh in on whether cities can legally ban or limit unhoused people camping in public spaces — a case that could grant California officials more power to sweep homeless camps.

The case, originating from the Oregon city of Grants Pass, could overturn or narrow a five-year-old precedent from a federal appeals court that limited how much cities in Western states could criminalize those who sleep on the streets when there aren't enough shelter spaces available.

In the older case — Martin v. Boise — the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 2018 that it's cruel and unusual punishment to criminalize camping on public property when the people in question have nowhere else they can legally sleep. The ruling was binding on West Coast cities, where rising rates of unsheltered homelessness that later spiked during the pandemic were driving local politicians to pass public camping prohibitions. In 2019 the Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of that case.

Since then, California cities have often been subject to federal lawsuits after passing restrictions on when and where the unhoused can set up camps. Relying on the ruling in the Boise case, judges have delayed or outright halted camping bans from being enforced in cities including San Francisco, Sacramento, Chico and San Rafael, finding that the cities had failed to provide adequate alternate shelter options for the residents they were about to sweep from their encampments.

The situation has led city officials —and Gov. Gavin Newsom — have complained that the Boise ruling has tied their hands from addressing the state's sprawling encampments, arguing they need to sweep camps both for health and safety reasons and for the well-being of encampment residents. It's led liberal officials into the unusual position of asking a majority-conservative court for more power to penalize the homeless for sleeping outside. In a high-profile case that has particularly drawn Newsom's ire, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals this month backed a judge's 2022 ruling restricting San Francisco's enforcement of certain bans on sleeping on sidewalks and in parks, because the city hadn't shown there were other locations that were "realistically available" to unhoused residents before a city sweep.

"California's elected officials who seek in good faith to improve what often appears to be an intractable crisis have found themselves without options, forced to abandon efforts to make the spaces occupied by unhoused people safer for those within and near them," Newsom's administration wrote to the Supreme Court in September.

The case is being closely watched by officials across California and could widely affect how they respond to encampments. Newsom's statement was part of an amicus curiae brief the administration filed in the case. Amicus briefs are legal briefs submitted by parties not directly involved in a given case, but who typically take one side or the other in a case. The majority of the amicus briefs filed in the case were from California entities and, though more than a dozen mostly-Republican-led state governments also filed a brief, Newsom was the only governor to weigh in.

In addition to Newsom's, other filings include the California State Association of Counties, the California State Sheriffs' Association, district attorneys for Sacramento and San Diego counties, the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bay Area Council, and even the Brentwood Community Council.

But advocates for the unhoused say the Boise ruling is clear. They point out that most cities have hardly enough shelter beds to accommodate their homeless populations and that shelters are often near-full on any given night, and say banning public camping or restricting it does more harm than good by pushing homeless people from location to location.

"All you need to do to be compliant with

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BUFFALO EXCHANGE

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mortar sources to find retro-style clothing, which can be extremely sought after and unlike the only other alternative, eBay, at least you can actually try stuff on before you burn a ton of cash in return postage. Overheard conversations inside the store this week almost invariably revolved around its imminent closure.

"The Buffalo Exchange has been around for I gotta think 30 years and it's a tragedy," Oliver Garrett, a Santa Monica resident and customer at the store, told the Daily Press. "I mean all of Santa Monica is getting way too expensive. The rents have people fleeing. I can see why," he said, adding that he probably won't go to the new Pasadena branch, but would rather travel to the Ventura outlet instead.

While Quiz Daddy's Closet also closed recently other thrift/vintage/consignment stores like Unholy Saints, 2nd Street, Closet Trading Company and St. Matthews remain open on Main Street.

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BIG BLUE BUS

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who is familiar to us in the city."

"They won't be staffed to have a guard in every bus, but they will be on key routes and at key times and will provide additional assurance to our customers and support to our operators, so that we can offer the safest and most pleasant customer experience that we can," said Gupta.

In addition, as part of a new communication system, real time arrivals will have digital screens on all of the buses.

Big Blue Bus also achieved a major milestone in its efforts to transition to a 100% zero emission fleet by 2030 when it was awarded a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant in April 2023. The $22.9 million award will be used to install vehicle charging infrastructure and upgrade utilities to support the charging of up to 103 battery electric buses (BEBs). Big Blue Bus also purchased an additional 15 BEBs this year, which will increase the zero-emissions fleet size to 34 buses when received.

