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Local students targeted in nationwide racist message

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Racist text messages invoking slavery raised alarm across the country last week after they were sent to Black men, women and students, including middle schoolers, prompting inquiries by the FBI and other agencies.

The messages, sent anonymously, were reported in several states, including Alabama, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Several students in Santa Monica reported receiving the messages and shared screen shots with SMDP.

"You have been selected to pick cotton at the nearest plantation," said the text. "Be ready by 7:00pm November 6, 2024. With your bags packed, Our executive slaves will come pick you up in a black and white truck. You may not have any weapons or sharp things on you when its time for pickup, you are in group B."

Ericka Lesley said her children received the message as did many students in the Samohi Black Student Union. She said the messages were deeply disturbing to

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Santa Monica rent prices fall once more as LA surges in demand



File photo

HOUSING: Prices are falling in Santa Monica despite increasing regional demand.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Despite the ever-present challenges of rent prices in the area, Los Angeles has surged in rental demand while local rent in Santa Monica continues to fall.

According to ApartmentList, Santa Monica rents dropped by 0.2 percent in October, down to $2,310 for a one-bedroom apartment and $2,769 for a two-bedroom. Overall,

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Tuesday's City Council meeting will be the last before the mayoral handover

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The current Santa Monica City Council will meet for the last time on Monday as retirements and election repercussions will radically reshape the dais in December.

Due to some cancellations of future meetings, the Nov. 11 meeting will be the last for Councilmembers Gleam Davis, Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra. Davis and Parra chose not to run for reelection. Brock and de la Torre lost their seats earlier this month.

While there are changes coming, the current council will still have to attend to business this month including approval of some previously discussed security measures in Downtown Santa Monica, appeal of a landmark at the Santa Monica Airport and the usual flood of councilmember discussion items.

The agenda contains 15 consent calendar items, the first of which is an approval of first modification to the Master Services Agreement between the City and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) to authorize the continued use of Legion private security services for the Downtown district.

This has already been approved by the board of directors at DTSM, so it could pass without discussion, or it could just as easily get pulled and dissected.

Other consent calendar items include an award proposal and agreement with Boston Digital Consulting to design and develop a recruitment website for the Santa Monica Police Department and a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the memorandum of understanding setting the terms of medical insurance coverage for Santa Monica City employees.

The most substantive item of the day will likely be an appeal of the Landmark Commission decision to designate the Compass Rose located north of and adjacent to Runway 3 at Santa Monica Airport as a City landmark. This was set to be heard during the October 22, 2024, meeting but was suddenly pulled from the agenda without adequate explanation. However, as per the agenda, staff recommends that the Council deny the appeal and uphold the decision to designate it as a City Landmark.

According to the staff report, the Compass Rose is a diagram of a standard circular magnetic compass

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One issue Trump and Newsom agree on, California homelessness

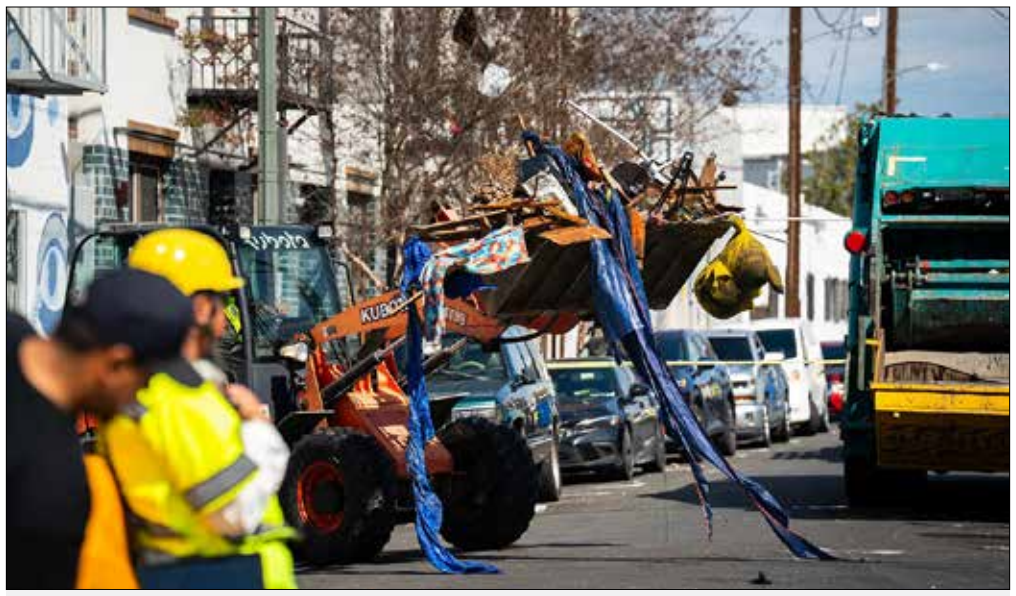


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CAMPS: An encampment sweep by the City of Los Angeles along a block of Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles on Feb. 22, 2024.

BY MARISA KENDALL

When President-elect Donald Trump moves into the White House in January, he will become a key figure in California's homelessness crisis, holding the federal purse strings and setting policy at the national level..

So what will this change of power mean for the state as it tries to move its nearly 186,000 homeless residents — the most in the nation — indoors?

Housing and homeless services experts in California worry the Trump administration will cut federal funding in those areas, while also doing away with policies deemed too "progressive."

But surprisingly, based on what he's said so far about one of the key issues regarding homelessness, Trump's agenda isn't much different from Gov. Gavin Newsom's. Trump pledged to tackle the encampments that have made cities "unlivable" by working with states to ban urban camping and arrest those who don't comply — something many cities in California started doing before Election Day, as Newsom encouraged them to clear camps.

"The homeless have no right to turn every park and sidewalk into a place for them to squat and do drugs," Trump said in a campaign video posted online in April, 2023. The video appears to be the last time he revealed specific homelessness policy intentions.

"There is nothing compassionate about letting these individuals live in filth and squalor rather than getting them the help that they need," Trump said.

Newsom, who in most other arenas is one of Trump's biggest foes, has said nearly the exact same thing.

"There is no compassion in allowing people to suffer the indignity of living in a camp for years and years," Newsom said in September before signing a package of housing bills. In July, Newsom ordered state agencies to ramp up encampment sweeps, and he threatened to withhold state funding from cities that fail to do the same.

More than two-dozen California cities and counties already have introduced or passed new ordinances cracking down on camps (or updated existing ones to make them more punitive), after the Supreme Court gave them the green light to do so in June.

Trump also said he would move unhoused people to tent cities staffed with doctors and social workers.

That plan alarmed Alex Visotzky, senior California policy fellow for the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

"We need to remember that involuntary carceral approaches don't work and just delay our efforts to end homelessness," he said.

If Trump pushes these policies at the national level, especially if he offers federal funding for sweeps and tent cities, it could spur California cities to further crack down, Visotzky said.

As the Trump administration gets to work replacing the heads of federal agencies such as the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, there's a good chance policies California has come to rely on will get tossed out along the way, said Sharon Rapport, director of California state policy for the Corporation for Supportive Housing. The new guard likely will scrap at least some policies viewed as the gold standard in California, such as "housing first," which says unhoused people, even those struggling with an addiction or their mental health, should be offered housing with no strings attached, and then services to help them recover.

It's also a good bet California would see large cuts to funding for federal housing and homelessness programs — including the voucher program that subsidizes rents for hundreds of thousands of Californians, Rapport said.

That's worrying for organizations such as Abode, which provides housing and other services for homeless Californians in seven counties.

"Federal funding is the brunt of what we receive either directly or through other entities, so it could be really impactful if there's a huge reduction," said CEO Vivian Wan. "It's just going to hurt all of our communities."

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The California Legislature set a record for women in office and could see historic gender parity



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

GOVERNMENT: The Assembly floor at the state Capitol on May 31, 2022.

BY SAMEEA KAMAL

California's state Senate will be at least 50% women for the first time in history and, depending on a few undecided races, the state Legislature overall could reach gender parity for the first time.

