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Criminals risk jail and possible damnation with St. Monica break-in

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The Santa Monica Police Department is seeking suspects following a break-in at St. Monica Church on Thursday night that resulted in $150,000 worth of audio and video equipment stolen and an attempted desecration of the church's tabernacle.

A tabernacle is one of the most sacred objects in a Catholic church, according to Merrick Siebenaler, St. Monica's director of development and communications.

"As Catholics, we believe in the full presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament," Siebenaler said. "So, we reserve the Eucharist, which is Jesus' body, in that tabernacle. It's probably the most sacred spot in any Catholic worship space — more so than the altar, more so than any other places.

"Imagine someone breaking into the tomb of Jesus — that's what that feeling is," Siebenaler said.

While photos of the tabernacle show clear attempts to pry it open, the door held.

"We have to pray and forgive those who trespass against us," Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson, pastor of St. Monica, said on Friday. Torgerson was quoting from the Lord's Prayer, commonly called the Our Father, one of the bedrock prayers in Catholicism and other branches of Christianity. The prayer asks that God forgive us as we forgive others.

"We say that every day, and we have to believe what we say," Torgerson said.

Torgerson, whose tenure at St.

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9 charged in organized retail thefts

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nine members of an alleged organized retail theft network accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in merchandise from stores throughout California have been charged with conspiracy, felony grand theft and receiving stolen property, state Attorney General Rob Bonta announced Friday.

The charges came after a series of headline-grabbing thefts by mobs of people who rushed into stores — smashing windows and grabbing clothing, jewelry, tools, luxury purses and other goods.

Police arrested five of the nine suspects Monday in Los Angeles and recovered $62,000 in cash and $135,000 in merchandise stolen from stores that included Macy's, Columbia Sportswear, Abercrombie & Fitch, J.C. Penney, and Lululemon.

Three suspects were arrested in Los Angeles Tuesday and charged in a separate complaint with receiving stolen property for allegedly possessing over $17,000 in stolen merchandise.

Police were still trying to find a ninth suspect. They were all charged with conspiracy to commit a felony, organized retail theft, grand theft, possession of stolen property, and a special allegation that the theft totaled more than $100,000, Bonta said.

He said the group allegedly stole and transported hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of goods from stores in Los Angeles, Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Ventura counties. They then allegedly shipped the stolen merchandise internationally.

The arrests followed an investigation started last year by the California Highway Patrol in partnership with the state's organized theft task force, which includes local law enforcement officers and retailers.

This week, different thieves smashed the front window of a Beverly Hills jewelry store in broad daylight and fled with

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Saint John's redevelopment approved with plans for $100 million community investment



Matthew Hall

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It's been a long road for the Providence Saint John's (PSJ) redevelopment plan, which dates back to the 1994 Northridge earthquake that wreaked significant damage to the 226-bed Mid-City hospital, but during a March 22 Council meeting a milestone was reached — City approval for a massive facilities overhaul that will lead to the creation of ten new structures.

The project, called the Phase Two Master Plan, will transform most of PSJ's South Campus and a few buildings on its north campus, which will collectively house an array of medical, research, healthcare and childcare services.

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California unemployment rate falls to 5.4% in February

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Associated Press

California's economy roared to life in February as employers added a surprising 138,100 new jobs, accounting for more than 20% of all employment gains nationally.

"It's a staggering jump," said Michael Bernick, a former director of the state Employment Development Department who is now an attorney with the firm Duane Morris. "Virtually all sectors are showing gains."

Ten of the state's 11 industry sectors added jobs in February. The leisure and hospitality sector had the biggest jump, adding 30,400 jobs. Most of that happened in Los Angeles County, which is heading into its first somewhat normal tourism season since 2019. The county, which has an outsized number of service industry jobs, accounted for 44% of all job gains in the state.

California — the nation's most populous state with nearly 40 million residents — was the first to issue a statewide stay-at-home order at the start of the coronavirus pandemic. The state lost just over 2.7 million jobs in March and April of 2020 as its unemployment rate peaked at 16.1%.

The new data made public Friday by the California Employment Development Department showed that the state has now regained 87.2% of the jobs that were lost.

California's unemployment rate fell to 5.4% from 5.7% in January, giving the state the third highest rate in the country behind New Mexico and the District of Columbia. Nationally, the unemployment rate is 3.8%.

The state has added jobs in 12 out of the last 13 months, averaging about 101,700 new jobs per month. California ranks third in the nation for the fastest job growth, behind Nevada and Hawaii.

"These latest numbers show that California is continuing to drive our nation's job growth," Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said.

Despite the employment gains, California has had fewer people willing to return to work, resulting in labor shortages across multiple industries.

The shortage has driven up wages amid desperation by employers to hire more people to keep up with demand as pandemic restrictions are lifted and the economy returns to normal. The wage increases have been tempered by soaring inflation, which makes everything more expensive.

Friday's report showed signs of the labor shortage easing as more people return to the labor force.

California's labor participation rate — the percentage of people of working age who either have a job or are looking for one — rose to 61.6% in February, the highest since November of 2020, according to Sung Won Sohn, a professor of economics at Loyola Marymount University.

"California's economy is humming," he said. "It's encouraging that we are seeing both employment as well as labor force moving in the right direction."

The new state employment data is based on a survey taken the week of Feb. 12, which was before Russia invaded Ukraine, which sent gas prices soaring. Since then, gas prices have hit record highs in California and the statewide average on Friday for a gallon of regular gas was $5.90.

It's not clear how energy prices could impact California's employment in the future. More people than ever are working from home because of the pandemic, meaning fewer commutes.

"Certainly this remote work is here to stay. That is the single most important structural change," Bernick said.