Gupta says there is a major hiring event, January 29 and 30th at the Main Library in Santa Monica. "In essence, it's a bus driver job fair … And we have already 140 prospective candidates who RSVP'd and we think that that can be another way to continue to increase our pipeline of future motorcoach operators," he said.

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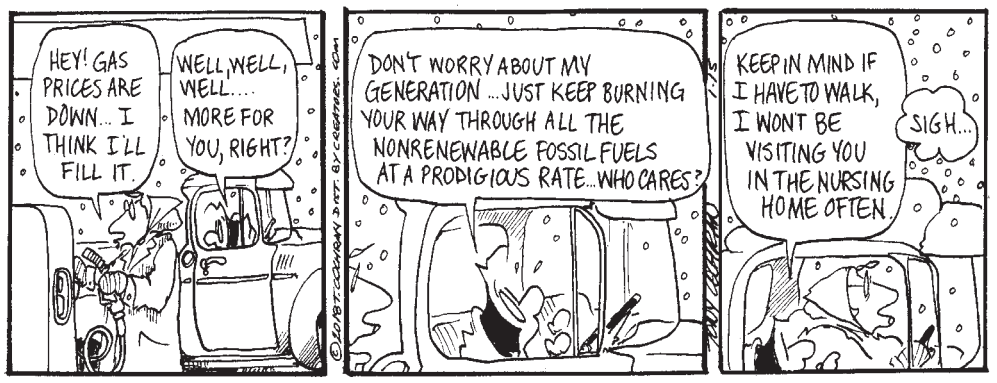
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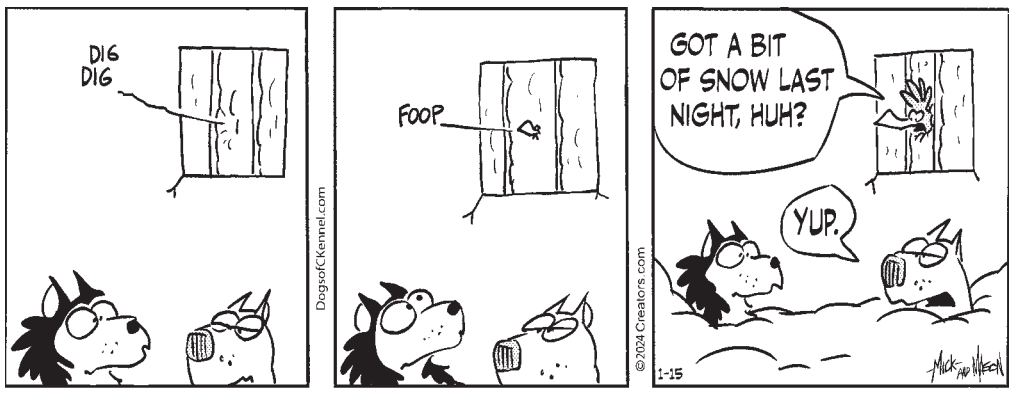
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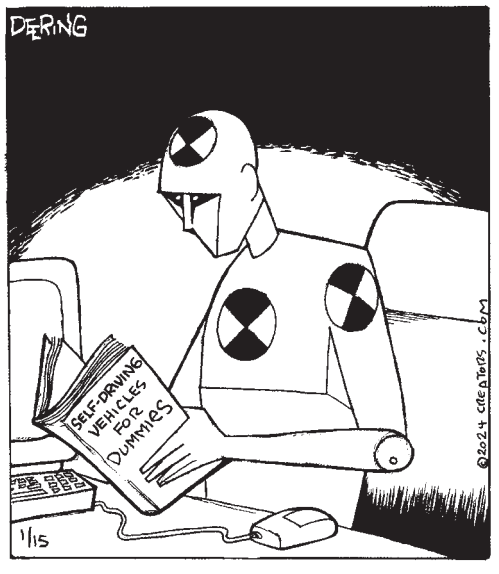
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You sincerely hope to lift the spirits and raise the bar for those around you. You're conscious of all the ways you might set an example that might influence and inspire them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The thing (or person) you depend on may not be available, which will inspire you to find new solutions to the problem, or, better yet, decide that it never was a problem to begin with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Believing can fly in the face of knowing. It is possible to subscribe to a belief and still be open to the possibility that other beliefs are also true. The open minds of people around you will make all the difference.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Matters of finance will affect other areas of life. For instance, once you lower your bottom-line costs, stressors disappear. You'll have the energy to raise your production level. Income follows, and so does increased vitality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One level of stress makes you feel productive, and another causes a freeze, after which nothing will happen until the thaw. It's all part of a fight-or-flight response. What can you do to make things less stressful from the start?