"What is a milestone like gender parity for, if not a moment like this?" said Susannah Delano, executive director of Close the Gap California, an advocacy group to elect progressive women, referring to potential policies from the incoming Trump administration. "State legislatures have and will continue to be the front line for many of those impacted to contest harmful policies and protect lives at risk."

At least three additional Senate districts will be represented by women in the next two-year session, raising the number of women from 18 to 21 in the 40-member chamber. One member, Sen. Janet Nguyen, is expected to leave if she wins her bid for Orange County supervisor.

There are currently 50 women among the state's 120 legislators in both the Senate and the state Assembly.

With this election, that total number will be at least 55 and as many as 60. The state Assembly currently has 32 women, though eight will leave this year due to term limits or to switch to the Senate. The Assembly will see a net gain of at least four women and as many as seven.

The increase in women's representation is part of a historic level of turnover in the Legislature, with at least 30 new members, and as many as 36.

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, incoming chairperson of the California Legislative Women's Caucus, told CalMatters adding new members can help expand the caucus's issues because they might bring expertise on healthcare, artificial intelligence or other policy issues that impact women.

"The big question for me is: how are we going to use our power?" said Aguiar-Curry, who represents Davis.

In 2022, voters elected the most diverse Legislature in history. Currently, 50 members are women and 63 of the 120 members are people of color, according to demographic data from the California State Library.

Based on election results, 36 of the 55 women who will serve in the Legislature next year are women of color, up from 32.

Votes are still being counted to see the full picture of change in this year's class, including more on age, ethnicity and party.

Democrats will firmly hold on to their supermajority. But there are seven races in which challengers from opposing parties could unseat incumbents — and, depending on the uncalled races, give Republicans two more seats.

Of the 30 seats that will be held by newcomers to the Legislature, 21 have been decided and eight are still too close to call.

Also, one of the 30 seats for a newcomer now belongs to former Republican Assemblymember Vince Fong, who remained on the ballot even though he was elected to Congress in a special election earlier this year. Voters chose Fong for the Assembly seat, so Gov. Gavin Newsom is expected to call a special election to replace him.

Other caucuses in the Legislature are awaiting results, but the Latino Caucus expects to gain at least one member.

If it reaches parity, the Women's Caucus would join the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, which reached parity in 2022 with a record high 10% representation.

This election, the Caucus is losing three of its members, but will add three new ones to maintain its membership — and possibly gain two seats, depending on the outcomes of toss-up races.

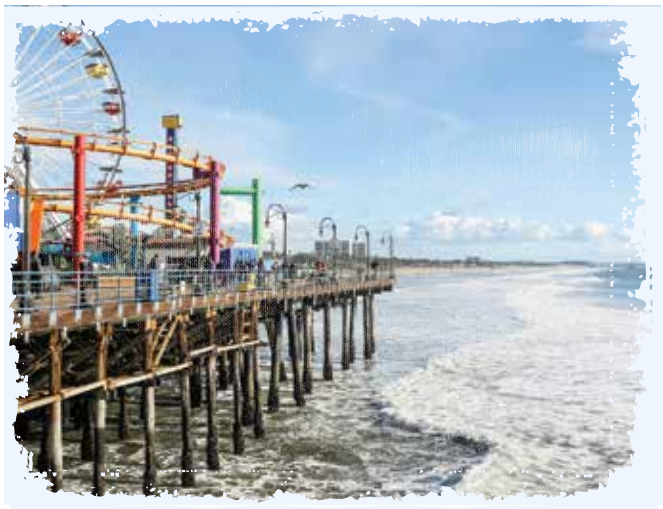
And while representation can have its limits in a Legislature that often votes in partisan lockstep, advocates say representation can still make an impact.

For the LGBTQ caucus, reaching parity was helpful not just in passing legislation, but in blocking bills that could be harmful, said Tom Temprano, managing director of LGBTQ+ rights advocacy group Equality California.

"We can't pretend that the threat of Legislatures taking up anti-LGBTQ policy positions somehow doesn't impact California, because it did, and it does, and frankly — with Donald Trump in the White House — it increasingly will, moving forward."

The Legislature will convene on Dec. 2 for its "organizing session," where new members are sworn in. They will immediately start a special session called Thursday by Gov. Gavin Newsom to prepare for the Trump administration.

Alexei Koseff contributed to this story. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.7**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

A quality day likely - AM wind looks favorable, the swell combo peaks. Long period SSW swell tops out and WNW swell lingers. Deep AM high tide is about the only thing to knock in this setup.

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD
SURF: Chest to head 4-5FT

Fun run due to continue as SSW swell holds, old WNW swell eases and a fresh NW swell joins in. Morning winds look light, while the deep early AM tide remains an issue.

Weather

Veterans Day: Sunny, with a high near 63.
Monday Night: A slight chance of showers after 10pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

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2024/11/09	Sat	09:37 AM	3.17	L
2024/11/09	Sat	2:59 PM	4.53	H
2024/11/09	Sat	10:23 PM	0.24	L
2024/11/10	Sun	05:19 AM	4.46	H
2024/11/10	Sun	10:53 AM	2.41	L
2024/11/10	Sun	4:23 PM	4.53	H
2024/11/10	Sun	11:06 PM	0.28	L
2024/11/11	Mon	05:44 AM	5.04	H
2024/11/11	Mon	11:48 AM	1.50	L
2024/11/11	Mon	5:32 PM	4.57	H
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County on 11/07/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code). 11/11/24, 11/18/24 , 11/25/24, 12/02/2024

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24CHPCP00410 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Gregory Greg Barseghyan by and through Mikayel Barseghyan, Syusan Martirosyan for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Gregory Greg Barseghyan by and through Mikayel Barseghyan, Syusan Martirosyan a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Gregory Greg Barseghyan to Gregory Barseghyan . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 12/17/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: F51 Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES North Valley District 9425 Penfield Ave Chatsworth, CA 91311. . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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to Frencho Joseph Valenzuela . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 01/10/2024 Time: 9:00 a.m, Dept: 86 Room: 836 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 111 N Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

11th St

SMC Wind Ensemble Presents Concert Nov. 24

The Santa Monica College Music Department is pleased to present the SMC Wind Ensemble in a concert on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 1 p.m. in The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Under the direction of Kevin McKeown, the SMC Wind Ensemble will present a live program that highlights the 150th birthday of prolific American composer Charles Ives.

The program includes:

- "Folk Song Suite" by Ralph Vaughan Williams,
- "Riften Wed" by Julie Giroux,
- "Pageant" by Vincent Persichetti,
- "Requiem for the Unarmed" by Kevin Day, and
- Symphony No. 2 (Finale) by Charles Ives.

Tickets are $10 general admission (plus a modest service charge); free for all students with any student I.D. Advance tickets can be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 (Monday-Friday; limited hours). Tickets may also be purchased — starting 45 minutes before the performance begins — at The Broad Stage Box Office at the SMC Performing Arts Center. Free parking on premises. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.

More information is available by calling the SMC Music Department at 310-434-4323. All performances subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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MUSIC: The Wind Ensemble will perform at the end of the month.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

- **RFP # 432 DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2025-26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR CDBG AND HOME FUNDS**
- **Submission Deadline Is December 3, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is **OpenGov** (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.



The Blue Notebook - A Weekly SMPD Recap October 26- November 1, 2024

BY ERIKA AKLUFI

Department-wide Statistics

Total Calls for Service (CFS): 2,486. YTD (through 10/26): 107,725

Citizen Initiated: 1,467 calls for service. 65,083 YTD (60% of total CFS).

Officer Initiated: 1,019 calls for service. 42,642 YTD (40% of total CFS).

Disposition for CFS: Homeless related = 18% YTD.

Encampment Calls: 47. 1,400 YTD.

5150 Calls: 14. 567 YTD.

Arrests: 56 total arrests. 2,305 YTD.

Patrol Operations Division

Notable Incidents:

Traffic Collision - 14th Street/ E-Line (Train v. Car). The driver of a Tesla traveling eastbound on Colorado made an illegal left turn toward northbound 14th Street, striking an eastbound E-Line train. There were no injuries. The Tesla sustained damage rendering it undrivable and the train sustained minor damage to its lead car. Traffic lanes for eastbound Colorado and northbound 14th St were closed for a little over an hour. The vehicle was towed and the train continued to 4th Street.

