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Tattoos, housing vouchers and redistricting on Council's agenda

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Before joining their families for the big feast on Thursday, City Council will gather on Tuesday night for a relatively light night of civic work.

DTSM BUDGET

The consent calendar features the annual budget and work plan for Downtown Santa Monica(DTSM).

DTSM's funding comes from revenues generated from two business-based assessment districts and three property-based assessment districts that are collected by the City on DTSM's behalf. The City and DTSM also have a Maintenance Services Agreement that can be extended annually if DTSM provides an annual budget and work plan to the City.

For FY 2021-22 DTSM anticipates revenues of $10,523,884 and anticipated expenditures of $10,599,597. The $75,713 gap will be funded with a one-time

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Blue Streak Executive Chef shares a Thanksgiving family soup recipe



Courtesy photo

FEAST: Thanksgiving dinner at Blue Streak at Loews Santa Monica

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

When it comes to holiday food in the O'Connell household, they tend to go big. It's a three or four day process that brings the family together and the kitchen becomes the center of the house.

"Cooking is huge with my family when it comes to holidays. It's a combination of Louisiana and East Coast Italian traditions," said Executive Chef Chris O'Connell at Blue Streak at Loews Santa Monica. "Thanksgiving is your standard Holiday fare, while Christmas is a two day event starting with seven different fish dishes on Christmas Eve. On Christmas, we have

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Community gathers for tree lighting









Photos by Yasmina Snyder and Samantha Rodriguez

HOLIDAY SPIRIT: Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. kicked off the holiday season on Nov. 19 with its annual tree lighting ceremony. Local friends and families gathered on the Promenade for the festive event, which featured performances from the Samohi and Lincoln Middle School Madrigals; Santa Monica Youth Orchestra Mariachi Perla del Oeste; Santa Monica Youth Orchestra Chamber Ensemble. Thousands of colorful lights also flicked on across the Promenade, 2nd and 4th Streets.

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About 80 thieves loot department store near San Francisco

Associated Press

About 80 people, some wearing ski masks and wielding crowbars, ransacked a high-end department store in the San Francisco Bay Area, assaulting employees and stealing merchandise before fleeing in cars waiting outside, police and witnesses said.

Three people were arrested while the majority got away after the large-scale theft Saturday night shocked shoppers at the Nordstrom at the Broadway Plaza outdoor mall in Walnut Creek, police said in a statement Sunday.

Two employees were assaulted and one was hit with pepper spray during what police called "clearly a planned event."

NBC Bay Area reporter Jodi Hernandez tweeted that she saw the thieves rush into the store in the downtown shopping district in the city some 20 miles (32 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco.

"About 25 cars just blocked the street and rushed into the Walnut Creek Nordstrom making off with goods before getting in cars and speeding away," Hernandez said on Twitter.

Cellphone video from the scene showed masked people streaming out of the store, carrying bags and boxes, jumping into the cars and fleeing the scene.

Brett Barrette, the manager of a nearby PF Chang's restaurant, began locking doors at his establishment while watching the chaos unfold.

"We probably saw 50 to 80 people in ski masks, crowbars, a bunch of weapons," Barrette told ABC 7 News.

The Walnut Creek Police Department said a firearm was recovered from one of the three arrested suspects.

Nordstrom employees began calling 911 around 9 p.m. as thieves entered the store and began stealing merchandise, police said.

"Walnut Creek Police investigators are in the process of reviewing surveillance footage to attempt to identify other suspects responsible for this brazen act," the department said in Sunday's statement.

Nordstrom was open as usual on Sunday.

The incident came a day after several high-end stores in San Francisco's Union Square were broken into by a large group of people who smashed windows, stole merchandise, and then ran to waiting cars, police said.

Louis Vuitton, Fendi, Yves Saint Laurent, Burberry, and Dolce & Gabbana were all targeted Friday night, Fox 2 News reported.

San Francisco Police Officer Robert Rueca said in a statement posted on social media that officers responded to reports of possible looting and vandalism at Union Square stores Friday night and arrested several people.

Stores in Union Square, a posh shopping district popular with tourists, have been targeted for years by well-organized thieves who at times have rammed vehicles into storefronts to break glass doors and windows and enter the buildings during non-business hours.

In July, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a law that allows prosecutors to charge those who work with others to steal merchandise.



DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 296 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 21

Disturbance Of The Peace 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 12:30 a.m.
Loud Music 2600Blk Main St 12:35 a.m.
Trespassing 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Broadway 1:06 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:41 a.m.
Fight 2900Blk Main St 1:44 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 2200Blk Colorado Ave 2:04 a.m.
Party Complaint 900Blk 16th St 2:19 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 2000Blk Ocean Ave 2:25 a.m.
Burglary Report 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 2:29 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:32 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:35 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1900Blk Ocean Way 2:45 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:20 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 800Blk Pacific St 3:55 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1300Blk 2nd St 3:58 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Report 1600Blk Ocean Ave 4:26 a.m.
Encampment 700Blk Olympic Blvd W 6:39 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1700Blk Ocean Ave 7:28 a.m.
Loud Music 700Blk California Ave 8:44 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2200Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:18 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1700Blk Montana Ave 9:38 a.m.
Battery Report 4th St / Broadway 9:50 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:56 a.m.
Family Disturbance 800Blk Colorado Ave 10:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2700Blk Main St 10:14 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk 19th St 10:28 a.m.
Armed Robbery Just Occurred 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 10:38 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1200Blk Berkeley St 10:47 a.m.
Overdose 32nd St / Pico Blvd 11:06 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 7th St / Arizona Ave 11:18 a.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk Grant St 11:37 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:43 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:52 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:09 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:12 p.m.
Trespassing 600Blk Pico Blvd 12:15 p.m.
Fight 1200Blk 23rd St 12:21 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 3300Blk Barnard Way 12:27 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1200Blk Euclid St 12:43 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 12:43 p.m.
Burglary Report 800Blk 4th St 12:47 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:54 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2500Blk Main St 1:03 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:05 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:10 p.m.
Trespassing 1400Blk 5th St 1:25 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1400Blk 9th St 1:30 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:49 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 500Blk Colorado Ave 1:56 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / California Ave 2:08 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 4th St / Arizona Ave 2:31 p.m.
Burglary Report 1800Blk Oak St 2:32 p.m.
Encampment 1700Blk Montana Ave 2:44 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 100Blk Fraser Ave 2:50 p.m.
Battery Report 2400Blk 16th St 2:54 p.m.
Battery Now 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:56 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2900Blk Delaware Ave 3:24 p.m.
Burglary Report 600Blk Idaho Ave 3:54 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 700Blk Pico Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Overdose 1500Blk Yale St 4:04 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:38 p.m.
Burglary Report 500Blk Montana Ave 4:43 p.m.
Trespassing 1900Blk Ocean Ave 4:44 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:44 p.m.
Loud Music 2200Blk Ocean Ave 4:54 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 4:57 p.m.
Loud Music 2200Blk Ocean Ave 5:01 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:07 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 9th St / Washington Ave 5:18 p.m.
Encampment 800Blk Hill St 5:55 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1100Blk 12th St 5:55 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 6:13 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:24 p.m.
Trespassing 2100Blk 4th St 6:36 p.m.
Loud Music 6th St / Arizona Ave 7:04 p.m.
Trespassing 1300Blk 15th St 7:27 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now 900Blk 6th St 7:27 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Barnard Way / Wadsworth Ave 7:44 p.m.
Party Complaint 400Blk Montana Ave 8:13 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 8:17 p.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk 4th St 8:27 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 3000Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:29 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:51 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 800Blk Montana Ave 8:54 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:58 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:15 p.m.
Burglary Report 800Blk 23rd St 9:15 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 5th St / Colorado Ave 9:16 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:19 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1900Blk 11th St 9:20 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 34 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 21

EMS 1100Blk 6th St 1:08 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:37 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:59 a.m.
EMS 100Blk Palisades Ave 3:47 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk Euclid St 3:50 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 3:55 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 5:05 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 21st St 5:19 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Pearl St 7:04 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1000Blk Palisades Park 7:05 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 16th St 8:03 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700Blk 4th St 8:11 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Bay St 8:17 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:18 a.m.
EMS 3100Blk Pico Blvd 11:01 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 11:35 a.m.
EMS 100Blk Palisades Ave 12:15 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:15 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Ocean Ave 12:30 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Cedar St 3:07 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 11th St 3:45 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Yale St 4:04 p.m.
Flooded Condition 2300Blk Schader Dr 5:03 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Georgina Ave 5:05 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 3rd St 5:21 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 6:51 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk Virginia Ave 8:34 p.m.
Structure Fire 2400Blk 11th St 8:57 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2600Blk Broadway 9:52 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk 11th St 10:06 p.m.
Flooded Condition 2300Blk Virginia Ave 10:13 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk Ashland Ave 10:22 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1500Blk 6th St 10:48 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Ocean Ave 11:09 p.m.