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Most people feel certain of their reality, which is what allows them to go about their day. You're not so sure. You're willing to question your automatic responses, and this is what will give you an edge today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sound vibrations are experienced in all parts of your body, not just the ears. Those who can't "hear" in a traditional sense can still feel the power and dance to the rhythm of music. Today, songs will bring joy through and through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love is a dance, a conversation, a puzzle, a jam. Love is not a projection one person makes upon the screen of another person's face. It's a custom job. Love must be catered to the person receiving it. If not, it's not love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An area that once brought you great joy is now devoid of juice. But just because there's nothing in it for you now doesn't mean there won't be again. Seasons change. Move on, but check back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're mentally flexible, quick and purposeful. This clear-headedness is a superpower allowing you to solve problems that aren't even yours to solve. If they don't get it immediately, file the solution so they can use it later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't need to conquer problems to solve them. Think of a problem as a pool to explore and traverse. If it were a swimming pool, you would sink to its bottom and bounce up, resurfacing for a cleansing breath.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is great value in dreaming, so wish crazily. Let whimsy rule. You can assess what is possible later. For now, let your imagination soar into the impossible, which is where the golden opportunities will lie waiting.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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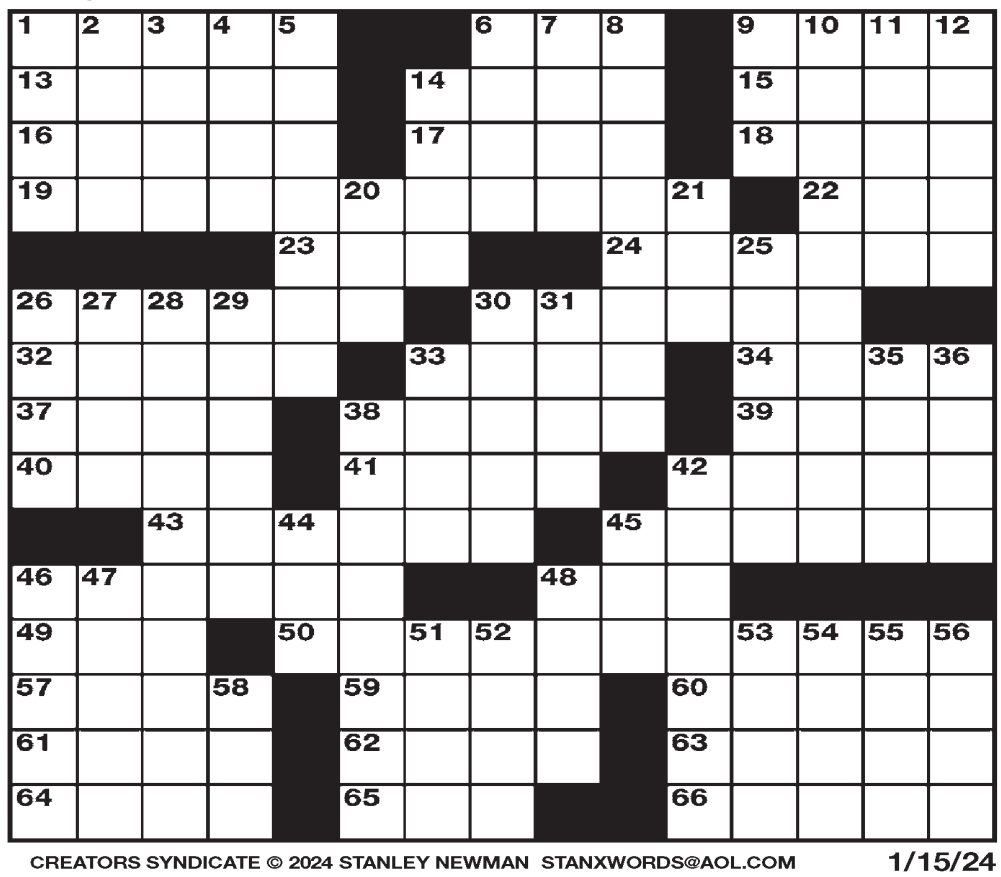
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ACROSS

