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ICE: The popular Downtown ice skating rink opened on Dec. 16. ICE will remain open for the next two months.

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Without snow and cold temperatures to mark the arrival of the Holiday season, Santa Monica has a host of upcoming events to make sure residents can feel festivity in the air. From Thanksgiving menus at local restaurants to the opening of the City's ice skating rink, there's something for everyone to celebrate and enjoy this fall and winter. These are just a few of the upcoming activities and events.

ICE AT SANTA MONICA (NOV. 16 - JAN. 16)

Downtown Santa Monica has transformed the corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue into an ice skating rink decked out with twinkling lights. The rink opened Nov. 16 and is open daily from noon to 10 p.m. with a flat rate $20 for all day admission with skate rentals included. The rink is also available to be rented out for private events and there are also party cabanas capable of accommodating up to 25

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Camping could come to downtown Malibu in the next 13 months

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

If the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has its way, camping could be established at Malibu Bluffs Park — an 84-acre park that sits at the foot of Malibu Canyon Road, below the Pepperdine University Campus and overlooking the Pacific Ocean — as early as December 2023.

The MRCA, a joint powers agency that partners with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to preserve open land around the Santa Monica Mountains and open it up for visitors, recently announced it was preparing an environmental

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Los Angeles elects US Rep Karen Bass mayor, first Black woman in post

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

U.S. Rep. Karen Bass defeated developer Rick Caruso Wednesday to become the next mayor of Los Angeles, as voters elevated the first Black woman to hold the post as City Hall contends with multiple scandals that have shaken trust in government, an out-of-control homeless crisis and rising crime rates.

With 70% of the vote tallied,

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EXPLAINER: Why California has so many votes left to count

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California delivered Republicans the seat they needed Wednesday to take control of the U.S. House, but just how much of an edge the GOP will have in the chamber remains uncertain as the state's seemingly drawn-out vote count continues.

After the balance of power in Washington sat in limbo for days, Republican incumbent Mike Garcia's victory in the 27th Congressional District finally won the party its 218th seat. Six of the eight other races The Associated Press has yet to call are in California, though one is between two Democrats.

In some of those races, ballots are coming in at a trickle.

Placer County in California's 3rd Congressional District, for example, reports that it has more than 105,000 outstanding ballots. The county added just 490 votes to its totals in the district Tuesday, and it doesn't expect to report results again until Friday.

California's lengthy count may be frustrating to candidates and anxious voters. But election officials say the process is designed to make it as easy as possible for people to vote and ensure every ballot is accurately counted.

"We have a huge population of registered voters and California stresses enfranchisement, so we have a process that by law ensures both voting rights and the integrity of elections," Secretary of State Shirley Weber said in a statement this week. "I would call on all everyone to be patient."

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HOW DO CALIFORNIANS VOTE?

California has 21 million registered voters, more than any other state, and one of the nation's most expansive vote-by-mail policies.

As of Wednesday afternoon, more than 8.8 million ballots had been processed in California — more than have been counted in either Texas or Florida, the nation's second- and third-most populous states.

Weber's office estimates that about 2.3 million remain to be tallied, most of them mail-in ballots.

People who voted by mail had a choice of sending their ballots back or dropping them off at a vote center. Ballots postmarked by Election Day are counted as long as they arrive at county election offices within seven days.

In Texas, by comparison, mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by election officials by the following day.

WHAT'S THE COUNTING PROCESS?

Processing mail ballots is a lot more complicated than simply feeding them through a counting machine. The tallying itself is often fast — it's the work that must happen ahead of time that takes a while, said Donna Johnston, the former president of the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials.

The signature on each ballot must be matched with what's on file for the voter, a process that can be done manually or by machine. People whose signatures don't match have a chance to prove it is their ballot, a process known as "curing" that takes additional time.

Ballots also need to be taken out of their envelopes before they can be tallied.

Many California counties don't update their vote counts every day. Johnston said that's because election workers in some places will spend an entire day on verifying signatures on a massive batch of ballots, the following day on extracting them from the envelopes and the one after that on the actual count.

Counties have 30 days to finish.

"At the end of the day, we know that every ballot that can be counted is counted and the process is accurate," Johnston said.

COULD IT GO ANY FASTER?

More money and better equipment could potentially speed things up. But that wouldn't change the deadlines that elections offices have to complete their work.

Many counties hire temporary workers to help, and some have to rent out warehouses or large office spaces to handle the large number of ballots, Johnston said.

Voters could also help the process move faster — mail ballots can be counted starting 29 days before Election Day, but many people wait until the last minute to turn theirs in.

Kim Alexander of the California Voter Foundation, a nonprofit that advocates for

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Vehicle hits 25 LA County sheriff's academy recruits on run

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Associated Press

The driver of an SUV veered into the wrong lane and plowed through dozens of Los Angeles County sheriff's academy recruits running in formation during a training exercise early Wednesday, injuring 25 of the cadets, authorities said.

The most serious injuries included head trauma, broken bones and "loss of limb," said Sheriff Alex Villanueva. He said five people were critically injured, four had moderate injuries and 16 had minor injuries.