Officials investigate California oil sheen near earlier leak

Associated Press

An oil sheen spotted in the ocean near last month's crude pipeline leak off Southern California was likely residual oil from the earlier spill, an official said Sunday.

The U.S. Coast Guard on Saturday dispatched aircraft and boats to investigate the oil sheen measuring about 70 feet (21 meters) by 30 feet (9 meters) off the coast of Orange County.

Coast Guard officials said Saturday night that the sheen had dissipated they would continue monitoring the area.

The Los Angeles Times reported that divers preparing to do a routine inspection of the damaged pipeline noticed small oil droplets near the damaged section, which since the spill has been wrapped in a material called Syntho-Glass. The divers removed the wrap and replaced it with a new one, said Eric Laughlin, a spokesman for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The pipeline has been shut down and no oil has flowed through it since the Oct. 2 spill, Lughlin said Sunday. The oil spotted Saturday was "likely residual," he said.

The sheen was located in the same area where the underwater pipeline owned by Houston-based Amplify Energy leaked up to about 25,000 gallons (94,635 liters) of crude on Oct. 2. Oil washed ashore, tarring the feathers of dozens of birds and leading to rescues of marine mammals.

The impact of the spill was less than initially feared, but it affected local wetlands and wildlife and shut the shoreline in surf-loving Huntington Beach for a week.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Elemental Music and American Youth Symphony launch "Concerts in the Park" series

Elemental Music and American Youth Symphony launch "Concerts in the Park" series Audience members of all ages are invited to join Santa Monica nonprofit Elemental Music and the American Youth Symphony for a music-filled afternoon at Santa Monica's Tongva Park on Sunday, December 5 at 11:30am.

This free, family-friendly "Concert in the Park" is the second in a series of three events being held at parks within the city of Santa Monica during the 2021-22 season. The performance on December 5 will feature a brass quintet from the American Youth Symphony performing lively music and festive holiday selections. There will also be an instrument petting zoo before and after the performance presented by Elemental Music, as well as musical goody bags for the first 75 households in attendance. No advance registration or reservations are required to attend the performances.

Elemental Music celebrates music-making and builds community through exceptional youth programs in Santa Monica and surrounding westside communities. The American Youth Symphony's (AYS) mission is to inspire the future of classical music. To this goal, AYS provides fellowships to virtuosic young adults and presents exceptional, innovative, and free or low-cost concerts to the Los Angeles community. Learn more about AYS at www.AYSymphony.org. Please visit www.elementalmusic.org/outreach for more information about the concert.

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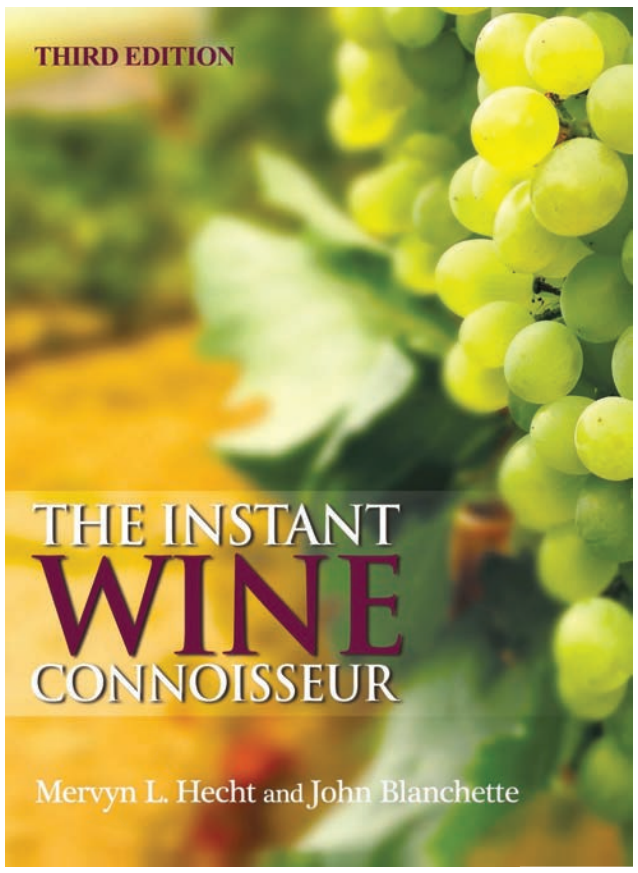
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Beach Yoga SoCal launches friendsgiving promotion to raise awareness for Lupus

Beach Yoga SoCal is celebrating Friendsgiving with a month of gratitude offering unique, beachfront wellness experiences throughout the month of November to raise awareness for Lupus LA. The popular Santa Monica wellness studio is offering a Friendsgiving package of "10 shareable classes for $150" through Nov. 30, with 10% of all profit from Friendsgiving sales being donated to Lupus LA, a leading nonprofit health organization dedicated to finding the causes and a cure for Lupus. Perfect for locals and tourists alike, Beach Yoga SoCal provides daily wellness by the water for all levels while supporting a great cause!