COVID-19 rates plunge as decision nears on US asylum limits

ELLIOT SPAGAT AND CAROLINE GHISOLFI
Associated Press

One by one, a voice called out the names of 169 people just released by U.S. Border Patrol. Migrants rose from folding chairs in a clinic warehouse and walked to a table of blue-robed workers, who swabbed their mouths.

All but two Cuban women tested negative for COVID-19 that February morning. They were quarantined to motel rooms, while other migrants boarded chartered buses to Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport for flights across the U.S.

Theirs were among just seven of 5,301 tests the Regional Center for Border Health near Yuma, Arizona, did last month for released migrants that were positive — a rate of 0.1%

COVID-19 rates are plunging among migrants crossing the border from Mexico as the Biden administration faces a Wednesday deadline to end or extend sweeping restrictions on asylum that are aimed at limiting the virus' spread. Lower rates raise more questions about scientific grounds for a public health order that has caused migrants to be expelled from the United States more than 1.7 million times since March 2020 without a chance to request asylum.

While there is no aggregate rate for migrants, test results from several major corridors for illegal border crossings suggest it is well below levels that have triggered concerns among U.S. officials.

In California, 54 of 2,877 migrants tested positive the first two weeks of March, according to the state Department of Social Services. That's a rate of just 1.9%, down from a peak of 28.2% on Jan. 8.

In Pima County, Arizona, which includes Tucson, the seven-day positivity rate among migrants didn't exceed 1.3% in early March and dropped to 0.9% on March 10. The seven-day rate topped 5% on only two days during the final three months of last year. Then, as the omicron variant spread, it surged to double-digits for most of January, peaking at 19.2% on Jan. 12 and falling below 5% on Feb. 12.

McAllen, Texas, the largest city in the busiest corridor for illegal crossings, has a higher rate among migrants — 9.2% on March 2 — but it is also falling and is consistently lower than the general population. Only two of 24 border counties have had high rates in the general population: Hidalgo, which includes McAllen, and Yuma in Arizona.

The rate among migrants in McAllen peaked at 20.8% the last week of January, when it was double that in the general population. It bottomed at 1.4% the last week of November, when the general population was at 6.2%.

As mask mandates have lifted, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is under mounting pressure to fully restore asylum by ending Title 42, named for a 1944 public health law. Critics say it has been an excuse to wriggle out of asylum obligations under U.S. law and international treaty.

Justin Walker, a federal appeals court judge in Washington, wrote this month that it was "far from clear that the CDC order serves any purpose" for public health. Walker, who was appointed by President Donald Trump, noted that the Biden administration hasn't provided detailed evidence to support the restrictions.

"The CDC's order looks in certain respects like a relic from an era with no vaccines, scarce testing, few therapeutics, and little certainty," Walker wrote for a three-judge panel.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky noted falling rates when she ended asylum limits on unaccompanied child migrants on March 11, while keeping them for adults and families with kids. In August, U.S. border authorities began testing children traveling alone in their busiest areas: positives fell to 6% in the first week of March from a high of nearly 20% in early February.

The White House and Homeland Security Department have said decisions on Title 42 rest with the CDC. Walensky told reporters Wednesday that the CDC was reviewing data ahead of next week's deadline, noting that its two-month renewal in late January came near the peak of the omicron variant.

Scientific arguments for Title 42 have met with skepticism from the start.

The Associated Press reported in 2020 that Vice President Mike Pence directed the CDC to use its emergency powers, overruling agency scientists who said there was no evidence it would slow the coronavirus.

Anne Schuchat, the second-highest ranking CDC until last May, told members of Congress after her departure that the asylum limits lacked foundation as a public health measure when introduced.

"The bulk of the evidence at that time did not support this policy proposal," she said.

Title 42 also has supporters. In a ruling this month in a lawsuit over the order, U.S. District Judge Mark Pittman in Fort Worth, Texas, said: "There should be no disagreement that the current immigration policies should be focused on stopping the spread of COVID-19."

Even while large-scale expulsions were carried out under Title 42, the U.S. processed more than 2.8 million cases under normal immigration laws, which allow people to seek asylum.

With costs and strained diplomatic relations limiting expulsions to many countries, migrants are often released to nongovernmental groups and ordered to appear later in immigration court. The groups test for COVID-19.

In El Paso, Annunciation House saw positives plunge to around 2% among the roughly 175 migrants it tested daily in early March, said director Ruben Garcia. Positives were close to 40% at the height of the omicron variant, he said.

In Arizona, at the Regional Center for Binational Health, monthly rates peaked at 3% last year.

Still, Amanda Aguirre, its president, is wary about lifting Title 42.

"My concern is that at any time we're going to see new variants coming into this area," she said.

The Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition, which tests migrants in the busy Del Rio, Texas, area, said it went several weeks without a single positive.

"Yesterday there was one positive and today there was one positive — that's out of hundreds tested," the group wrote last week in response to questions.

Ghisolfi reported from Palo Alto, California. Angeliki Kastanis in Los Angeles contributed.

DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 305 CALLS ON MARCH 24

Traffic Collision With Injuries 1200Blk Washington Ave 12:10 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 400Blk Pico Blvd 1:14 a.m.
Rape Just Occurred 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 1:24 a.m.
Loud Music 900Blk Ocean Ave 1:35 a.m.
Burglary Now 1200Blk 10th St 1:51 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300Blk 2nd St 2:02 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 1100Blk 12th St 3:00 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 5:10 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 6:02 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1800Blk Pico Blvd 6:29 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1600Blk Main St 7:14 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:22 a.m.
Encampment 1200Blk 17th St 7:48 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 300Blk San Vicente Blvd 7:49 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2200Blk 5th St 7:58 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2500Blk 28th St 8:15 a.m.
Child Abuse 14th St / Pico Blvd 8:22 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1200Blk 6th St 9:07 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:07 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 500Blk 14th St 9:09 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:10 a.m.
Identity Theft 2900Blk Kansas Ave 9:18 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 2nd St 9:21 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:16 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400Blk 16th St 10:29 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600Blk Arizona Ave 10:32 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1300Blk 23rd St 10:38 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200Blk 15th St 10:57 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200Blk 14th St 11:02 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2600Blk 14th St 11:11 a.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 19th St 11:14 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2600Blk 14th St 11:22 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:35 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk Palisades Beach rd 11:42 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:45 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 18th St / Montana Ave 11:57 a.m.
Encampment 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 12:10 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100Blk Princeton St 12:12 p.m.
Expired Registration 1400Blk 14th St 12:18 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1400Blk 10th St 12:18 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1300Blk Berkeley St 12:28 p.m.
Person With A Gun 500Blk Broadway 12:29 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Panhandling Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 12:45 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2800Blk 7th St 12:56 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800Blk 26th St 12:59 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:04 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1900Blk 12th St 1:05 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:06 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk 5th St 1:19 p.m.
Arson 500Blk Ocean Ave 1:33 p.m.
Smoking Violation 1000Blk 5th St 1:43 p.m.
Prowler Just Left 800Blk Pacific St 1:48 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 00Blk Pacific Ter 1:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1300Blk 2nd St 1:59 p.m.
Person With A Gun 7th St / Broadway 2:00 p.m.
Loud Music 400Blk San Vicente Blvd 2:00 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:21 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk Euclid St 2:49 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 700Blk Euclid St 2:54 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2600Blk 6th St 2:56 p.m.
Expired Registration 700Blk Euclid St 3:11 p.m.
General Parking Problem 600Blk Colorado Ave 3:32 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200Blk 16th St 3:44 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1800Blk 9th St 3:50 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk Pearl St 3:52 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:53 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 600Blk California Ave 3:56 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 0Blk Vicente Ter 4:29 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk 20th St 4:41 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:48 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 800Blk Bay St 5:01 p.m.
General Parking Problem 200Blk California Ave 5:13 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800Blk Ashland Ave 5:30 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100Blk 10th St 5:38 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200Blk Bicknell Ave 5:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:03 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 6:11 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1100Blk 11th St 6:18 p.m.
Prowler 1800Blk Warwick Ave 6:19 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2500Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:29 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1500Blk 2nd St 6:44 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1400Blk Berkeley St 6:49 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 18th St / Ocean Park Blvd 6:51 p.m.
Found Property 1700Blk Dewey St 6:54 p.m.
Fraud Report 2200Blk Delaware Ave 6:59 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1800Blk 10th St 7:05 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1700Blk Ocean Park 7:14 p.m.
Public Intoxication 400Blk Georgina Ave 7:23 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:25 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:40 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1000Blk California Ave 8:03 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 700Blk Broadway 8:07 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 700Blk Broadway 8:10 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1000Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:13 p.m.
Found Property 1700Blk Dewey St 8:27 p.m.
Lost Property 2900Blk 31st St 8:50 p.m.
Keep The Peace 600Blk 18th St 9:32 p.m.
Attempt Suicide 1400Blk Ocean Ave 9:46 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1100Blk Ocean Ave 9:52 p.m.
Loud Music 2500Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:58 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 24th St / Pearl St 10:20 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 10:41 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:57 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:43 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2100Blk Virginia Ave 11:46 p.m.
Burglary Report 700Blk California Ave 11:59 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 42 CALLS ON MARCH 24

Traffic Collision With Injury 1200Blk Washington Ave 12:10 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 1:30 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:31 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Chelsea Ave 4:50 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 5:10 a.m.
EMS 2900Blk 31st St 5:22 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 2nd St 5:43 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 7:01 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 7:33 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk 14th St 7:59 a.m.
EMS 2600Blk Kansas Ave 8:00 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk Euclid St 8:12 a.m.
EMS 11th St / Colorado Ave 9:12 a.m.
Wires Down 1600Blk Montana Ave 9:27 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 9:30 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 9:40 a.m.
EMS 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 9:48 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Ashland Ave 9:54 a.m.
EMS 2900Blk Virginia Ave 10:23 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300Blk 4th St 10:29 a.m.
Assist LAFD 400Blk S 26th 10:39 a.m.
EMS 200Blk 25th St 11:12 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 11:17 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:31 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:32 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 800Blk Ozone Ave 11:56 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2300Blk 22nd St 12:11 p.m.
Public Assist 200Blk 20th St 1:19 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 2:32 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk Main St 2:53 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk Yale St 4:50 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Arizona Ave 6:00 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:03 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 6:33 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300Blk 2nd St 7:14 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 7:49 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 2nd St 7:51 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1400Blk 4th St 7:59 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 8:13 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:40 p.m.
Public Assist 300Blk 11th St 10:48 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Broadway 10:49 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 4:25 A.M.