Traffic Collision with Injuries / Suicide – 1400 Block of Cloverfield Blvd. A traffic collision occurred between a pickup truck and a motorcycle. The motorcyclist sustained minor injuries and was able to move out of the roadway. The pickup driver pulled over on Cloverfield at the intersection with Schader Drive and stopped. When the motorcyclist approached the vehicle, one gunshot was heard. Officers responded to check the scene and confirmed the driver of the truck was deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The coroner responded.

Felony Battery at The Victorian – 2640 Main Street. The suspect and victim started an argument as they exited The Victorian. Initially, the victim was the aggressor but became the victim when the suspect body slammed the victim, rendering him unconscious. The suspect then punched the downed victim several times in the face. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of serious, non-life-threatening head injuries. The suspect was arrested and booked for felony battery.

Felony Hit & Run / DUI - Ocean Avenue and California Avenue – Felony H&R / DUI. The suspect vehicle struck the victim while fleeing from a traffic collision. Officers located the Hit and Run vehicle and detained the occupants. Evidence from the crime scene matched the suspect vehicle. The driver was arrested for felony Hit and Run and Driving Under the Influence.

Criminal Threats / Carry Concealed Firearm – 2640 Main Street. The suspect was escorted out of the Victorian by security staff due to intoxication and unruly behavior. The suspect told security staff he was going to retrieve a firearm and return. The suspect entered his vehicle, drove it into the driveway of the business, and exited the vehicle with a firearm and approached security. A crowd of onlookers alerted security the suspect was armed, and the suspect returned to the vehicle and secured the firearm in the trunk. Security detained the suspect until officers arrived.

Criminal Threats / Carry Concealed Firearm - 1515 Ocean Avenue. The victim and suspect were involved in a verbal altercation while driving their vehicles. During the altercation, the suspect displayed a firearm out of the window of his vehicle and told the victim he would shoot him. In fear, the victim pulled over at Arizona Avenue/Ocean Avenue and waited for officers. The suspect was located and positively identified by the victim; the firearm was located in the suspect vehicle.

Traffic Stop / Gun Arrest – Ocean Avenue & Bay Street. Officers conducted a traffic stop for multiple equipment violations. A loaded handgun was recovered from one of the occupants. A second loaded handgun was located behind the stereo. All four occupants (two adults and two juveniles) were arrested. Both adults were convicted felons.

Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) Team

HLP Team Stats

132 - Calls for service
38- 311 requests handled
112 - Self-initiated activity
1 - Felony arrest
1 - Misdemeanor arrest
39/11 - Field interviews/warnings
12 - Citations
100 - Referrals to services
3 - 5150 holds completed
8 - Encampments addressed

DMH/HLP Clinician Stats

5 - Referral to services thru DMH
6 - 5150 evaluations (3 holds)

Meetings and Collaborations

The HLP Team along with the City's Human Services Division (HSD), Salvation Army, Clare Matrix, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM), West Coast Care, and The People Concern/ C3 conducted a joint operation on the beach specifically focused on outreach and enforcement to address various homelessness related concerns. Fourteen subjects were contacted during the operation which resulted with many accepting services from the various providers listed.

Projects

During a livability operation on the beach, HLP Team Officers contacted a male subject in the 1200 Block of the Beach who has been homeless in the Santa Monica area for 3 to 4 years. DTSM personnel provided the subject with an ID voucher and they were referred to Samoshel for housing.

Special Details

Weekend monthly HLP overtime detail operations (Ocean Front Walk/Sunrise Detail) were conducted four times during the week. The areas of focus were several identified hotspots along Ocean Front Walk, the beach, and parks. The operations resulted in the following stats:

1 Citation
1 Felony Arrest
10 Field Interviews
2 Radio Calls
1 5150 Hold

Multiple Periodic Checks- Beach, Ocean Front Walk, Main Street, Douglas Park, Virginia Park, Ishihara Park, Clover Park

3 Written Warnings

Notable Incidents

HLP Officers were conducting a Periodic Check in the 2000 Block of Ocean Front Walk and observed an encampment. The subject was contacted, and a records check revealed the subject had an outstanding felony warrant from an outside agency. The subject was placed under arrest without incident. HLP Officers further located drug paraphernalia. The encampment was removed.

HLP Officers responded to the 2900 Block of Neilson Way regarding a subject in the area who has been the source of multiple radio calls and 311 requests. The subject has been issued citations and verbally advised regarding his encampment. The subject was again contacted regarding an encampment and subsequently placed under arrest. The DMH Clinician assigned to the HLP Team was on scene and conducted a 5150 evaluation. The subject was placed on a 5150 hold for danger to others and for being gravely disabled. Mariposa responded to the scene and removed the encampment.

Crime Impact Team (CIT)

10 Traffic Stops
9 Ped Stops
3 Bike Stops
3 Felony Arrests
1 Misdemeanor Arrests
2 Citations
5 Field Interviews
5 Radio Calls

CIT conducted a crime suppression operation in the Pico Neighborhood. The following was the activity:

1 Felony Arrest
3 Traffic Stops
2 Pedestrian Stops
2 Field Interviews
3 Radio Calls

Periodic checks at the following parks (no new graffiti of note):

Clover Park
Ishihara Park
Gandara Park
Virginia Park

CIT conducted a crime suppression operation in the DTSM footprint yielding the following activity:

3 Traffic Stops
2 Pedestrian Stops
3 Field Interviews
1 Felony Arrest

Notable Incidents:

CIT officers responded to a call of a robbery committed by a subject armed with a knife at 1865 Lincoln Blvd. Officers located the possible suspect who refused commands and fled. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was apprehended and subsequently arrested. Additionally, the suspect was a Parolee at Large.

CIT Officers conducted a pedestrian stop for a municipal code violation in the 100 Block of Wilshire Blvd. The officers determined the subject had $81K of warrants for narcotics crimes. The suspect was searched incident to arrest, and he was found to be in possession of several credit cards that were not in his name. Further investigative follow up discovered the cards were linked to a vehicle burglary committed early in the day.

CIT officers assisted detectives with the service of an arrest warrant for a sexual assault suspect. Detectives set up surveillance on the suspect's residence and when he left, coordinated with CIT officers to take them in custody. The suspect was arrested without incident.

Directed Action Response Team (DART)

Code Enforcement:

92 Contacts, including 36 verbal and 7 written warnings

2 Citations

SMPD:

5 Citations
13 Field Interviews
6 Arrests
16 Encampments Advised / Removed

Notable Incidents:

DART officers contacted a subject who was in a tent near Tower 29. The subject attempted to flee. When in custody and placed in handcuffs, the suspect kicked one of the officers multiple times in the shins causing a minor injury. The suspect was arrested and booked for the municipal code violation, battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

DART officers contacted a subject who was smoking on the beach near Tower 13. The subject lied about his name and a fingerprint reader was used to identify him as a parolee and a sex registrant out of compliance. The subject was wanted for removing his GPS tracker. The subject was also in possession of meth and a meth pipe.

DART officers contacted a subject drinking alcohol on the beach. Upon investigation, officers determined the subject was a 16-year-old from San Diego. The subject's mother was unaware of his location or the adults with him. The juvenile was driven to the police station to await their mother from San Diego. San Diego DCFS was notified.

DART officers contacted a subject for a municipal code violation and found he was a parolee at large. The subject was on parole for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The subject was also a sex registrant in violation.

DART officers contacted a subject in the 1700 Block of the Beach for possession of narcotics in plain view. The subject was on probation for narcotics.

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MEETING

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painted on the ground adjacent to the airport runway. Magnetic compasses such as that depicted by the Compass Rose were used as an early aviation navigational tool and are a form of air marking common to airports.

In 2019, Robert Chattel of Chattel Inc. filed an Application to designate the painted Compass Rose located north of and adjacent to Runway 3 at the Santa Monica Municipal Airport as a City Landmark.