Vee Desai Gomez, Founder and Lead Instructor of Beach Yoga SoCal began teaching yoga after being diagnosed with Lupus, an autoimmune illness five years ago. Vee quickly realized the benefits of yoga and how it helped her cope with her illness. "I am excited to offer our all-levels yoga classes to raise awareness and support Lupus LA, a wonderful organization supporting a cause near and dear to my heart," says Gomez. Vee is also an Autoimmune Coach, and her coaching program is called Immune Strong Coaching.

In addition to the "10 classes for $150" Friendsgiving promotion, Athleta will be sponsoring the BYSC's Signature Beach Flow class on Nov. 28th at 10:30 a.m. and giving away free swag bags and raffling a $100 gift certificate to attendees (while supplies last).

Beach Yoga SoCal (BYSC) offers 25 classes per week for all levels taught by leading West Coast wellness instructors, with a variety of wellness experiences such as yoga, sound baths, meditations, various sunrise and sunset beach flow sessions, restorative slow flow, and sunset Yoga nidra and savasana. Class prices range from 10 classes for $150 (3 months to use and are shareable with family and friends), $25 drop-in, and unlimited $200 (excludes workshops or events). Members get special invites, discounts, events, health happy hours, and more.

Beach Yoga SoCal has two locations directly on the beach in Santa Monica, CA. The first is in front of Perry's Cafe by the water, South of Santa Monica Pier and just North of Lifeguard Tower 26. The second location is North of Santa Monica Pier by Lifeguard Tower 2, in front of the Annenberg Community Beach House. Parking is located at 2600 Barnard Way Santa Monica, CA 90405 for $1/hr, 2 hr Max (lot is on the right). The big lot on the left is all-day parking for $12 per day. Walk towards Perry's Beach Cafe.

Lupus LA is a non-profit health organization dedicated to finding the causes of and a cure for lupus while providing support, services and hope to all who suffer from lupus. We raise funds to support our 3 core areas of focus: medical research, patient services, and awareness and advocacy initiatives. For more info, visit, https://lupusla.org/.

For more information call 424-262-5362 or visit, www.beachyogasocal.com.

Follow Beach Yoga SoCal at @beachyogasocal.

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Citywide

Volunteer opportunities taking place in Santa Monica this week

Thanksgiving week is finally here! Now is the perfect time to support our neighbors who could use some extra help this holiday season.

Many nonprofits and neighborhood groups have organized some inspiring events across the city that still can use your help this week. Check out the list below and you'll be sure to find an opportunity that you and your family can support.

From all of us at Volunteer Collective, we wish you and your family a healthy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER 23rd - Join Pico Union Project in handing out meals to families

On Tuesday, Nov 23, from 2:30pm to 5:00pm, Pico Union Project needs volunteers to hand out meals, hygiene items, and other household necessities to families in the community. Call a friend and ask them to join you for a few hours as you support the great work being done to help families. Live music will make the day one to remember! Sign up at: https://www.picounionproject.org/faithsgiving/

NOVEMBER 24th - Help St Monica's Church to feed hundreds of people

St Monica's Church is hosting a Thanksgiving event which requires a slew of volunteers to support. You can sign up to help manage guests, drop off meals to those unable to attend, or help clean up after the event. All shifts are from 11am - 5pm. Sign up at: https://tinyurl.com/StMonicasThanksgiving

NOVEMBER 24th - Assemble 3,000 food packages for BIG SUNDAY

Our friends at BIG SUNDAY are set to provide packages of food and other necessities for hungry and grateful people all over town. They will have a community breakfast for all volunteers. Wednesday, November 24 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. We'd love you to join us! Learn more at: https://bigsunday.org/get-involved/

Deliver meal kits or meals to Community Corp residents in Santa Monica

Community Corps builds and manages affordable housing for people of modest means in Santa Monica. Contact Tara at tbarauskas@communitycorp.org for more details.

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California COVID: Good case numbers but surge threat remains

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California now has one of the lowest coronavirus infection rates in the country, with 1.9% of people testing positive for the disease in the last week as the nation's most populous state has so far avoided the uptick feared heading into the end-of-year holidays.