"So far, it looks like it's an accident, a horrific accident," Villanueva said, adding that he was told the scene looked like the aftermath of an airplane wreck.

Running shoes and a backpack were strewn on the ground. Close by was also a 25 mph speed limit sign.

"There were so many bodies scattered everywhere in different states of injury that it was pretty traumatic for all individuals involved," Villanueva said.

About 75 recruits, from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and several local police agencies, were running in formation in the street just before 6:30 a.m. in the Los Angeles suburb of Whittier when the driver veered into the wrong lane and struck the runners before crashing into a nearby light pole, authorities said.

"Thank God for that light pole, because the vehicle ultimately hit it and stopped, as opposed to possibly hitting more recruits," Capt. Patrick Macdonald of the academy said.

The driver was identified only as a 22-year-old man from suburban Diamond Bar who suffered a minor injury. The sheriff said a field sobriety test on the driver was negative.

Assistant Chief Charlie Sampson of the California Highway Patrol, which is leading the crash investigation, said officials were looking at all possibilities, ranging from an intentional act to impaired driving.

> "Thank God for that light pole, because the vehicle ultimately hit it and stopped, as opposed to possibly hitting more recruits" - Capt. Patrick Macdonald

The class of recruits was in their eighth week and had 14 more weeks to go.

"I am personally heart sick," Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn said, adding that she was focusing on the cadets who were injured to pull through this.

The recruits were running in four columns with two black-and-white radio cars and eight "road guards" wearing reflective vests, said Macdonald said. They had completed about 1.5 miles of a typical, 3.5 mile training run and were wearing white T-shirts and green shorts, he said.

Deputies got help from a nearby county fire station, but also immediately transported some of the most badly injured directly to hospitals, possibly saving their lives, said county Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone.

"Our hearts are with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's recruits injured this morning while training to serve their communities," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement. "Jennifer and I send our best wishes for their recovery and stand with their loved ones and colleagues at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department during this difficult time."

Taxin reported from Orange, Calif., and Antczak reported from Los Angeles.

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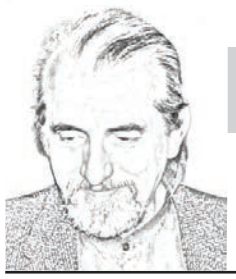
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Beware The December Drought

WARNING! The schedule of great live music is about to wind down, until mid-January, at least. Happens every year. Oh, there may be a blockbuster or two in there, or a hidden treasure (and how will you find out about them? - yes! - keep reading NOTEWORTHY!), but unless you have an inexhaustible passion for the Nutcracker and endless carols you've sung one million times, break into your bookshelves for the next few weeks.

EXPECTATIONS – "the mother of all disappointment," said a wise man once, and I repeat it frequently. It is especially good to remember when heading out to see a performer you love, a highly anticipated event for you. They can and often will perform whatever they want, not necessarily the hit(s) you want to hear, maybe not even the genre you expect.

I'm pretty good at that but I let my guard down a little when finally seeing RHIANNON GIDDENS, at Walt Disney Concert Hall last Saturday. She was incredible. (And barefoot.) What a voice! And she did a lot of my favorites – Nina Simone, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, even a Gershwin. And having the entire LA Philharmonic back her must have been as cool for her as it was for us. But I was hoping for some of the "mining" of old Americana music that she has become famous for, and there was little of that.

But I think having the superb 21-voice a cappella, all female group Resistance Revival Choir do an entire 45 minute set preceding her was a misstep. Superb as they were, that was a lot of preaching before what most came to see. I heard several similar comments during intermission. I admire the call for freedom and these things need to be heard, but there's a reason most Christian rock bands are unlistenable but U2 is huge, slipping the occasional message into a great song.

If you are a JONATHAN RICHMAN fan – I'm not but he certainly has his devoted following – Zebulon in Highland Park, a great venue, has him for seven shows in a row, Dec. 13-16. "Featuring TOMMY LARKINS on drums!" - if that means anything to you. Can't recall seeing a booking like that, at least for many years.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – I have to confess: I'm not at their show every Monday night. But I should be. Don't get lazy, Charles. It's just outside Santa Monica, street parking is easy, it's a friendly little neighborhood bar where you can see and hear everywhere in the tiny room, the sound is great, the stage is maybe a foot high and right next to the patrons, drinks are reasonable and there is no cover. Smothers Auditorium at Pepperdine had a Django-style group a few weeks ago and I think tickets were at least $25. THCOLA plays breakneck, virtuoso 1930s Django-style swing music. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – She's unique, compelling, and right here in Santa Monica. You will be mesmerized. By her piano pounding, singing, songs (mostly her own), her hot band and how she orchestrates them, her unbelievable energy and passion, her insightful ballads, her dancing and cavorting off the stage while never missing a note, and did I mention she had a book, co-written with Lady Gaga, on the NYT bestseller list? Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.



Courtesy photo

ELTON: Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - ELTON JOHN FAREWELL YELLOW BRICK ROAD TOUR – I was never the biggest fan (don't murder me!) of his music (can't stand "Crocodile Rock"), and thought Bernie Taupin the most overrated lyricist ever, and his drummer Nigel Olsson an embarrassment, but I do appreciate a good show and EJ has always given us that, so on this final tour I'm sure he will deliver. And besides that, he's a gigantic philanthropist who tried single-handedly to stop the AIDS epidemic. Thurs, Sat, Sun 8 P.M., Dodger Stadium, LA, $45-250 (I'm sure the good and great seats went for the price of a month's rent west of Lincoln, but they are long gone).