The application was granted but subsequently appealed. After numerous continuances, the hearing was set for October 22 of this year but was pulled from the agenda as the Appellant submitted additional written correspondence on the day of the hearing. According to staff, the Appellant indicated that they were in favor of the Landmark Designation for the Compass Rose but also submitted other questions that are not relevant to Council's consideration of the Landmark designation.

As has been common, several items will be discussed at the end of the meeting per request from councilmembers.

Councilmember Zwick is requesting that the City Council have the City Attorney and City Manager begin the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow extended operating hours consistent with State law for existing cannabis retailers.

Mayor Brock asks that the City Council request that the City Manager return with a resolution for the City to commit and pledge to the 30X30 Initiative – Advancing Women in Policing to increase the representation of women in the Santa Monica Police Department.

Vice Mayor Negrete, Mayor Brock, and Councilmember Davis have asked that the City Council consider allocating $10,000 from Council Discretionary Funds to support the Santa Monica High School Band Program.

Brock is also asking for the City Council to preemptively approve his use of budgeted travel funds to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit in Tampa Bay, Florida, scheduled for November 13-16, 2024. City rules require that any post-election travel by outgoing Councilmembers must be approved by a simple majority at a duly noticed Council meeting. Given that the City has not received certified election results prior to the November 11th Council meeting, it is unclear whether his status qualifies him as "outgoing" for the dates of the NLC City Summit. Preemptive approval of Mayor Brock's travel ensures adherence to Council travel policy without uncertainty.

Councilmember de la Torre is asking the City Attorney and City Manager return to Council with an amendment to the Council rules to address Councilmember decorum on the dais so that Councilmembers agree to treat one another respectfully and professionally.

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MESSAGE

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everyone who received them and the national coordination was frightening. She said the blatant racism will reverberate out beyond just the Black community.

"This is the most concerning thing to me, this is after the national election and there will also be effects in the Latino community and all these community members, all these relationships are going to be affected."

Lesley, who is Black, was a candidate for City Council this month. She didn't win a seat and said that she experienced racism during her campaign.

"It was absolutely part of what I experienced and there is absolutely racism in Santa Monica," she said.

The messages across the country generally used a similar tone but varied in wording.

Some instructed the recipient to show up at an address at a particular time "with your belongings," while others didn't include a location. Some of them mentioned the incoming presidential administration.

It wasn't yet clear who was behind the messages and there was no comprehensive list of where they were sent, but high school and college students were among the recipients.

The FBI said it was in touch with the Justice Department on the messages, and the Federal Communications Commission said it was investigating the texts "alongside federal and state law enforcement." The Ohio Attorney General's office also said it was looking into the matter.

Tasha Dunham of Lodi, California, said her 16-year-old daughter showed her one of the messages Wednesday evening before her basketball practice.

The text not only used her daughter's name, but it directed her to report to a "plantation" in North Carolina, where Dunham said they've never lived. When they looked up the address, it was the location of a museum.

"It was very disturbing," Dunham said. "Everybody's just trying to figure out what does this all mean for me? So, I definitely had a lot of fear and concern."

Her daughter initially thought it was a prank, but emotions are high following Tuesday's presidential election. Dunham and her family thought it could be more nefarious and reported it to local law enforcement.

"I wasn't in slavery. My mother wasn't in slavery. But we're a couple of generations away. So, when you think about how brutal and awful slavery was for our people, it's awful and concerning," Dunham said.

About six middle school students in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, received the messages too, said Megan Shafer, acting superintendent of the Lower Merion School District.

"The racist nature of these text messages is extremely disturbing, made even more so by the fact that children have been targeted," she wrote in a letter to parents.

Students at some major universities, including Clemson in South Carolina and the University of Alabama, said they received the messages. The Clemson Police Department said in a statement that it had been notified of the "deplorable racially motivated text and email messages" and encouraged anyone who received one to report it.

Fisk University, a historically Black university in Nashville, Tennessee, issued a statement calling the messages that targeted some of its students "deeply unsettling." It urged calm and assured students that the texts likely were from bots or malicious actors with "no real intentions or credibility."

Nick Ludlum, a senior vice president for the wireless industry trade group CTIA, said "wireless providers are aware of these threatening spam messages and are aggressively working to block them and the numbers that they are coming from."

David Brody, director of the Digital Justice Initiative at The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said that they aren't sure who is behind the messages but estimated they had been sent to more than 10 states, including most Southern states, Maryland, Oklahoma and even the District of Columbia. The district's Metropolitan Police force said in a statement that its intelligence unit was investigating the origins of the message.

Brody said a number of civil rights laws can be applied to hate-related incidents. The leaders of several other civil rights organizations condemned the messages, including Margaret Huang, president and CEO of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who said, "Hate speech has no place in the South or our nation."

"The threat — and the mention of slavery in 2024 — is not only deeply disturbing, but perpetuates a legacy of evil that dates back to before the Jim Crow era, and now seeks to prevent Black Americans from enjoying the same freedom to pursue life, liberty, and happiness," said NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson. "These actions are not normal. And we refuse to let them be normalized."

Local officials said anyone who received the texts should report them to SMPD to help contribute to the investigation.

Ayanna Alexander, Ali Swenson & Gary Fields, Associated Press. SMDP Editor Matthew Hall contributed to this report

RENT

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rents in the city have decreased for 10 straight months per the website, with the overall 5.5 drop year-to-year being the largest among the 25 Los Angeles metro area cities listed in the report.

On the national level, the ApartmentList report states that the fall and winter seasonal declines in rent prices have been "steeper than usual," and with seasonal increases associated with the spring and summer months being "more mild," apartments have become "on average slightly cheaper today than they were one year ago." On top of Santa Monica's dip, the national year-over-year rent has gone down by 0.7%.

The report goes on to state that these seasonal shifts have also shifted slightly in the past two years, with the off-season flipping around August instead of the usual October drop-off. ApartmentList also says that while rental demand "has bounced back a bit" in 2024, signs of "labor market softness" could lessen demand going forward.

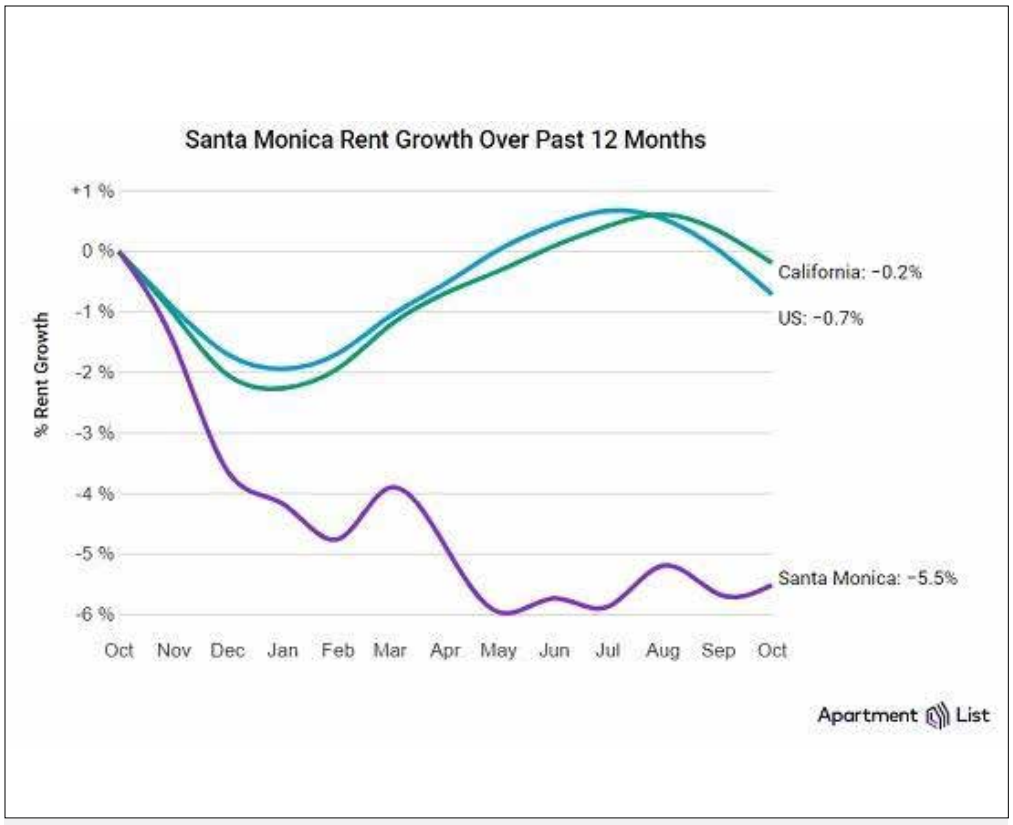
While Santa Monica is outside of the confines of Los Angeles proper, a drop in rent could soon mean increased demand, even with peak rental season coming to a close. In its latest Rental Activity Report, website RentCafe noted that California is home to a host of rental hotspots, with Los Angeles leading the way.