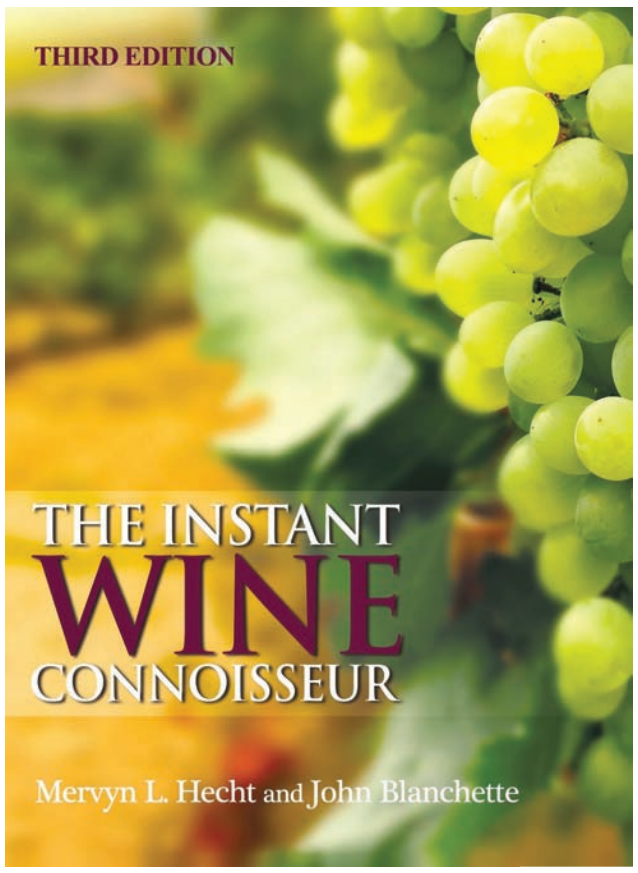
Officers responded to the 100 block of 20th St. regarding a Prowler and that the reporting party (RP) was whispering during the call. Upon arrival, officers spotted two subjects walking away from the location and detained them while they spoke to the reporting party. The RP stated that they heard rattling outside their window and noticed two subjects attempting to gain entrance into the building. Eventually, they accessed the courtyard and stole some towels that had been left out to dry. Officers arrested Guadalupe Anaya and William B Whittle for Burglary. They were further found to be in possession of burglary tools with the intent to feloniously enter a building, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia.

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WEEKLY ARRESTS

SMPD MADE 36 ARRESTS FROM MARCH 14 TO MARCH 20.

Date	Sex	Age	Primary Charge
Mon, Mar 14	M	46	Resisting an Executive Officer
Mon, Mar 14	M	26	Joyriding
Mon, Mar 14	M	30	Resisting Arrest
Mon, Mar 14	M	41	Burglary
Mon, Mar 14	M	28	Assault & Battery
Tue, Mar 15	M	36	Drunk in Public
Tue, Mar 15	M	36	Vandalism
Tue, Mar 15	M	38	Public Nudity
Tue, Mar 15	M	71	Drunk in Public
Tue, Mar 15	M	42	Resisting an Executive Officer
Tue, Mar 15	F	28	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Wed, Mar 16	M	37	Drunk in Public
Wed, Mar 16	F	42	Battery on a Peace Officer
Wed, Mar 16	M	54	Drunk in Public
Wed, Mar 16	M	64	Trespassing
Wed, Mar 16	M	34	Contempt of Court
Wed, Mar 16	F	57	Robbery
Wed, Mar 16	F	29	Burglary
Thu, Mar 17	M	41	Drunk in Public
Thu, Mar 17	M	64	Assault & Battery
Thu, Mar 17	M	56	Assault & Battery
Fri, Mar 18	F	35	Corporal Injury To Spouse
Fri, Mar 18	M	27	Drunk in Public
Fri, Mar 18	M	31	Vandalism
Fri, Mar 18	M	40	Warrant
Sat, Mar 19	M	33	Driving Under Combined Influence of Alcohol And Drugs
Sat, Mar 19	M	45	Drunk in Public
Sat, Mar 19	F	42	Drunk in Public
Sat, Mar 19	M	25	Assault & Battery
Sun, Mar 20	M	42	Drunk in Public
Sun, Mar 20	M	24	Burglary
Sun, Mar 20	M	27	DUI causing bodily injury
Sun, Mar 20	F	47	Burglary
Sun, Mar 20	M	39	Burglary
Sun, Mar 20	M	21	Robbery
Sun, Mar 20	M	49	Vandalism

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute and The Broad Stage Present "Doing it Right – Healing the Ocean and Building the Blue Economy"

The Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute (PPI) is partnering with The Broad Stage to present "Doing it Right – Healing the Ocean and Building the Blue Economy," a live online panel discussion featuring experts, educators, and advocates talking about the planet's most important resource: the ocean.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public. The discussion will be held online as a live virtual event Monday, March 28, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A Zoom link to the discussion will be available at event time on March 28 on the SMC Events calendar at smc.edu/calendar.

The panel members are award-winning journalist Alanna Mitchell, AltaSea President/CEO Terry Tamminen, and Heal the Bay Water Quality Scientist Annelisa Moe. The discussion will include the ocean, carbon, the blue economy, conservation, advocacy, and more.

The robust conversation will be moderated by Santa Monica College Dean of Academic Affairs Patricia Ramos and SMC Public Policy Institute Co-Director Shari Davis. This event is made possible, in part, by support from The Kissick Family Foundation.

Journalist Alanna Mitchell is the author of Sea Sick: The Global Ocean in Crisis, an international bestseller awarded the Grantham Prize for excellence in environmental journalism. Her play Sea Sick — adapted from her celebrated book — will be presented in The Edye at the Broad Stage April 15-16 (see thebroadstage.org for information and tickets).

In addition to his role as CEO of AltaSea, Terry Tamminen is the former Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, the founder of Santa Monica BayKeeper and the nonprofit 7th Generation Advisers (SGA), and cofounder of the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic at the School of Law at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Annelisa Moe advocates for science-based water quality regulation to help keep Los Angeles water clean and safe. She is also an educator and author of Heal the Bay's Step-by-step guide: How to make public comments. She formerly worked with the Regional Water Quality Control Board in both the underground storage tank and the surface water ambient monitoring program.

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THE RE-VIEW

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ARMAV

I love ethnic foods. Some, of course, are easily available - like Sushi, or Mexican foods. Some are hard to find. When I heard that an Armenian restaurant was opening in Pacific Palisades it made my heart warm and I licked my lips in anticipation.

Forbes recently listed Armenia as one of the 10 most underrated destinations to visit, so we can expect a few more Armenian restaurants as American tourists come back with tales of great foods from there.