LA OPERA, PUCCINI'S "TOSCA" – It may be the most popular opera of all. Does that mean anything? All my life I've tried to explain to some people that "popular" does not mean it's art, or great or even good. It's a measure of agreement. "I don't know what show Charles Andrews was reviewing, but everyone at Journey/Barry Manilow/Lawrence Welk was on their feet applauding." With opera it's a little different than pop music, though. Many of these works have been performed for centuries, in front of all sorts of audiences, and if they still come up as most popular there has to be quality there. This is not this month's Billboard charts.

I'm really looking forward to this one. LA's own GRAMMY-winning Anfel Blue sings the lead role of... an opera diva, kicking her way through "an enthralling tale of love, deception and corruption..." (sounds like our recent local election), ...battling the machinations of a treacherous sociopath" (or national elections). Sat 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $29-374.

"THE WALKING DEAD" Series Finale Screening and Red Carpet – OK, consistency alert, this is a rare exception, something I wouldn't be caught dead at but the show is very very very popular and tickets have been selling like crazy at crazy prices so for those of you who are... crazy, about it, I'm letting you know because it is a rare opportunity. To pay a lot of money to watch a TV show. Of course, with all those celebrities wiggling out of limos, it is going to be a mad street scene. And of course, it is completely sold out. Bono stopped there last Sunday on his book tour and an employee told me resale tickets were going for 5Gs. Oh, LA...Sun 4 p.m., Orpheum Theatre, LA, You don't have that much $$.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — He's unique, compelling, and right here at Harvelle's. Go. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

MACY GRAY – I might not have chosen this if I hadn't seen her perform recently, online, or tube, and the once Next Big Thing Where-is-she-now? - has still got it. She has taken her unique vocal instrument and style that everyone glommed onto initially for it's captivating oddity, and proven that she is a vocalist to be reckoned with. The intimate and elegant confines of Herb Alpert's Vibrato will be a great place to see her. Pretty pricey, though. Wed 7, 9:30 p.m., Vibrato, Beverly Glen, $220-250.

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Report: California likely to have $25 billion budget deficit

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Associated Press

California will likely have a $25 billion budget deficit next year, state officials announced Wednesday, ending a run of historic surpluses and acting as a warning to other states about a potential recession.

Democratic-controlled California taxes rich people more than other states, meaning most of its drop in revenue is because the uber-wealthy aren't making as much money as they used to. That's why California is often one of the first states to have budget problems when the economy starts to falter.

> "While we're in fact better prepared, that doesn't mean that the decisions to close the coming budget gap won't be difficult — particularly if the economic conditions that have slowed the economy continue, or get worse, - H.D. Palmer

The S&P 500, a key indicator of the health of the stock market that drives the income of the superrich, has fallen more than 17% since its peak in January. State revenues are now $41 billion below expectations, according to an outlook published Wednesday by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. The estimated deficit is lower because some of those revenue losses were offset by lower spending in other parts of the budget.

The shortfall won't endanger some of California's major expansions of government services, including free kindergarten for 4-year-olds and free health care for low-income immigrants living in the country without legal permission.

But it will force some painful spending decisions, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration said.

"While we're in fact better prepared, that doesn't mean that the decisions to close the coming budget gap won't be difficult — particularly if the economic conditions that have slowed the economy continue, or get worse," California Department of Finance spokesman H.D. Palmer said.

Despite the gloomy outlook, California is in a better position to weather an economic downturn than it has been in the past. The state has $37.2 billion stored in its various savings accounts. And it has plenty of cash available to meet its obligations this year.

"It's not insignificant, but it's also manageable," Legislative Analyst Gabriel Petek said of the deficit. "We don't think of this as a budget crisis."

California's revenues are famous for their volatility, peaking and plummeting quickly at the whims of the stock market. Just two years ago, state officials predicted a $54 billion deficit because of the pandemic — a shortfall that never happened because the economy remained strong.

But this latest deficit prediction is more likely to stick. Soaring inflation has made everything more expensive. The Federal Reserve has tried to rein in inflation by raising a key interest rate. A higher interest rate makes it more expensive to borrow money, which eventually causes people to spend less. Although that would control price increases, it also cuts demand for goods and services. That leads to layoffs, meaning people pay less in taxes.

"The chances that the Federal Reserve can tame inflation without inducing a recession are narrow," the LAO said in its report.

Although employment in California remains strong — the 3.9% unemployment rate for September is tied for the lowest since 1976 — the high-wage tech industry has been roiled by a series of recent job cuts. Facebook parent Meta announced last week that it would layoff 11,000 people, or 13% of its workforce.

The report did not surprise Republicans, who said they have been warning against California's massive increase in public spending for years, with Republican Assembly member Vince Fong calling it "unsustainable."