The 12th-most in-demand city nationally, the apartment listing website states that Los Angeles has seen a 15% increase in page views from renters, as well as an 8% drop in apartment availability.

"This combination indicates high engagement and limited availability, showcasing LA's appeal among local renters and those relocating from other major metropolitan areas," the report stated.

California now has nine cities in the report's top 30 most in-demand spots, with Sacramento, Riverside and Santa Ana joining Los Angeles, San Jose and Long Beach on the list. Sacramento joined the list, RentCafe noted, due to it being a "budget-friendly alternative to the Bay Area," while Riverside has had a "growing attraction seeking affordability with proximity to urban amenities and outdoor spaces."

For more on the ApartmentList report, visit https://www.apartmentlist.com/research/national-rent-data. For more on the RentCafe report, visit https://www.rentcafe.com/blog/rental-market/rental-activity-report/rentcafe-rental-activity-report/.



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RENT: Santa Monica's rent prices have continued to drop in 2024, outpacing falls in both national and California prices.

US agency says Tesla's public statements imply that its vehicles can drive themselves. They can't

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

The U.S. government's highway safety agency says Tesla is telling drivers in public statements that its vehicles can drive themselves, conflicting with owners manuals and briefings with the agency saying the electric vehicles need human supervision.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is asking the company to "revisit its communications" to make sure messages are consistent with user instructions.

The request came in a May email to the company from Gregory Magno, a division chief with the agency's Office of Defects Investigation. It was attached to a letter seeking information on a probe into crashes involving Tesla's "Full Self-Driving" system in low-visibility conditions. The letter was posted Friday on the agency's website.

The agency began the investigation in October after getting reports of four crashes involving "Full Self-Driving" when Teslas encountered sun glare, fog and airborne dust. An Arizona pedestrian was killed in one of the crashes.

Critics, including Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, have long accused Tesla of using deceptive names for its partially automated driving systems, including "Full Self-Driving" and "Autopilot," both of which have been viewed by owners as fully autonomous.

The letter and email raise further questions about whether Full Self-Driving will be ready for use without human drivers on public roads, as Tesla CEO Elon Musk has predicted. Much of Tesla's stock valuation hinges on the company deploying a fleet of autonomous robotaxis.

Musk, who has promised autonomous vehicles before, said the company plans to have autonomous Models Y and 3 running without human drivers next year. Robotaxis without steering wheels would be available in 2026 starting in California and Texas, he said.

A message was sent Friday seeking comment from Tesla.

In the email, Magno writes that Tesla briefed the agency in April on an offer of a free trial of "Full Self-Driving" and emphasized that the owner's manual, user interface and a YouTube video tell humans that they have to remain vigilant and in full control of their vehicles.

But Magno cited seven posts or reposts by Tesla's account on X, the social media platform owned by Musk, that Magno said indicated that Full Self-Driving is capable of driving itself.

"Tesla's X account has reposted or endorsed postings that exhibit disengaged driver behavior," Magno wrote. "We believe that Tesla's postings conflict with its stated messaging that the driver is to maintain continued control over the dynamic driving task."

The postings may encourage drivers to see Full Self-Driving, which now has the word "supervised" next to it in Tesla materials, to view the system as a "chauffeur or robotaxi rather than a partial automation/driver assist system that requires persistent attention and intermittent intervention by the driver," Magno wrote.

On April 11, for instance, Tesla reposted a story about a man who used Full Self-Driving to travel 13 miles (21 kilometers) from his home to an emergency room during a heart attack just after the free trial began on April 1. A version of Full Self-Driving helped the owner "get to the hospital when he needed immediate medical attention," the post said.

In addition, Tesla says on its website that use of Full Self-Driving and Autopilot without human supervision depends on "achieving reliability" and regulatory approval, Magno wrote. But the statement is accompanied by a video of a man driving on local roads with his hands on his knees, with a statement that, "The person in the driver's seat is only there for legal reasons. He is not doing anything. The car is driving itself," the email said.

In the letter seeking information on driving in low-visibility conditions, Magno wrote that the investigation will focus on the system's ability to perform in low-visibility conditions caused by "relatively common traffic occurrences."

Drivers, he wrote, may not be told by the car that they should decide where Full Self-Driving can safely operate or fully understand the capabilities of the system.

"This investigation will consider the adequacy of feedback or information the system provides to drivers to enable them to make a decision in real time when the capability of the system has been exceeded," Magno wrote.

The letter asks Tesla to describe all visual or audio warnings that drivers get that the system "is unable to detect and respond to any reduced visibility condition."

The agency gave Tesla until Dec. 18 to respond to the letter, but the company can ask for an extension.

That means the investigation is unlikely to be finished by the time President-elect Donald Trump takes office in January, and Trump has said he would put Musk in charge of a government efficiency commission to audit agencies and eliminate fraud. Musk spent at least $119 million in a campaign to get Trump elected, and Trump has spoken against government regulations.

Auto safety advocates fear that if Musk gains some control over NHTSA, the Full Self-Driving and other investigations into Tesla could be derailed.

Musk even floated the idea of him helping to develop national safety standards for self-driving vehicles.

"Of course the fox wants to build the henhouse," said Michael Brooks, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety, a nonprofit watchdog group.

He added that he can't think of anyone who would agree that a business mogul should have direct involvement in regulations that affect the mogul's companies.

"That's a huge problem for democracy, really," Brooks said.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

SMMUSD Secondary Schools Participated in Red Ribbon Week to Promote Drug-Free Lifestyles

Secondary schools across the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) recently celebrated Red Ribbon Week, held Oct. 23-31, 2024. This nationwide initiative promotes drug prevention and supports healthy, substance-free lifestyles among students. With this year's national theme, "Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free," students were encouraged to envision a positive future shaped by healthy choices. SMMUSD middle and high schools in Santa Monica and Malibu hosted a range of interactive events and activities, all reinforcing the value of a drug-free lifestyle.

John Adams Middle School brought therapy dogs to campus, which provided students with emotional support while promoting the "Say No to Drugs" message. Students signed pledges, interacted with informational booths, and enjoyed a memorable, pet-friendly experience that reinforced the benefits of leading a healthy, drug-free life.

Lincoln Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon Week with daily advisory messages and student activities, including a reflective "Letter to Your Future Self" project. This initiative encouraged students to envision a healthy future and commit to their personal goals, helping to cultivate a supportive environment centered around wellness and long-term aspirations.

At Malibu Middle and High School, daily themes encouraged students to adopt healthy habits and resist substance use. Blending last year's "What is Your Natural High?" theme with this year's national theme, students explored passions and activities that provide fulfillment without the need for substances. The weeklong events included interactive lunchtime booths featuring activities from the Malibu Boys and Girls Club and Brent's Club. Students joined in costume contests, team games, and capped off the week with a "Wear Red" day.

Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) hosted three days of guest lectures for seventh and eighth graders led by guest educators from Miles To Go, focusing on drug education and awareness. Sessions covered topics including the risks of tobacco and vaping, the impact of marijuana use, and the effects of alcohol on the teen brain. Through these discussions, students examined the warning signs of addiction and explored the ways social pressures and media can influence decision-making.

Santa Monica High School hosted a special Flex Time workshop on fentanyl awareness and Narcan education, alongside a drug prevention information table during lunch. These resources provided students with critical knowledge about the risks of drug use and equipped them with life-saving information about overdose prevention.