So now we come to ARMAV, the new restaurant in Pacific Palisades that was advertised as an Armenian restaurant. That might be a slight exaggeration because while there are some ethnic foods on the menu, it's been toned down to American tastes. There are good dips, charcuterie, feta, grape leaves, olives, pickled vegetable, and flatbread. That's sort of Armenian, but I would call this more of a Mediterranean restaurant.

The well-prepared lamb chops and tarragon chicken skewers are very good but not very special to local tastes. And we've all had falafel with hummus, more Israeli than Armenian. The avgolemeno soup is very good, but something many of us have had in Greek restaurants. The kebabs are very good, and popular in Armenia, but available in all the Persian restaurants all over Los Angeles.

The best two dishes here to my taste were the Moroccan short rib, which, as Michelin would say, is "worth the trip" and the Fisherman's stew, which while common all over Los Angeles is very good here.

The restaurant is blessed with an excellent chef. Olivier Rousselle has worked in Paris, London, South Africa, and more recently at Michael's in Santa Monica. And so, the food at Armav is well prepared. But I'm hoping Chef Olivier and the Armenian owner Kim Kedeshian will expand the menu a bit to include some of the Armenian dishes that are special to the region and not familiar to local foodies, such as:

- Dabgadz Banir Boerag, a flaky puff pastry filled with various cheeses, is similar to Greek spanakopita.
- Topik is a chickpea dumpling, with a filling of onion, dried blackcurrants, pine nuts, stirred tahini, cinnamon, sugar, salt, and ground pimento. Yummy!
- Manti is little boats of dough filled with ground lamb or beef, onion and parsley, then roasted. Then red pepper and tomato paste are basted over it and the dish is cooked in the oven until the sauce is absorbed. Served with yogurt and garlic, it is one of my favorites.

When I was last at the restaurant only one dessert was on the list, a "trio" that sounded really good. I'll try it soon. Since the owner owns a bakery I expect more will come.

I was glad I brought my own wine, since there were no Armenian wines on the list and what was on the list was not very interesting at those prices.

All in all, this is a promising restaurant with plenty of good dishes, but don't go if you are expecting exotic Armenian dishes — at least not yet.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles moves to make Ukraine's capital a sister city

The Los Angeles City Council voted Friday to begin the process of making war-torn Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, a sister city.

The council voted 14-0 on a motion by Councilmember Joe Buscaino, who said he wanted to send a message to Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko.

"Mr. Mayor, we see you. We honor you. We know today you are doing all you can to protect your city, to protect your people, and we know this sister city relationship is last on your mind. But, Mr. Mayor, know that the city of Los Angeles is here for you."

Buscaino termed Russia's invasion of Ukraine an "assault on humankind."

The motion noted that formalizing a sister city relationship normally takes about a year, including meetings between citizens and the two governments.

Because that's not currently possible with Kyiv, the relationship will be formalized in the future. In the meantime, a steering committee including members of LA's Ukrainian community will be formed, Buscaino said.

In addition to symbolism, the designation enables practical support such as donation of surplus municipal equipment.

Among LA's existing sister cities is St. Petersburg, Russia. The relationship dates to 1984.

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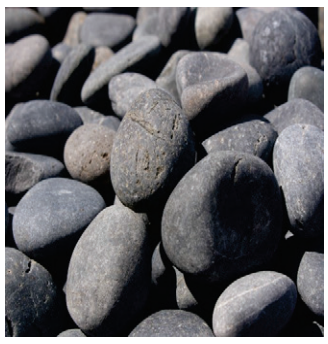
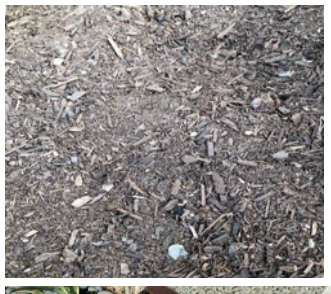
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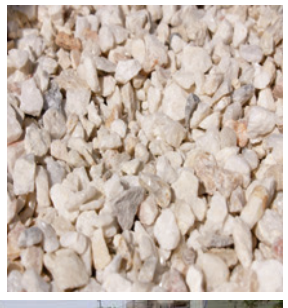
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ST MONICA

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Monica spans about 40 years, including 35 years leading the flock as pastor, said this was the first break-in the community has suffered in that time.

popular way to attend Catholic Masses since the onset of the pandemic.

Torgerson's message stated that the theft would not disrupt streaming of weekend services.

"Our livestream and audio teams were on-site in minutes to assess the loss and began

> "There are special artisans that build these sacred vessels, and the tabernacle is one of them," — Merrick Siebenaler

In a message to the St. Monica community released by the church on Friday, Torgerson said the tabernacle was not desecrated thanks to Divine intercession.

"They attempted to breach the tabernacle and it was damaged, but it held strong and protected the Blessed Sacrament," Torgerson said. "What an inspiring demonstration of the power of the Eucharist!"

Siebenaler said that according to security camera footage, the crime occurred around 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Footage shows that the church was locked up and in the dark from about sundown on," Siebenaler said. "At around 9:30, there are at least three people in the dark with flashlights removing all of the camera and audio equipment."

Rudy Flores, SMPD public information officer, said he was aware of a witness statement describing one suspect — a male of unknown race, about 5'11, 170 lbs, wearing a light top and black pants and carrying a flashlight.

Suspects also removed four candle boxes, which contain cash donations given to the church as the faithful light prayer candles.

Siebenaler estimated the cost to replace the equipment came to about $150,000, but that did not include repairing the damaged tabernacle, which is an antique, original to the 1925 church.

"There are special artisans that build these sacred vessels, and the tabernacle is one of them," Siebenaler said. "So, we work with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to track down the original artisan and, if not, there's plenty of wonderful artisans that make the chalices, they make the ciborium — the dishes that hold the Sacrament — and all of those things, but we have no idea what that [cost] will be."