"Today's report is another wake-up call to those warnings. We must refocus on fiscal responsibility," said Fong, who is vice chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration wasn't surprised, either, calling the $25 billion deficit estimate "realistic and reasonable."

"The good news is that as we prepare to close a budget shortfall, the state is in its best-ever position to manage a downturn, by having built strong reserves and focusing on one-time commitments," said Palmer, the Department of Finance spokesman.

California lawmakers could conceivably cover all of the deficit with the money it has in its savings accounts, but the Legislative Analyst's Office warned them not to do that. Their outlook predicts deficits not just for this year, but the next three years — although the size of the deficit decreases each year.

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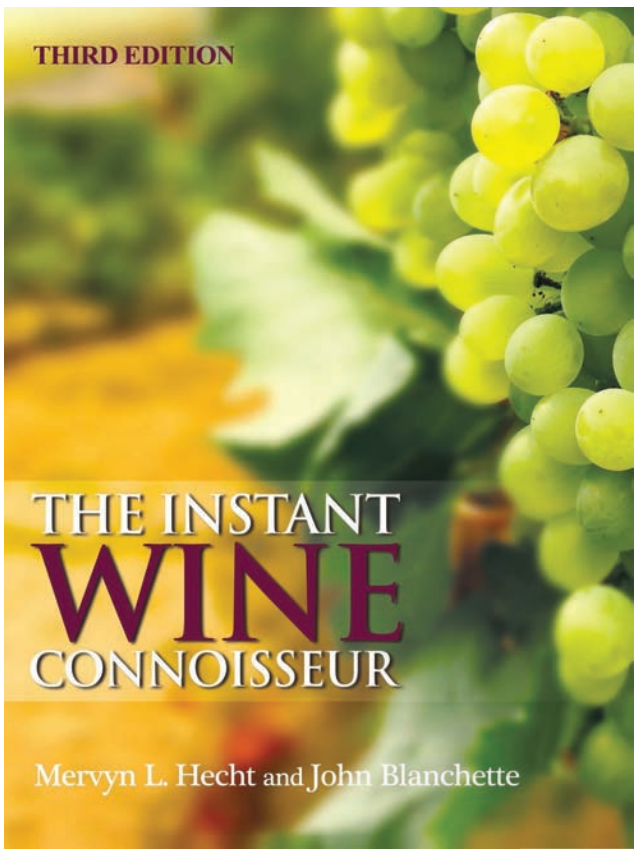


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VENICE WINTER FEST (NOV. 19)

Part of the tri-annual Venice Fest series, Venice Winterfest will take place this Saturday Nov. 19 on Venice Boulevard between Centinela and Inglewood Boulevard in downtown Mar Vista. The all day event, which runs from 10am to 6pm will feature various local artists, bands and vendors. With an array of products, food and drink the event provides an opportunity to get holiday shopping done while also supporting small and local businesses. A portion of sales from the event will be donated to Safe Place for Youth, an organization that works to provide resources and support to young people experiencing homelessness. For more information visit: https://www.thevenicefest.com

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET (NOV. 20)

The German American Club of Santa Monica is hosting a "classic German Christmas Market" this Sunday. The event will take place at 1843 Lincoln Boulevard and will include live music, shopping, German food, traditional hot mulled wine beverage Gluhwein, cookie decorating, full bar, Santa Claus and a bouncy house. Entrance to the market is free for children under the age of 14 and $10 for all others. For more information visit: https://www.santamonica.com/event/german-christmas-market

TURKEY TROT 5K, 10K, 15K AND HALF MARATHON (NOV. 24)

Santa Monicans looking for a fun way to get some exercise this Thanksgiving can head to the beach Thursday morning for this year's Turkey Trot. Participants can choose between 5k, 10k, 15k and half marathon options. All routes begin at 2000 Ocean Avenue and follow a loop along the beach path. The event is open to participants of all ages and abilities and pushing strollers with children is allowed. Everyone will receive a finishers medal and goodie bag. Cost varies by route but begins at $29.99 for the 5k. For more information on prices, start times and registration visit: https://www.abetterworldrunning.com/turkey-trot-11-24-22-sm

While the next week will be full of fun, December events will kickoff with tree lightings in Downtown Santa Monica and on Main Street. Santa pictures will be coming to the Mall and several local hotels are offering holiday themed activities.

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Bass had amassed an insurmountable lead of nearly 47,000 votes.

Bass — a Democrat who was on President-elect Joe Biden's short list for vice president — overcame more than $100 million in spending by the billionaire Caruso's campaign while arguing that she would be a coalition builder who could heal a troubled city of nearly 4 million.

The election tested whether voters in the heavily Democratic city were willing to turn away from their liberal tendencies and embrace an approach that would place a strong emphasis on public safety.

Caruso, a former Republican who became a Democrats shortly before entering the race, had represented a turn to the political right. He argued that Bass and other longtime politicians were part of the problem who led LA into multiple crises. He promised to expand the police department to deal with rising crime rates and quickly get ubiquitous homeless encampments off the streets.

Bass, a former state Assembly leader, had the advantage of being a lifelong Democrat in a city where Republicans are almost invisible. She was backed by Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and the Democratic establishment.