"Red Ribbon Week is an important opportunity to foster community and reinforce healthy choices among our students," said SMMUSD Superintendent, Dr. Antonio Shelton. "Our goal is to empower students with the information and support they need to make decisions that positively impact their futures. We are grateful for the collaboration of our staff, parents and community partners who made these events successful."

For more information on the Red Ribbon Week initiative, please visit www.redribbon.org.

SUBMITTED BY DIANA BOUCHAAYA

LOS ANGELES

DOJ Files Statement of Interest Regarding Unnecessary Segregation of Youth with Mental Health Disabilities in L.A. County and California Foster Care System

The Justice Department has filed a statement of interest in a federal lawsuit alleging the foster care system operated by Los Angeles County and the State of California fails to provide youth with mental health disabilities with sufficient access to housing, behavioral health, and other services and, instead, places them in institutions for care.

In Ocean S., et al., v. Los Angeles County, et al., (C.D. Calif., 23cv06921) the plaintiffs, who are transition-age foster youth, contend that the defendants' administration of the foster care system unnecessarily segregates youth with mental health disabilities in violation of federal law.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Rehabilitation Act, and the Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999) require state and local governments to eliminate unnecessary segregation of persons with disabilities and to administer services to people with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

The Department of Justice files statements of interest in ongoing court cases to inform the court and the public of its views on certain matters of law.

"Youth with disabilities who do not receive the critical services that they need to thrive in the community often end up in a vicious cycle of institutionalization," said United States Attorney Martin Estrada. "Under the law, people with disabilities deserve to live and receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs, such as in their homes and communities. My office is committed to upholding civil rights for all, including people with disabilities."

In the Ocean S. lawsuit, the Justice Department's statement of interest pertains to the "integration mandate" and explains that the ADA bars public entities from placing an individual with a disability at serious risk of needless institutionalization. The statement of interest also clarifies that the plaintiffs can state a serious risk claim without alleging that they seek specific community-based services that exist in an institution. It also states that the plaintiffs do not need to include an appropriateness determination from a treatment professional in their complaint, and that a public entity's oversight and administration of its service system may be sufficient to allege causation.

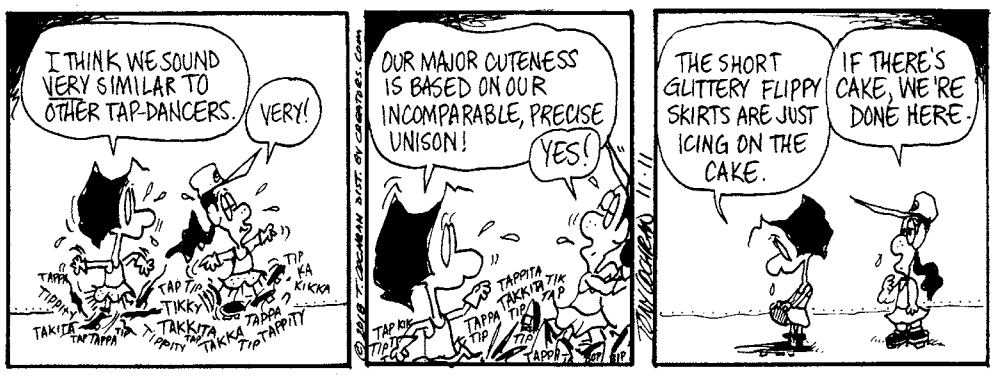
Assistant United States Attorney Amy Xu of the Civil Division's Civil Rights Section and attorneys from the Special Litigation Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division worked on the statement of interest.

Individuals in the seven counties of the Central District of California may file a complaint asserting civil rights violations with the Civil Rights Section, Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office by completing and submitting this form (English) (Spanish) by email to USACAC.CV-CivilRights@usdoj.gov.

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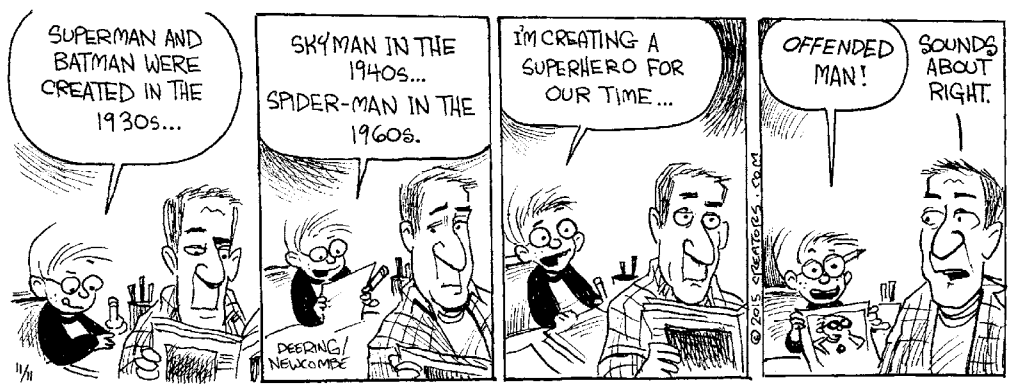
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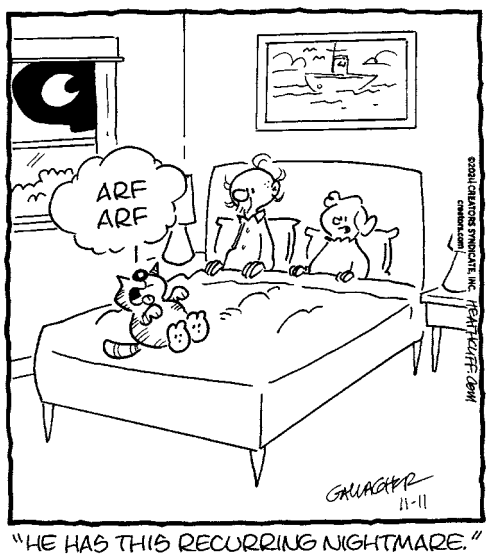
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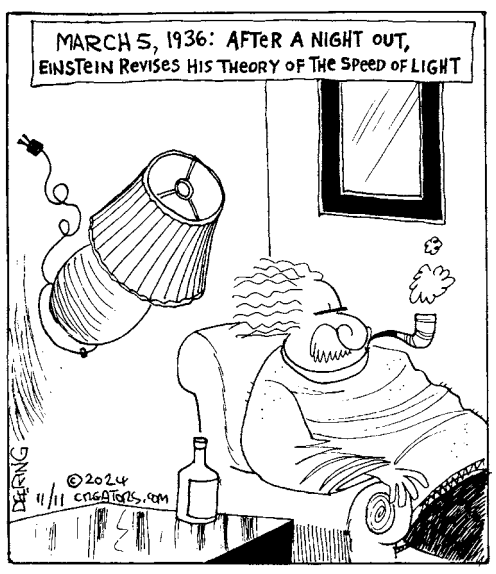
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6391

Downsizing

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Anchor	Dish	Junk	Spade
Atlas	Door	Kittens	Stamps
Axes	Dust	Ladder	Table
Bags	Empty	Ornament	Tools
Bike	Find	Plates	Toys
Burner	Flute	Prices	Treasure
Cage	Funds	Records	Value
Cakes	Haggle	Sale	Vases
Chairs	Hats	Shelves	Wheelbarrow
Cutlery	Household	Shovel	
Deal	Jacket	Sign	
Dirt	Jugs	Skis	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOV. 11)