Coronavirus hospitalizations in the state have fallen about 14% in the last month — a trend state data models forecast will continue for the next month — but Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday continued to sound the alarm about the potential for another winter spike that could overwhelm hospitals in some areas.

Visiting a coronavirus vaccination clinic in San Francisco, Newsom urged people to wear masks and get COVID shots ahead of the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. He pointed to at least 27 states that have seen at least a 10% increase in cases in the past week.

"Ask the governor of Michigan (or) Colorado how they are doing," Newsom said. "States are struggling because people are taking down their guard or claiming 'mission accomplished.' ... I don't want to see that happen here in California."

Newsom has struck a more cautious tone compared to the spring when he lifted nearly all of California's pandemic restrictions and told people who were vaccinated they could stop wearing masks and socially distancing in some places. But a summer surge prompted some of the state's largest local governments to bring back mask mandates and other restrictions, creating a dizzying patchwork of policies across the state.

Last winter brought the deadliest surge of the pandemic to California and while a repeat isn't expected because so many people are vaccinated the state still could see a lesser surge as people gather indoors for the holidays. That possibility prompted Santa Cruz County to reinstate its mask requirement on Sunday, just a few days after neighboring Monterey County lifted its mandate,

"Unfortunately, a potential winter surge appears to be a significant threat to the health and safety of our community," said Santa Cruz County Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel said in a statement.

Santa Cruz County, located along the coast south of San Francisco, has a per capita infection rate only slightly above the state average. Of California's 58 counties, the ones with the highest rates are nearly all rural and have lower vaccination rates.

Fresno County, an agricultural powerhouse of nearly 1 million people located in the Central Valley, is the most populated county among those in the top 10 for infections per 100,000 people. Los Angeles County, with its more than 10 million residents making up about a quarter of the state's population, has an infection rate that falls in the bottom third.

Los Angeles became the nation's epicenter for the outbreak last winter when California saw its worst surge. Things got so bad that the National Guard had to bring in refrigerated trucks to store bodies at overwhelmed hospitals.

But all of that happened before a coronavirus vaccine was available. Now, more than 75% of people 5 and older in California have gotten at least one dose. For adults 18 and older, more than 91% have received at least one dose. Nearly 5 million people have gotten a booster shot.

Newsom continued to urge parents to get their children vaccinated. While speaking to reporters at the vaccine clinic he was interrupted by a child crying after receiving a shot. He joked that scene wouldn't lead a public service announcement "but it is a very human moment." He then turned to applaud the child.

California plans to require all students in public and private schools to receive the coronavirus vaccine as a requirement for attending in-person classes. But that mandate won't take effect until the federal government gives final approval to the vaccine for children 5 and older.

In the meantime, California requires all public school staff and students to wear masks while indoors. Newsom said state officials might lift that rule once more children are vaccinated.

"The virus will dictate those terms," he said.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 4:05PM

Officers arrived at Ralph's on the 1600 block of Cloverfield regarding a disturbance. The store's security stated that an individual who was now in the parking lot had attempted to steal several items from the location. When security confronted him, the individual proceeded to break and throw items and further began to physically assault one of the security guards. The security guard pepper sprayed the subject and waited for police arrival. Niryn Ahmad Mitchell was arrested for battery.