The election had historical dimensions, as she will become the first woman and second Black person to hold the job, after former Mayor Tom Bradley. She takes office next month as City Council faces a racism scandal that led to the resignation of its former president and calls for the resignation of two more members. More than 40,000 people are homeless, and there is widespread anxiety over crime that has ranged from daytime robberies on city sidewalks to smash-and-grab thefts at luxury stores.

The winner replaces beleaguered Democrat Eric Garcetti, who will conclude two bumpy terms with his nomination to become U.S. ambassador to India stalled in the Senate — apparently over sexual misconduct allegations against a former top Garcetti adviser.

The race was shaped in large part by Caruso's lavish spending — and his unavoidable advertising. City records show his campaign expenses have topped $100 million so far, most of it financed with his own money.

Bass, with just a small fraction of that amount at her disposal, had said "it's not the power of the money, it's the power of the people."

VOTE

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equal access to voting and more funding for elections, said the state could do more outreach to people about getting their ballots in sooner, and providing more early in-person voting opportunities could also help.

California's large number of voters and congressional districts, plus all of the options for casting ballots, can lead to more waiting than in other states, Alexander said.

"It's a trade-off," she said. "I think people have learned to be patient and that this is something we're learning to live with. But I do think that we're also going to keep looking for ways to improve the process."

Associated Press writes Brendan Farrington in Tallahassee, Florida, and Acacia Coronado in Austin, Texas, contributed.

MALIBU CAMPING

FROM PAGE 1

impact report to study adding camping to Malibu Bluffs, to the tune of eight to 12 yurts, accommodating 10-12 people per yurt; 16-20 tent cabins, accommodating six to eight people per cabin; and 18-22 tent pad sites, accommodating 6-8 people per site. In total, given MRCA estimates, the campground could see up to 480 visitors per night in a city notorious for its lack of overnight visitor accommodations (the California Coastal Commission recently estimated the city has about 130 hotel rooms, compared to more than 3,000 in Santa Monica).

> “One of the biggest concerns we have in Malibu is fire, and this is being planned as we’re in the worst drought we’ve ever had in the Santa Monica Mountains - E. Barry Haldeman

In addition to overnight accommodations, the MRCA proposes day-use facilities including a restroom, parking area for 30-40 vehicles, amphitheater, and other developments including a ranger residence, medical building, office, kitchen, and water storage tanks.

The campground is designed to be “cold camping” with fires prohibited, but residents have long been skeptical about the concept that out-of-town campers will stick to bans on campfires, cookstoves and gas lanterns.

The majority of Malibu residents appeared none too thrilled about the proposal, which has drawn ire from the community including at a recent public hearing in late October.

At that hearing, on Oct. 27, Malibu resident E. Barry Haldeman summarized concerns shared by many neighbors.



Courtesy image

MALIBU: Residents are concerned that campers may start fires despite rules prohibiting open flames at the proposed camps.

“One of the biggest concerns we have in Malibu is fire, and this is being planned as we’re in the worst drought we’ve ever had in the Santa Monica Mountains,” Haldeman said. “And so, one of the things that has to be looked at very carefully is how you’re going to prevent fires. I don’t know what ‘flameless camping’ is.”

Concerns over the proposed campground at Malibu Bluffs — alongside the resurrection of another campground across town at Malibu’s Ramirez Canyon Park — come amid changes to the zoning codes of the larger Santa Monica Mountains area that could usher in more camping to the mountain range that makes up Malibu’s backyard.

During a meeting on Nov. 15, the LA County Board of Supervisors formalized zoning changes that pave the way for what the Board calls “low-impact camping” throughout the Santa Monica Mountains, including in some areas previously protected due to their status as Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area, or ESHA.

The administrative action came about seven months after Supervisors held a public hearing to approve the change, against the wishes of hundreds of Malibu residents who called and wrote in imploring Supervisors to decline the move.

Last Tuesday, one person called in to the meeting to ask that the formal zoning changes be reconsidered: Malibu Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Shavelson. In her statements, Shavelson referred to written correspondence the City provided to the Board prior to the Tuesday hearing.

“Generally, the City seeks more reliable oversight for campsites, particularly on red flag days, and more clarity on ‘fireproof cooking stations,’” the City of Malibu’s letter stated. “The Commission’s modifications still leave too much uncertainty as to how compliance with restrictions on camping will be adequately monitored and enforced.”

The Bluffs Park camping proposal came about because of Malibu City Council members’ acute concerns over wildfires. At the time, council feared that the MRCA would bring camping to Charmlee Wilderness Park near the city’s northern outskirts.

Between 2014 and 2019, the two agencies had undertaken a pilot project that gave control of MRCA’s Malibu Bluffs Park, located in the heart of central Malibu, over to the city, in exchange for 532-acre Charmlee Wilderness Park, on the city’s outskirts. In the charred wake of the 2018 Woolsey Fire, council members there said they feared the MRCA would soon bring camping to Charmlee, where campfire flames could easily flare up into a large and destructive fire.

In April 2019, Malibu City Council narrowly voted to hand off control of Malibu Bluffs Park back to the MRCA in exchange for gaining stewardship of Charmlee, a 532-acre wilderness park tucked into the Santa Monica Mountains open space.