The journey is entirely yours to chart. Don't be in a rush to fill in the blanks because when you leave space, extraordinary gifts fall into them. More highlights: Improved fitness with cutting-edge regime. Your excellent taste and stellar powers of discernment lead to a professional gain and later a windfall. A shared sense of humor will be a gateway to many social connections. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 18, 42, 29 and 11.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While you love a challenge and appreciate good teaching, deadlines and the like, nothing motivates you quite as much as the prospect of getting attention from someone you admire. For this, you will learn quick.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One versatile friend will help you in multiple ways -- an astonishment, really, when you consider the range of talents on this person. And your sweet compliments will endear you to this person so you'll continue to be a recipient of their help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A project is coming along, though very slowly. Things are working, though slowly. Be patient. Changing tactics will only set you back. Stick to the plan a little longer. Momentum takes time to build.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your emotions trend in a psychic direction today. Listen carefully to the quiet signals your intuition sends through your body -- these will guide you as you move forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be mindful of who you choose as both business and personal allies. You won't need to test anyone's loyalty. Your sharp instincts and street smarts are enough to know who's a good match for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You take the art of conversation seriously. It is, after all, an opportunity to make an impression a connection or even a deal. It can also be the building of ideas, the start of a venture or a major change. Your careful choosing of topics will be key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sense the exciting possibilities ahead and this inspires you to make the first move -- letting go of the past. Allow yourself to follow the trends, embrace forward thinking and welcome new experiences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you think you know yourself, you will be faced with the realization that you only know a small part of your own conscious mind. Your subconscious is vast, powerful and mysterious, if not downright sneaky. Fortune favors your dig for a deeper understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've mapped out your direction, but at best that's an estimation. Until you embark, it's impossible to really know the lay of the land. Your instincts are powerful and ready, and luck will smile on your courage to explore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A deeper truth lies just beneath the surface of a conversation or encounter. Listen closely -- there's more to the story than you've been told. Serendipity will follow your pursuit of hidden knowledge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wind blows, water rushes, sand shifts -- you expect it. But when the ground moves, it's a surprise. Change is inevitable. The stability you seek will come from flexibility, not rigidity. Blessed be the movers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While romance and friendship are beautiful energies to have, there are deeper forces at work in the world today that can only be accessed through profound compassion, selfless sacrifice and spiritual connection.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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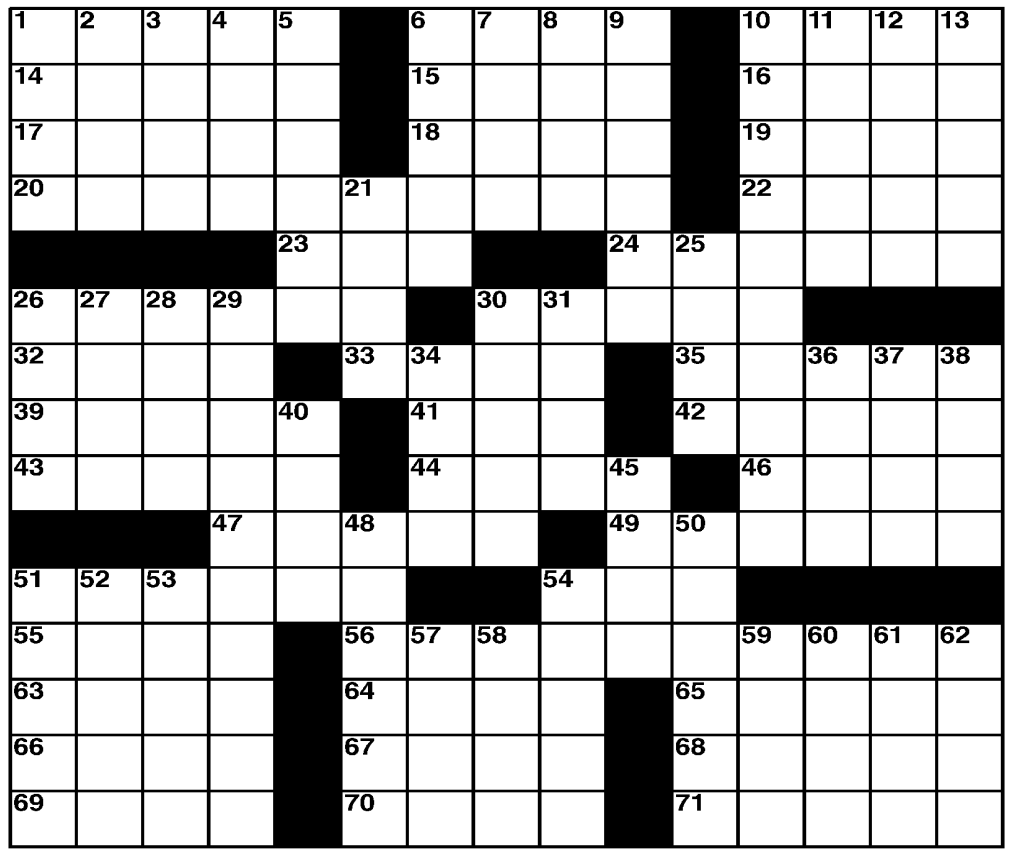
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ACROSS

1 Makes a sound of fright
6 Corrosive chemical
10 Oil cartel
14 Not shortened, as a film
15 "Look what I did!"
16 Christmas season
17 Purchase for postage
18 Merely
19 Money in Spain and France
20 Not quite a dozen Lincoln coins
22 Cotton swab brand
23 Golfer's peg
24 Brief halts
26 Any monogram initial
30 Woman's small crown
32 Declare to be true
33 Heroic act
35 Check the fit of
39 Snake poison
41 Chimp or gorilla
42 Theater platform
43 Sports stadium
44 Bench or couch
46 Makes a mistake
47 Angry
49 Insect that stings
51 Parking lot spots
54 Hair stylist's goo
55 Difficult journey
56 30 cents in Roosevelt coins
63 Stand up
64 Totally spoil
65 Show to be true
66 Revered person
67 Stare at
68 Poe's black bird
69 __ up (enlivens)
70 Has a look at
71 For hours __ (nonstop)

DOWN

1 Blast of wind
2 Initial poker bet
3 Read rapidly
4 Gasoline dispenser
5 Tampa neighbor, for short
6 Make amends
7 "What more __ say?"
8 Not doing anything
9 Local place for a pedicure
10 Single Washington coin
11 Sulks
12 Spookily strange
13 Hoofbeat sounds
21 Uncool person
25 __ and crafts
26 Volcanic flow
27 At any time
28 Voicemail sound
29 Pair of Jefferson coins
30 Native American tent in Westerns
31 Notion
34 Toward sunrise
36 Knitter's material
37 Fairy tale monster
38 Home for baby birds
40 Female horse
45 "My country, 'tis of __"
48 Houston baseball team
50 Veteran expert
51 Piece of bacon
52 __ and joy (something treasured)
53 Greek fable guy
54 Bits of heredity
57 Immense
58 Make angry
59 Teheran's nation
60 Go to a new home
61 __ so (nevertheless)
62 Drop in the mail



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MONDAY | NOVEMBER 11

BABY TIME: SESSION 1
10:30am-10:50am Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Introduce your child to storytime with interactive books, bounces, and more. Free tickets available at 10:15. For ages 0-17 months.

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR
6:00pm-10:00pm. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close

LANDMARKS COMMISSION
7:00pm.City Council Chambers. Established in 1975, the mission of the Landmarks Commission is "To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people." [SMMC Chapter 9.56]

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 12

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM
9:30am-5:00pm Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month 11:30 am to 7 pm and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5 pm. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310.458.8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME
10:30am-11:00am. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd
This fun and engaging weekly series, featuring stories, songs and rhymes, travels to a different library location each week. Free tickets are available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
5:30pm. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 13

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, MULTI-LEVEL LOW
10:00am-12:30pm, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. For more information visit the Adult Education Center online . Register online or contact Maria Barajas at (310) 664-6222, ext.76205, mbarajas@smmusd.or

COMPUTER CLASS - HOLIDAY E-CARDS WITH CANVA
10:30am-12:00pm Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
HOLIDAY E-CARDS WITH CANVA - Learn the basics of Canva, a free online design tool, and make a holiday e-card. An email address is needed to set up your own account (optional). Intermediate level.

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!
12:30pm-1:30pm Venice Branch Library, 501 S Venice Blvd.
Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento.