The camera and audio equipment is used to live stream services, which has become a

early this morning to repair and rebuild so we will be ready for weekend Masses," the Monsignor wrote. "I am incredibly grateful to them and the Santa Monica Police Department for their extraordinary care for this community."

On Friday, Torgerson said St. Monica was a "blessed community" and thanked parishioners for stepping up to make it possible to resume livestreams so quickly.

Flores said the crime was being investigated as a standard burglary, with no particular malice against the Church or parish community.

Anyone with information in the case is strongly encouraged to contact Detective David Chabot at (310) 458-2201 ext. 6679 or David.chabot@santamonica.gov.

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Courtesy photo

TABERNACLE: The doors held.

THEFT

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millions of dollars' worth of merchandise. And Los Angeles police warned people that wearing expensive jewelry in public could make them a target for thieves amid the citywide increase in robberies.

State lawmakers are considering two bills to address organized retail theft. One bill would create an online reporting platform for consumers to report suspected stolen goods for sale online. Another would allow separate instances of retail theft to be counted in aggregate toward the existing $950 felony threshold approved by voters in 2014.

"My bill, AB 2390, would hold criminal offenders accountable while providing diversion programs to address the root causes of the crime, such as poverty, mental disorder, or childhood trauma," said Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, a Democrat, who introduced the bill on Thursday.

He added: "Currently too many offenders charged with a misdemeanor for theft under $950 are not given any jail time and often re-offend. This bill would help deter serial theft by holding offenders accountable while offering necessary support services so that they will not re-offend."

SAINT JOHN'S

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Phase One focused on the North Campus and was completed in 2013.

Permission for the project was contingent on PSJ agreeing to a weighty community benefit agreement, which they estimate will equate to an approximate $100 million in community health investment for the next 30 years.

This includes giving $10 million in direct near-term funding for City behavioral health initiatives and around $29 million in stages from 2023 through 2052 for nonprofit community organizations focused on homelessness. Other components of the agreement include provision of childcare services, construction of 10 affordable housing units, publicly-accessible open space, community meeting rooms and local hiring and internship programs.

Despite the far-reaching and onerous nature of the community benefit commitments, one thing community members were vocal about wanting to see is absent: inpatient mental health beds.

Currently, there are zero inpatient mental health beds in Santa Monica, despite a demonstrated community need for mental health care for the city's housed and unhoused population. This means no one experiencing a mental health crisis can be admitted for care in the city for more than 23 hours and 59 minutes.

The nearest facility with inpatient beds is the 74 bed UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital in Westwood. This facility will be shut down in the near future and replaced with a new neuropsychiatric hospital campus in the Mid-Wilshire area. Although this facility plans on having approximately 30 percent more beds, it will be further from most parts of Santa Monica.

When police officers need to transport a subject undergoing a mental health crisis they typically have to travel an even longer distance, all the way to the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, which has the specialized skill set and facilities to handle justice involved individuals.

According to a 2021 RAND Institute study of inpatient mental health services, most of Southern California faces a shortage of beds and a city with a population of 100,000, which is roughly the size of Santa Monica, needs around 50 beds.

PSJ officials have said that they are unwilling to incorporate inpatient psychiatric beds into their redevelopment plan and instead see their contribution to the mental health crisis as providing mental health urgent care and outpatient services. According to PSJ estimates, an inpatient facility would cost around $1.4 million per bed to set up and the ongoing operating costs for a 50 bed facility would be around $14 million per year, escalating annually.

The $10 million in the community benefits agreement that will be given to the City to fund behavioral health programs is a significant contribution on behalf of Saint John's.

Regardless, many community members were disappointed to see that inpatient beds did not make it into the final agreement. Representatives from the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition, Board of Northeast Neighbors, Friends of Sunset Park and the Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors all provided written comments to the Council meeting asking that inpatient beds be added.

Sorely needed mental health beds will remain unfunded

"For the past ten years or more St John's has come to us when they are petitioning the City for something. And every time they have heard that the community wants mental health services, including beds for 72-hour holds. Every time," wrote Andrew Hoyer, Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors Board Secretary & Govt Affairs Officer. "Over a ten-year span, they did not even consider the idea that our city government might request this of them. And they stand before you now asking for permission to disrupt our community with construction for the next twenty five years."

During the Council meeting Michael Ricks, Chief Executive of Providence Saint John's, took time to acknowledge the community concern around providing inpatient beds and detailed the alternative ways PSJ could help bring this to the community.

Ricks pointed to the Be Well OC system of mental health services as a potential blueprint for Santa Monica. Be Well OC is a public-private healthcare partnership that provides robust treatment and services for mental health and substance use disorders, including inpatient beds, on one central campus.

Ricks said that if the City is interested in creating such a campus, it could draw from PSJ's $10 million contribution to behavioral health services. According to Ricks, the largest healthcare provider in Orange County contributed $4 million towards Be Well OC.

Rick described the community benefits agreement as "compelling and unprecedented" and noted that further community benefits will be reaped from the redeveloped facilities at Saint John's, including the Cancer Institute.

"We want to continue to provide the level of research that truly revolutionizes the treatment of cancer and continue to aid in our pursuit of curing cancer (which) is going to be a massive component of the south campus," said Ricks.

City Council made minor tweaks to the community benefits agreement, including increasing community access to the conference center, adjusting priorities for childcare spaces and speeding up the timeline for behavioral health payments before passing all sections of it unanimously.

"It's a win-win for a hospital that we hold dear in our community," said Councilmember Phil Brock. "It's also a win-win for our City."