1 River mouth formation
6 Hill-building insect
9 "__ the night before Christmas . . ."
13 Get covered in frost
14 Vicinity
15 Wet forecast
16 Keen-edged
17 Taste of a lollipop
18 In that case
19 . . . for brewing morning beverages
22 Winter ailment
23 Belly muscles
24 Shakespeare's "or not to be" guy
26 Soak up, as water
30 Broad city street
32 Formal dances
33 Run away from
34 Becomes less bright
37 Clumsy person
38 Destined (to be)
39 Item on a stage set
40 Uses needle and thread
41 Gets a perfect score on
42 Cello's smaller cousin
43 Person phoning you
45 Frankfurter
46 Small garden shovel
48 Weep audibly
49 "Ah, I caught you!"
50 . . . for baking or browning
57 Flood barrier
59 Grape plant
60 Be very fond of
61 Once more
62 Revise writing
63 __ shoes (footwear that can be slipped into)
64 Bygone times
65 Salesperson, for short
66 Current fashion

DOWN

1 Frisbee's shape
2 Bounce back, as a sound
3 Piece of lettuce
4 Surf and __ dinner
5 Seems to be
6 Opera singer's solo
7 Much of a giraffe's height
8 Pay attention
9 Prefix meaning "three"
10 . . . for preparing a gridlike breakfast
11 Supermarket path
12 Pig's nose
14 Charitable donations
20 Recede. as the tide
21 Competed in a race
25 Inedible "dessert" made of wet dirt
26 Basics in reading
27 Bundle of hay
28 . . . for preparing stews
29 Familiar saying
30 Modify
31 Two-finger victory signs
33 Clock dial
35 Lawn pest that burrows
36 Practice boxing
38 Lose one's balance
42 Full of energy
44 "__ there be light"
45 Misfortune
46 The present time
47 Nose-horned African beast
48 Proofreader's "don't delete"
51 Personal assistant
52 Small scissor cut
53 Fragrance
54 Cast a ballot
55 Ireland nickname
56 Require
58 Lamb's mother



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SCOOTERS

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intoxicated riders, which is distinct from bicycle use due to scooters being readily available outside of bars and restaurants.

The study could not differentiate between electric and non-electric scooters. It was also unable to account for objects and other vehicles that might have been involved in the injury incidents, or to determine the kind of terrain where they happened, and speed, time of day and total distance traveled when they occurred. The researchers also could not ascertain the type of scooter or bicycle models involved in the injuries.

Cho said that future studies should collect more data on accident hotspots or common injuries related to scooter use, in order to inform healthcare strategies and city planning. He added that future studies can also "investigate ways to reduce risk of collision" and incentivize riders to use protective gear.

The study touched on the burden that scooter-related injuries can have on the healthcare industry, as annual healthcare costs from the injuries increased from about $6.6 million in 2016 to $35.5 million in 2020. Researchers stated that increased costs and a "substantial proportion of patients necessitating surgical intervention" should be a "call to action" for the healthcare industry to promote scooter-related safety.

"I think they as healthcare leaders serve a critical role in health management and injury prevention in their communities (and) they should empower themselves to champion the prevention strategies for scooter-related injuries," Cho said. "And I also think they should strive to advocate for improved infrastructure, including enforced speed limits (and) dedicated lanes, which are vital to minimizing risk."

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HOMELESS

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(the Boise case) is stop using our criminal system as the stick here to solve this problem," said Will Knight, decriminalization director at the National Homelessness Law Center, last year.

In particular, the court rulings have led to a patchwork of interpretations across the state on what qualifies as the "adequate shelter" cities must provide before sweeping homeless camps. The Oregon case that the Supreme Court agreed to hear could provide some clarity — or so California officials hope.