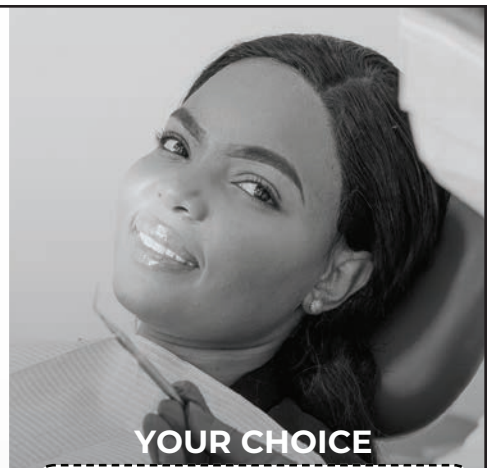
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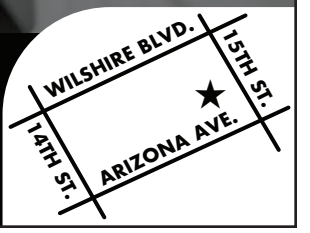
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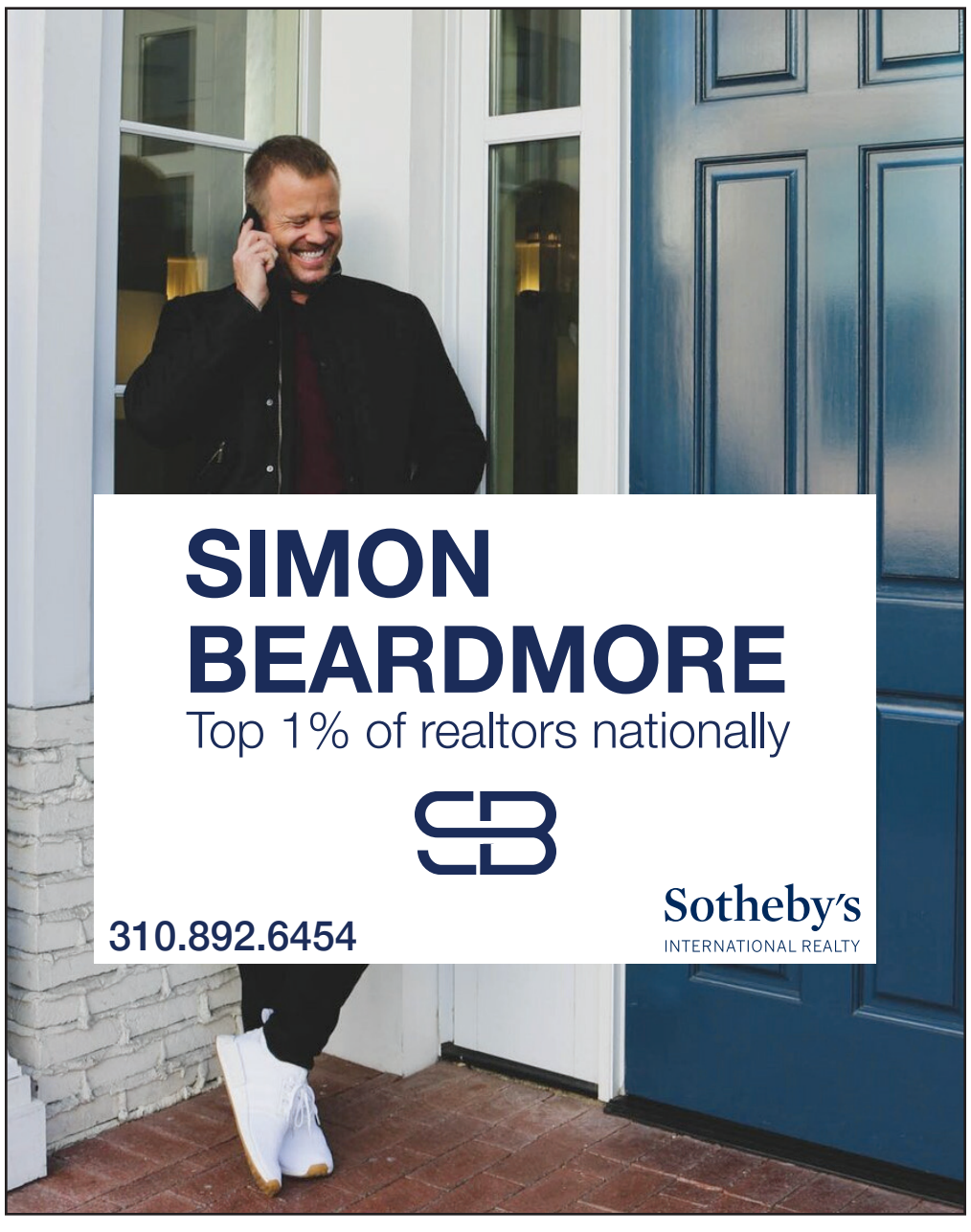
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FAA proposes fines for alcohol-related incidents on planes

Associated Press

Federal officials said Monday they are seeking more than $160,000 in fines from eight airline passengers over incidents involving alcohol.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the biggest single proposed fine, topping $40,000, involves a passenger who brought alcohol on the plane and drank it, smoked marijuana in the lavatory, and sexually assaulted a flight attendant on a Southwest Airlines jet in April.

Police arrested the passenger after the plane from San Jose, California, landed in San Diego, and charged the person with resisting arrest and public intoxication, according to the FAA. The FAA does not have authority to file criminal charges.

The FAA did not identify any of the eight passengers, who face a combined total of $161,823 in civil penalties, although they have the right to contest the allegations. In some cases, airline crews diverted flights to land more quickly because of the passengers' erratic behavior.