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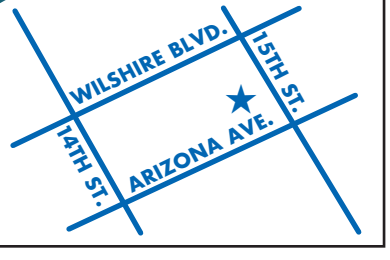
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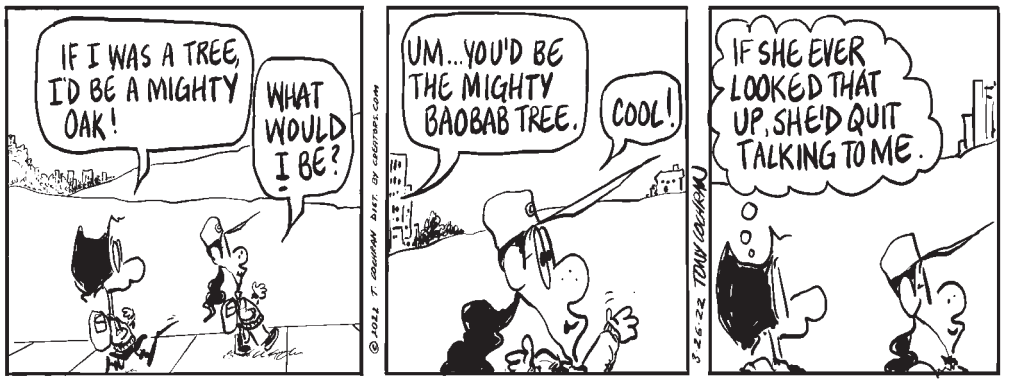
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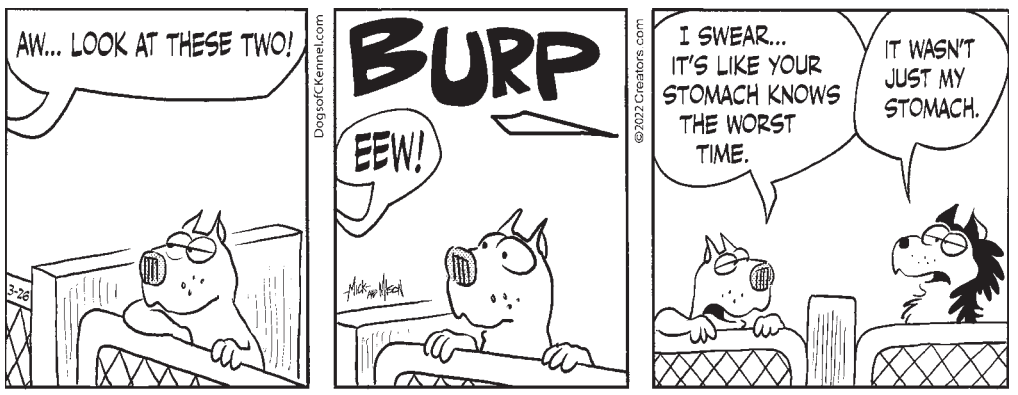
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SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Mainly small SSW swell, remnant NW swell. AM winds most favorable. High tide bogs down the dawn patrol.

WEATHER

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.
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Sunday Night: Rain likely, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone has faults and it would be a waste of time to address them all. What's relevant to the current situation? What can be improved and how? You'll put your energy into making a good thing better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The best way to get the attention you need will not be to ask for it directly. That would be like a comedian standing onstage and asking people to laugh. You'll think in terms of playfulness, entertainment and enticement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you believed every compliment paid to you, you'd lose both your humility and your edge. You accept encouragement but keep thinking about what you'd like to do better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The events of the day are neither positive nor negative, but they are actionable and are best handled sooner rather than later. This will bring out the best in you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The best thing is not to give fast answers. In fact, doing so is quite unlucky. Don't be pressured into acting too quickly. Assert your right to think things through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Generally, you shouldn't have to apologize for other people's behavior, but today a quick "sorry" may be the most diplomatic move. Stay confident, barrel through the rough moments and sail smoothly on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The opportunities are just waiting to be seized. Someone who doesn't know you well is worried that you'll seize what's good for you and leave the others behind. Give reassurances and proof that you're a team player.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're confused when people tell you to do your best. What else would you do? Sometimes you're doing your best at relaxing. It's certainly a worthy aim of the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People feel seen by you. You're especially tuned in to those with a low-key, unassuming style. You get subtlety and acknowledge the importance of things that most would take for granted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Eventually, tranquility around you will create tranquility inside you. This is why your labors to bring your domestic environment into the loveliest possible orderliness are well worth the effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People remember their first time in a place. The chance to show someone around is an opportunity to make a memory. So, what kind of memory do you want to make? You have the power to make a little magic happen here.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You often deserve a better quality of attention than you get. But when people fall short, you won't take it personally. You'll spend most of the day tending to others, yet somehow, at day's end, your own needs are quite fulfilled.