Now, following the Board of Supervisors’ decision to change zoning codes in the mountains, low impact camping could come to the hills outside Malibu’s back door.

The public comment period for the environmental impact report that will study campgrounds at Malibu Bluffs Park and Ramirez Canyon Park remains open through Dec. 16. More information on the proposal can be found at bit.ly/MRCAMalibuCampingEIR.

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2 critically stabbed at LA Target store; suspect shot

A man walked into a downtown Target store on Tuesday and stabbed and critically injured two people, including a 9-year-old boy before he was shot and killed by a security guard, police said.

The stabbings took place shortly before 6:30 p.m. in the Target store at FIGat7th, a large multi-level open shopping plaza located in the city's Financial District.

The man, described as 40 years old and homeless, came into the store, grabbed a large butcher-style knife from a shelf and approached a 9-year-old boy, saying several times that he was going to kill him, Police Chief Michel Moore said at a news conference.

When the boy tried to move away, he stabbed the boy in the back, wounding him in the shoulder, then went to another area of the store where he stabbed a 25-year-old woman in the chest, Moore said.

Other people in the store pulled the woman into a pharmacy and closed the gate to protect her, the chief said.

A security guard tried to subdue the attacker with a baton but then shot him and he was declared dead at a hospital, Moore said.

His name wasn't immediately released.

"Out of nowhere, we heard people screaming," Kevin Zaragoza, who was shopping at the store with his brother, told KABC-TV. "We rushed to the front. Right there by the exit we see a girl on the floor, blood all over her."

"After that, we see the whole LAPD swarming in there with shotguns, all types of stuff. It was crazy."

The attacker didn't know the victims, police said.

A third person was slightly injured in what he termed a "stampede" as she and other customers fled the store, Moore said.

LAPD officers were already on another service call in the shopping complex and they were able to respond quickly, Moore said.

BUDGET

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Instead, the Legislative Analyst's Office says lawmakers should delay some of the $75 billion in one-time spending they approved over the past two years. As an example, they pointed to a $500 million program to clean up homeless encampments across the state.

"That's a very good example of the type of pause we had in mind," Petek said.

Palmer said the Newsom administration will begin making budget decisions next month. A change in statewide homelessness funding appears to be unlikely, given Newsom's commitment to addressing the issue. Newsom did pause $1 billion in homelessness spending earlier this month, but that decision wasn't related to sinking revenues.

Toni Atkins, the Democratic president pro tempore of the California Senate, said she is confident the state can pass a budget this year "without ongoing cuts to schools and other core programs or taxing middle class families."

Democratic Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said lawmakers "can and will protect the progress of recent years' budgets."

"In particular, the Assembly will protect California's historic school funding gains, as districts must continue to invest in retaining and recruiting staff to help kids advance and recover from the pandemic," Rendon said.

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It's not about whether you get what you want from the end of a project. The important part is really just finishing. You will do what you set out to do and what happens from there will be a little mysterious, but also quite magical. The most important talent to apply is your tenaciousness. It will bring a key victory. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 18, 4, 44 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What's good on paper isn't always good in person. A tally of matched qualifications isn't something that can be felt. Chemistry, on the other hand, can be powerfully felt. It's what you strive for and it's what you'll get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Group dynamics are ever-changing. A group is a delicate and temporary balance of energy. It's nice when things work in both the group and one-on-one contexts. You'll get the individual attention you deserve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Two turns past desire and one click beyond passion... that's where rage lives. Rage doesn't have to be angry or negative. It's always powerful, and best focused on what's important to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People become like those they align themselves with. You don't have to have personal relationships with your role models for them to be powerfully affecting. You'll choose them from the whole wide world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People have different tempos, and one style is no better or worse than another: it's just different. Today you'll feel most comfortable and energized around people who match your rhythm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It only takes one connection to make your personal life go from being a stale routine to an inspired journey. While adapting to circumstances, your behavior may seem momentarily illogical, but there's a method to your madness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As a rule, you're generous with compliments even when your surroundings aren't quite praiseworthy. Complaining is bad form unless health and safety are threatened. You'd rather work for change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Emotional intelligence is earned through experiences. You'll soon give a gift. Of course, it's not the amount you spend that matters, just that you get it right. Ask for help, even if you must ask the eventual receiver.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The funny, intelligent and loving person who comes into your life today will be none other than you! This is the best sort of reunion: meeting yourself again with the recognition that it's been a while and you're better than ever.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Says the famous Bob Dylan lyric, "When you ain't got nothin', you got... nothin' to lose." You feel free today, as some of the things that have held you back are no longer an issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Does everything have to be hard won? You realize when you're in a sweet zone and your gratitude for the easy parts makes them last longer. Not everything of value must be attained by sweat and struggle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). At first you don't even realize what you want, but if you listen to those tugs of attraction they may turn into longing — an uncomfortable gift, as it's the major clue we humans have to figuring out our own happiness.