While the Boise ruling said the government can't broadly ban any public camping without giving people alternative places to stay, Newsom and city officials across California said in briefs filed before the Supreme Court that they want to know whether they can set restrictions on times or locations where camping is allowed.

Other questions include whether cities can criminalize public camping for those whom they call "voluntarily" homeless — people who refuse offers of shelter. And California cities have asked the court to rule on whether, in order to ban camping, they need to have a suitable shelter space available for every individual unhoused person no matter their circumstances, or simply have general shelter beds open the day they sweep a camp.

But U.C. Berkeley law professor Jeffrey Selbin, who has studied statewide responses to homelessness, said claims from both sides are overblown.

Selbin said the existing cases neither fully tie cities' hands, as some politicians say, nor provide a broad right to sleep outside, as some advocates say. He defended the status quo in which cities sometimes must seek guidance from federal judges to know whether their local rules are constitutional under the Boise decision.

In Chico, for example, a federal district judge in 2021 ruled that sending unhoused residents to camp on an unshaded airport tarmac on the outskirts of town was not "adequate" enough shelter to justify banning encampments in town. In response, the city settled the case by setting up a site of tiny homes where it can offer encampment residents a room before proceeding to sweep their camp.

That case, Selbin said, provided direction to other cities, showing that the court cases have "required local jurisdictions to take seriously what it means to provide basic shelter and options."

The Supreme Court is unlikely to provide that kind of "micromanaging," Selbin said, predicting instead that the justices will simply overturn the 2018 precedent set by the Boise case and allow cities to broadly criminalize encampments.

"It's just going to return California to the whack-a-mole of prioritizing punishment over services," he said.

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MONDAY | JANUARY 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Join organizers for one of Southern California's largest birthday celebrations for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., honoring his memory and work to ensure equality and civil rights for all people. This year is the event's 39th anniversary and embraces the theme "Stop the Hate, Start the Healing." The multiethnic interfaith program includes inspirational readings, music, and education awards presentations. The event is presented by The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition and sponsored by the SMC Associates, Santa Monica College, SGI-USA, RAND Corporation, and Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council, as well as other organizations and individuals. https://www.mlkjrwestside.org. Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Auditorium 525 Wilshire, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

POP QUIZ TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT
Team up with groups of up to 6 people to compete for gift certificates and prizes. Questions range from pop culture to geography to the natural world... and everything in between. The Daily Pint, 2310 Pico Blvd, 7 - 9 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 7 p.m. Agenda available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/

TUESDAY | JANUARY 16

TRAVELING STORYTIME
This engaging & fun weekly series of stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. January's selection is The Fifth Witness by Michael Connelly

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 17

COMPUTER CLASS - GOOGLE SHEETS, SLIDES & MORE
Learn about Google's free applications for spreadsheets and presentations, and how to store documents in the cloud. For intermediate level. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

IT'S TIME FOR BIRDWATCHING!
Lu Plauzoles, from the Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society, discusses the best season for birdwatching and leads a walk to see the birds of Virginia Avenue Park. Binoculars available to borrow. For all ages. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC
Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30PM-7:00PM at Virginia Avenue Park- Park Center. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

PLANNING COMMISSION
City Hall, 1685 Main Street. 6 p.m. Agenda online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/

ROOSEVELT REVUP
Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 801 Montana Ave., will hold the first "Roosevelt RevUP" community event at the Roosevelt Big Yard at 10 a.m. The inaugural RevUP will feature BMX Freestylers, who will be treating students to a high-energy, super exciting, and impactful Anti-Bullying BMX rally. The assembly is designed to promote a positive, bully-free school environment and deliver a message that will resonate with students.

AUTHOR TALK:
Film producer Carol Baum will be discussing her new book, "Creative Producing: A pitch-to-picture guide to movie development," at Playa Vista Branch Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr., beginning at 3 p.m. Barum is the former co-president of Sandollar Productions, Dolly Parton and Sandy Gallin's production company, and she currently teaches at USC's School of Cinematic Arts. For ADA accommodations, call 213-228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

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Submission Deadline Is February 7, 2024, at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

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Submission Deadline Is January 31, 2024, at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

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