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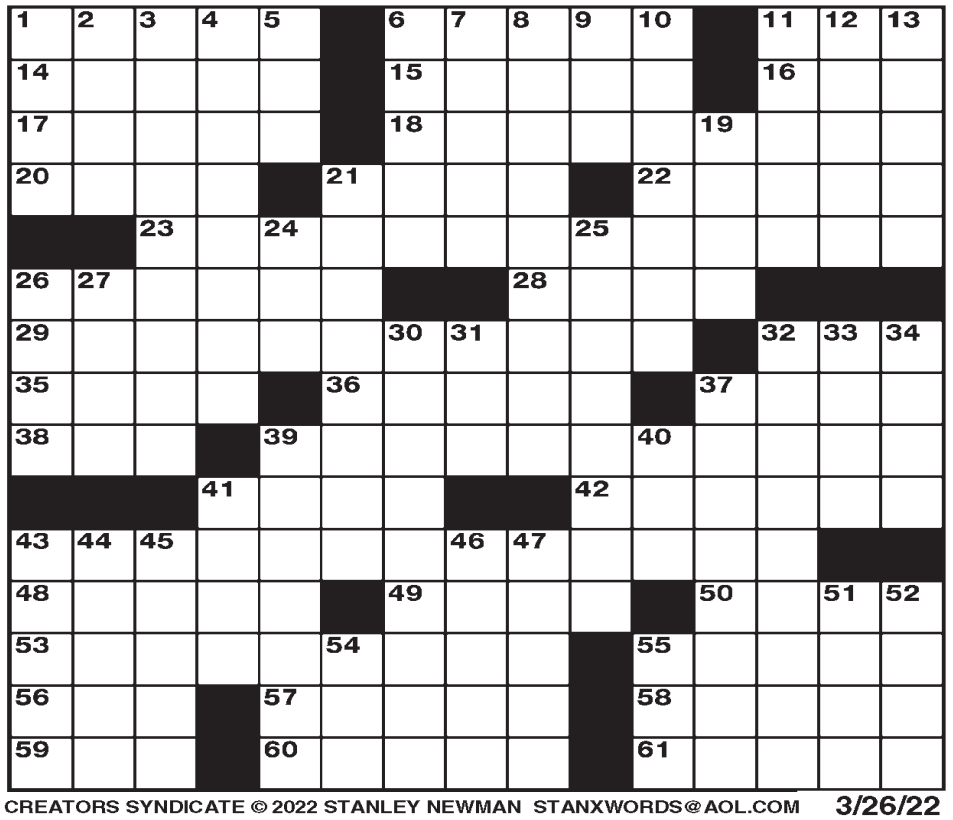
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ACROSS
1 Norwegian flatbread
6 Hit ___
11 Some G-7 VIPs
14 Ladderback chair elements
15 Part of a Moscow mule, perhaps
16 Candidate for lining
17 Curt disavowal
18 India, essentially
20 Inedible rhubarb
21 "Done and done!"
22 Fully extinguishes
23 Xenomorph
26 Antagonist in two spy spoofs
28 Half-portion of a course
29 It may not be all that it's cracked up to be
32 Letters on much makeup
35 Impediments to apologies
36 Tropical nut cracker
37 Org. joined by Netflix in 2019
38 Obligations
39 Overlong addresses
41 Place to rest
42 Kept from circulating
43 Pre-presentation rave
48 Minnesota's state mushroom
49 Sounds censorious
50 Numerical opener
53 Joel's "New York State of Mind" opener
55 Metaphor for potential
56 -ward kin
57 Forces to fork over
58 Made a woolly protest
59 Kicker
60 Just dropped
61 Too charming

DOWN
1 Part of the path to a JD
2 Orange-nosed furry monster
3 Guitar-and-castanets performances
4 Sellouts?
5 As of, on signs
6 Home of the Tyrolean Lodge
7 Great deal
8 Creative, as reasoning
9 Poet "so mean, I make medicine sick"
10 Korean soup staple
11 Downsizing victim of 2006
12 Bib wearer outdoors
13 Cause of a hiccup
19 Untouchable
21 What some game app developers work with
24 World capital org.
25 Insects that coevolved with tropical trees
26 Started a roast, say
27 The Bard's "being next to Devil," per Coleridge
30 Mustard or cocoa
31 Low-impact, in the hotel industry
32 One not brought to a formal dinner
33 Aptly named Windows navigation feature
34 Express
37 The '40s Motorette, e.g.
39 Shed
40 What you might have a ball with
41 Name from Old Norse for "young man"
43 Galvanize
44 *Vin* valley
45 Nest-building mammal
46 Turks and Caicos, for instance
47 Tad
51 Quite, cutely
52 Half an odd-jobber nickname
54 Ben Kingsley, since 2001
55 *Asked and Answered* podcast producer



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | MARCH 26

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. Tours are free for members and $10 for the general public. The reservation link is smc.givecloud.co/dwt. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

CHRISTOPHER MCBRIDE & THE WHOLE PROOF | LESSONS ON THE PATH
18th Street Arts Center's 2022 Make Jazz Fellow is alto saxophonist and composer Christopher McBride. The new body of work created during his Make Jazz residency will be performed in a culminating concert called "Lessons on the Path", which will be live streamed from the World Stage in Leimert Park on March 26th beginning at 7pm (free). Musicians in Christopher McBride & The Whole Proof include Robert Rodriguez (piano), Pierre Charles III (keyboards/piano), Dan Chmielinski (bass), Anthony Fung (drums), Christopher McBride (saxophone/ compositions), and other special guests. Register to get a reminder! 7 - 8:30 p.m. https://18thstreet.org/event/make-jazz-2022/

SUNDAY | MARCH 27

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12pm – 2pm. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House.

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St.
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | MARCH 28

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
The Social Services Commission works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Santa Monica residents through research, outreach, and advocacy. This is a virtual meeting. Instructions how to join the meeting will be included in the meeting agenda, which will be available on the Commission's website 72 hours before the meeting date: https://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31958. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY | MARCH 29

GALLERY OPEN
Open daily on a walk-up basis, no reservations or admission fee required. Schedule subject to change with short notice, check calendar or call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. 9 - 4 p.m.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Closed session starting at 5:30 p.m. for ongoing discussions related to hiring a City Attorney.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 30

TEENS, TWEENS & THEIR DIGITAL LIVES
Learn tips and tools for guiding middle and high school students through digital challenges, from the complexities of social media to navigating online drama. This 4-week workshop series, using a Common Sense Media curriculum, is designed for parents and caregivers of youths ages 11 & up. Light refreshment will be provided, and attendees will receive free books on the topics discussed. Register at bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Pico Branch Library. 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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I E P D G O L N C O I T M P T
L P N A O J O V R K I O G O H
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