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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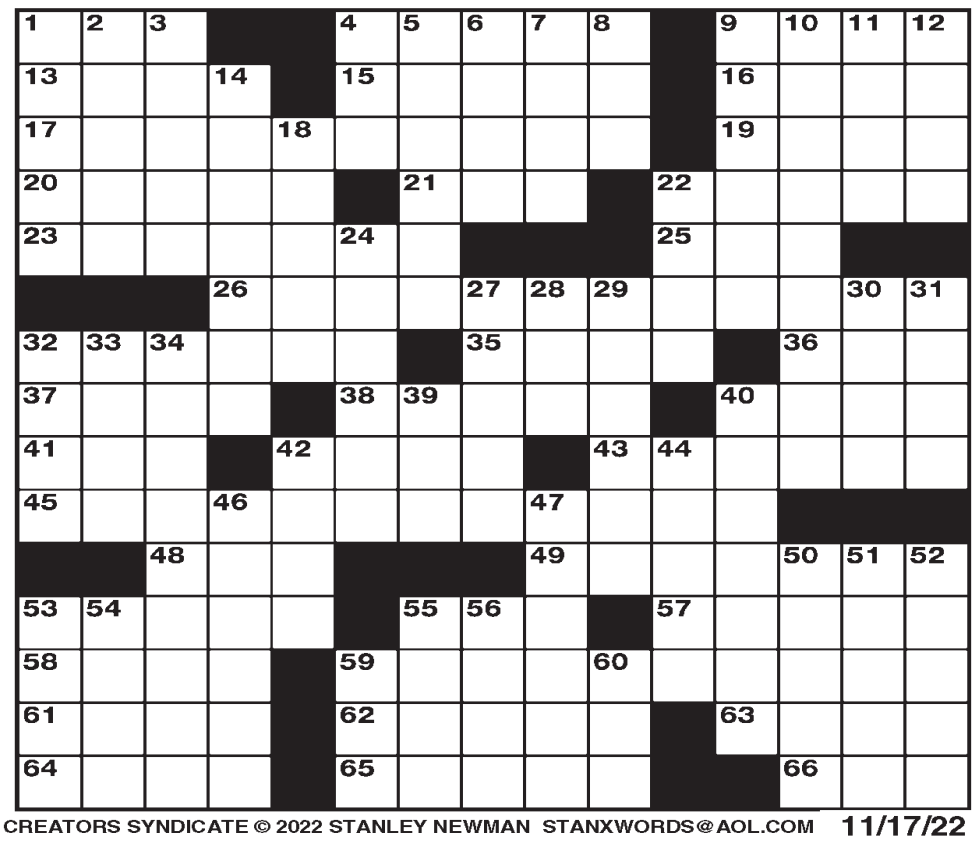
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ACROSS

1 Imaginative pursuit
4 Snapshot setting
9 Freight carrier
13 Needing a battery charge
15 Furlough
16 Quick stick
17 Handywoman's special
19 Maraud
20 Novelist Zola
21 Common coffee-break time
22 Magnet ends
23 Basic nature
25 French affirmation
26 Playground staple
32 Scattered about
35 Vane venue
36 Big little name in WWII headlines
37 Low digits
38 Possum habitat
40 Did some weeding
41 Poetic preposition
42 Flue stuff
43 Rids of errors
45 Maker of miracles
48 Lob's path
49 Breakfast bar ingredient
53 Fancy neckwear
55 Picnic discard
57 Eat into
58 In __ (fully)
59 Totally awesome
61 German auto
62 180
63 Circular highway
64 High degrees
65 "Personal" records
66 Paris' Avenue __ Champs-Élysées

DOWN

1 Cost of a commercial
2 Champagne region city
3 Prepares for takeoff
4 Seasonal bug
5 Swans, in a Christmas song
6 First-aid kit item
7 Place for pizza
8 According to
9 Pop out of the ground
10 Short-term alliance
11 Sooner
12 Gets hitched
14 Gets rid of
18 Freshen up
22 "Just like that!"
24 Bleep out
27 Muse of poetry
28 __-com (film genre)
29 Midwestern capital
30 Scratched (out)
31 Some house wines
32 Hearty dinner
33 *Rancho* beast
34 Staged an historic battle
39 "That's amazing!"
40 Flavor added to a roast
42 Faction of a faith
44 Doled (out)
46 Displays overeagerness
47 Parliamentary procedure pro
50 Enticed, with "in"
51 One-named British singing star
52 Old-fashioned oath
53 Perched on
54 New sorority member, perhaps
55 Overly clever
56 Sonata designation
59 Temp
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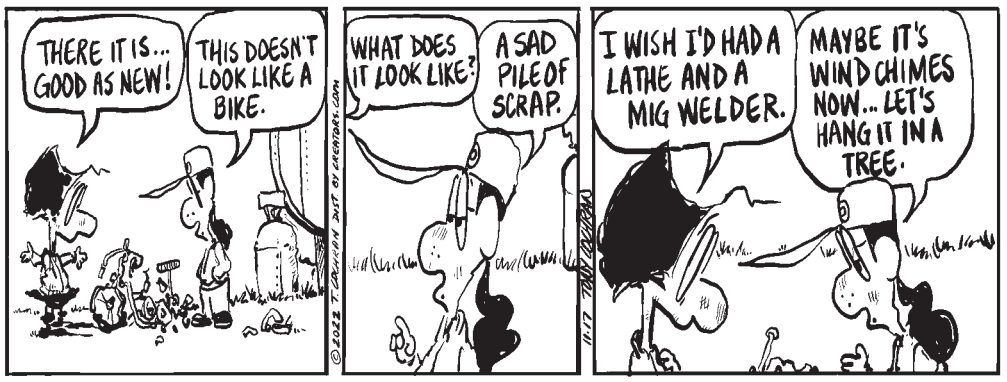