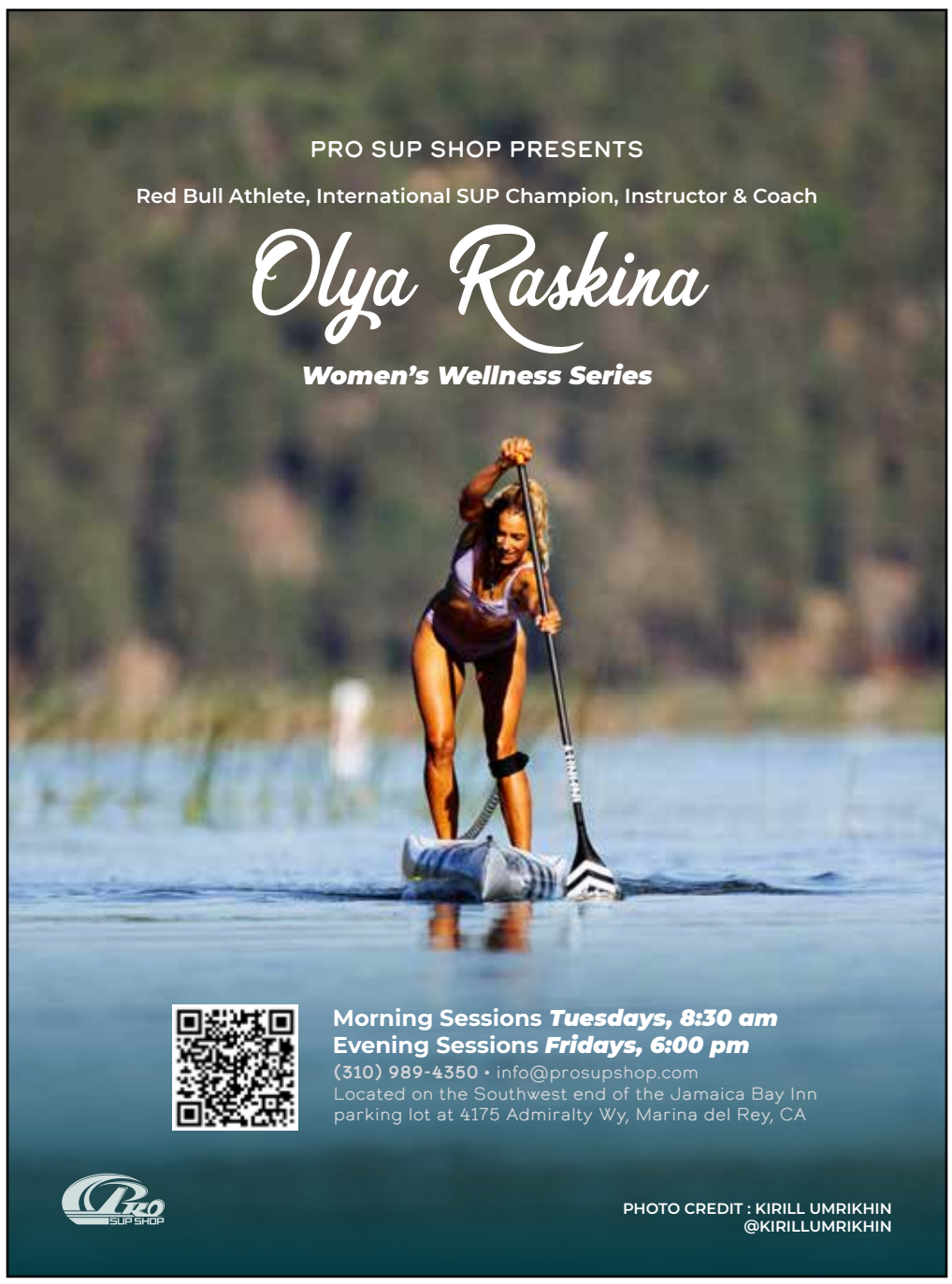
CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1
6:00pm-8:00pm. Cannabis social equity is an important issue that Santa Monica is engaged in to better understand the disproportionate impacts of the criminalization of cannabis. Participate in the first community workshop on cannabis equity to learn about the impacts in Santa Monica, a general overview of the cannabis industry, and what to expect in future phases of this work as the cannabis program develops. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, Room 105

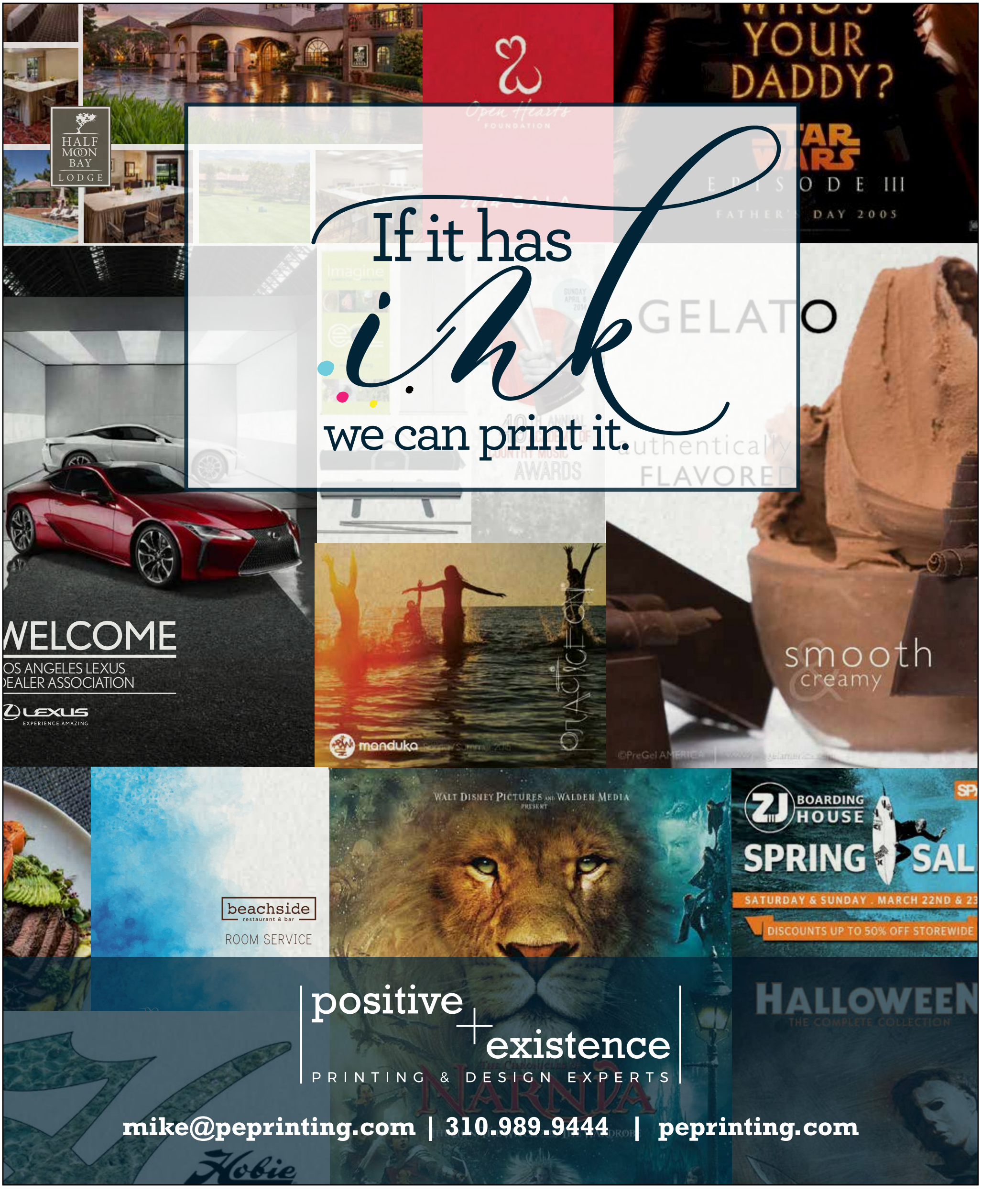
SELF-PUBLISHING PANEL: DEMYSTIFYING THE PROCESS
6:00pm-7:00pm, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Learn about the advantages of self- publishing and how to get started from a panel of self-published authors.

LITERARY LOUNGE
6:15pm-7:30pm Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge; a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and refreshments. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff picks.

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