The proposed fines represent the latest salvo in the FAA's attempt to crack down on unruly passengers on planes, a problem that became much more common starting in January. Airlines have reported more than 5,000 incidents to the FAA this year.

Most of the incidents have involved passengers refusing to follow the federal requirement for passengers to wear face masks while on planes, but nearly 300 have involved intoxicated passengers, according to the FAA.

COUNCIL

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allocation from DTSM's operating reserves.

Revenues from assessments collected by the City on behalf of DTSM are projected to be $7,038,396 and additional revenues come from special events, filming, and/or holiday events (in lieu of the ice rink this year), activation of Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue along with new activations of Arizona Avenue and Lot 27. Budgeted expenditures for FY 2021-22 include: personnel costs of $1,758,295; organization costs of $481,831; economic development costs of $70,000; marketing costs of $1,951,377; planning, design and infrastructure costs of $924,410; policy and advocacy costs of $89,641; and operational costs of $5,324,044, which includes Ambassador Services in the PBADs and parks of $2,365,434 and maintenance and quality of life expenditures totaling $2,947,609.

REDISTRICTING DISCUSSION

Mayor Sue Himmelrich has submitted a councilmember discussion item to consider sending a letter to the California Redistricting Commission asking that Santa Monica remains districted with beach and Westside cities with similar values and characteristics.

Newly proposed U.S. Congressional District maps group Santa Monica with the San Fernando Valley, moving Santa Monica under the purview of Congressman Brad Sherman. Santa Monica would no longer be in the same congressional district as large portions of West Los Angeles and the South Bay.

Himmelrich seeks to discuss this and alongside the draft changes in the Senate and Assembly District maps.

PLANNING APPEAL

The Oceana Hotel is a 70-room hotel located at 849 Ocean Ave. The hotel was built in 1958 and has an existing restaurant with food and beverage services that can only be offered and available to the hotel's guests and their visitors. The hotel wants to offer food and beverage services in its existing restaurant to members of the general public without increasing in size or capacity. Due to its location, current rules prohibit the hotel from serving non-guests and the company is proposing amendments to those rules that would expand its services to increase the economic viability of the existing restaurant and support one of the hotel's goals of being a local and favorite dining option for the surrounding neighborhood.

The Planning Commission deadlocked 3-3 on part of the proposal and the tie vote caused the Commission to reject the entire idea. The hotel has appealed that decision to Council and staff recommend approving the proposal.

TATTOO RULES

Council will consider easing rules for tattoo shops on the Promenade. Current rules require tattoo shops to receive a Minor Use Permit which is a discretionary permit reviewed by the City's Zoning Administrator. Council directed staff to explore ways to encourage economic growth Downtown and staff have proposed removing the permit requirement and treating tattoo shops in a similar fashion to other beauty businesses such as nail or hair salons. Tattoo shops would still have to adhere to licensing, registration and age requirements.

HOUSING VOUCHERS

Since 2018, the City has seen a 40 percent increase in housing vouchers, new federal resources to respond to the housing crisis, and an expansion of other affordable housing programs Most recently, Santa Monica received an additional allocation of 104 emergency housing vouchers (EHV) from the federal government under the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Staff are asking for revisions to the plans governing EHVs to account for the increased demand and authorizing four new positions needed to administer the new programs. The new positions would be funded solely by federal administrative funds associated with housing vouchers as well as affordable housing loan repayments, affordable housing trust funds and affordable housing compliance monitoring fees. No additional General Fund resources are needed.

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Elizabeth Holmes takes the stand in her criminal fraud trial

MICHAEL LIEDTKE AND BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

Fallen Silicon Valley star Elizabeth Holmes, accused of bamboozling investors and patients about her startup Theranos and its medical device that she said would reshape health care, took the witness stand late Friday in her trial for criminal fraud.

The surprise decision to have Holmes testify so early in her defense came as a bombshell and carries considerable risk. Federal prosecutors, who rested their months-long case earlier on Friday, have made it clear that they're eager to grill Holmes under oath.

Prosecutors aren't likely to get that chance until after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Holmes attorney Kevin Downey told U.S. District Judge Edward Davila that he expects to continue steering her through her story when she returns to the stand Monday and again Tuesday in a San Jose, California, courtroom before the trial breaks until Nov. 29.

Prosecutors called 29 witnesses to support their contention that Holmes endangered patients' lives while also duping investors and customers about Theranos' technology. Among them was Gen. James Mattis, a former U.S. defense secretary and former Theranos board member, who explained how he was first impressed and ultimately disillusioned by Holmes.