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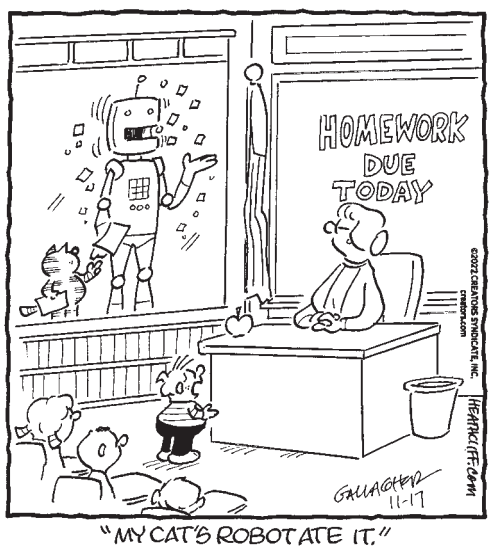
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FIND THE WORDS

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 25 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5666

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out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 17

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led monthly book club, centered in the Montana neighborhood. The group currently meets on the Montana Branch Patio. This month's book is "Hedy's Folly: The Life And Breakthrough Inventions Of Hedy Lamarr, The Most Beautiful Woman In The World" by Richard Rhodes. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6 - 7 p.m.

APPY HOUR' DEVICE WORKSHOP
Main Library, 2nd Floor Tutoring Center. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive small group help to get you started with using your device. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION
Attend a lively discussion on current events, every Thursday 1 to 2:30 p.m. Formerly at the Fairview Library, now conveniently on Zoom. Excellent facilitator, Marsha, sends an email list on Wed. night of topics to discuss which is informative in itself. There is never a lack of interesting material or opinions. For information and to receive a Zoom link for the next meeting, email to mushcb@gmail.com.

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FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 18

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 12 – 2 p.m. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please be advised that wearing masks are required while indoors. 12 - 2 p.m.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 19

NOTABLE FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. This month's selection is Native Speaker by Chang-rae Lee. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEAN-UP
Join MLB and Heal the Bay this Saturday to help make Santa Monica Beach sparkle. This MLB Green Team Event is part of the league's continued efforts to promote sustainability and environmental awareness while also giving opportunities to take direct action through volunteerism. People of all ages are encouraged to register, sign a waiver and show up with their own buckets, garden gloves and a reusable mask and water bottle to make the event zero waste. After the clean-up, participants can join the fun at MLB All-Star Oceanfront event taking place along Santa Monica Beach. Register online at https://healthebay.org/events/category/heal-the-bay/nothin-but-sand/list/

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 20

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET
Step into Germany at Christmastime by visiting the German American Club of Santa Monica on November 20th! Experience a classic German Christmas Market, complete with live music, shopping classic German food, Gluhwein, cookie decorating, Santa Claus, a full bar, a bounce house and so much more! Get ready to prost to the Christmas season with friends and family. This event is free for members and guests under age 14, and $10 at entry for all non-members. Cash recommended, as few vendors accept credit cards. German American Club of Santa Monica, 1843 Lincoln Blvd 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. https://www.germanamericanclubsantamonica.com/

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 21

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. This month's selection is The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link.7 - 8:30 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality."

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.5**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Fresh, longer period NW swell builds through the day as modest SSW swell blends in. Offshore flow for the morning.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Modest NW pulse holds early then eases. Small SSW swell in the mix. Wind for the morning still looks favorable.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Northwest wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/11/18	Fri	05:52 AM	4.56	H
2022/11/18	Fri	11:49 AM	2.09	L
2022/11/18	Fri	5:12 PM	4.00	H
2022/11/18	Fri	11:30 PM	0.86	L
2022/11/19	Sat	06:10 AM	4.96	H
2022/11/19	Sat	12:26 PM	1.40	L
2022/11/19	Sat	6:07 PM	4.08	H
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2022/11/20	Sun	06:31 AM	5.42	H
2022/11/20	Sun	1:02 PM	0.68	L
2022/11/20	Sun	6:56 PM	4.14	H
2022/11/21	Mon	12:29 AM	1.16	L
2022/11/21	Mon	06:55 AM	5.88	H
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DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 11/14
19 35 53 54 67
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 76 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/15
6 19 28 46 61
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 238 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/12
2 5 17 40 46
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/15
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/15
EVENING: 0 8 3
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2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 03 - Hot Shot
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

4:00PM - 9:00PM

SMBGC - 1238 LINCOLN BLVD, SANTA MONICA



Tons of Winter Activities for Kids & Families to Enjoy!

* Sledding & Snow Games * Holiday Activities & Crafts *
* Live Reindeer * Toy Gifting Room * Music *
* Photos with Santa * Face Painting * Festive Food & More! *







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