They also presented internal documents and sometimes salacious texts between Holmes and her former lover, Sunny Bulwani, who also served as Theranos' chief operating officer. In court documents, Holmes' attorneys have asserted she was manipulated by Balwani through "intimate partner abuse" — an issue that is expected to come up during her ongoing testimony next week.

Until she took the stand Friday, Holmes had sat bolt upright in her chair to the far right of the jury through the trial, impassive even when one-time supporters testified to their misgivings about Theranos.

That combination of compelling testimony and documentary evidence apparently proved effective at convincing Holmes to tell her side of the story to the jury of 10 men and four women (including two alternates) who will ultimately decide her fate. If convicted, Holmes -- now 37 and mother to a recently born son -- could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

Shortly after 3 p.m., Holmes walked slowly to the stand before a rapt courtroom filled with spectators and jurors, all wearing masks.

Maskless behind a transparent barrier, Holmes recounted her early years as a student at Stanford University and her interest in disease detection. That culminated in her decision to drop out of school in 2003 at the age of 19 to found the startup that eventually became Theranos. Holmes said the name was derived from the words "therapy" and "diagnosis".

Holmes said she convinced her parents to let her use her college savings to finance her ambitions to shake up the health care industry. "I started working all the time ... trying to meet people who could help me could build this," Holmes said in a husky voice that became one of her trademarks during Theranos' rise.

As the company took shape, so did its vision. Ultimately Theranos developed a device it called the Edison that could allegedly scan for hundreds of health problems with a few drops of blood. Current tests generally each require a vial of blood, making it both slow and impractical to run more than a handful of patient tests at a time.

Had it worked as promised, the Edison could have revolutionized health care by making it easier and cheaper to scan for early signs of disease and other health issues. Instead, jurors heard recordings of Holmes boasting to investors about purported breakthroughs that later proved to be untrue.

Witness testimony and other evidence presented in the trial strongly suggested that Holmes misrepresented purported deals with major pharmaceutical firms such as Pfizer and the U.S. military while also concealing recurring problems with the Edison.

But the Edison problems didn't become public knowledge until The Wall Street Journal published the first in a series of explosive articles in October 2015. An audit by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services confirmed those problems the following year.

By then, Holmes and Balwani had raised hundreds of millions of dollars from billionaire investors such as media mogul Rupert Murdoch and the Walton family of Walmart and struck deals with Walgreens and Safeway to conduct blood tests in their pharmacies. Those investments at one point valued Theranos at $9 billion, giving Holmes a $4.5 billion fortune — on paper — in 2014.

Evidence presented at trial also revealed that Holmes had distributed financial projections calling for privately held Theranos to generate $140 million in revenue in 2014 and $990 million in revenue in 2015 while also turning a profit. A copy of Theranos' 2015 tax return presented as part of the trial evidence showed the company had revenues of less than $500,000 that year while reporting accumulated losses of $585 million.

Ellen Kreitzberg, a Santa Clara University law professor who has been attending the trial, said she thought the government had made a strong case.

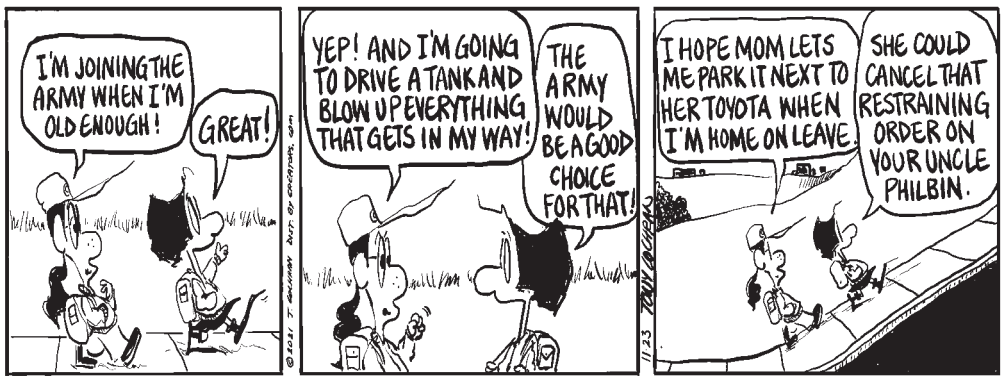
"There's nothing sort of fancy or sexy about this testimony," she said. "The witnesses were very careful in their testimony. None of the witnesses seemed to harbor anger or a grudge against her. And so because of that,

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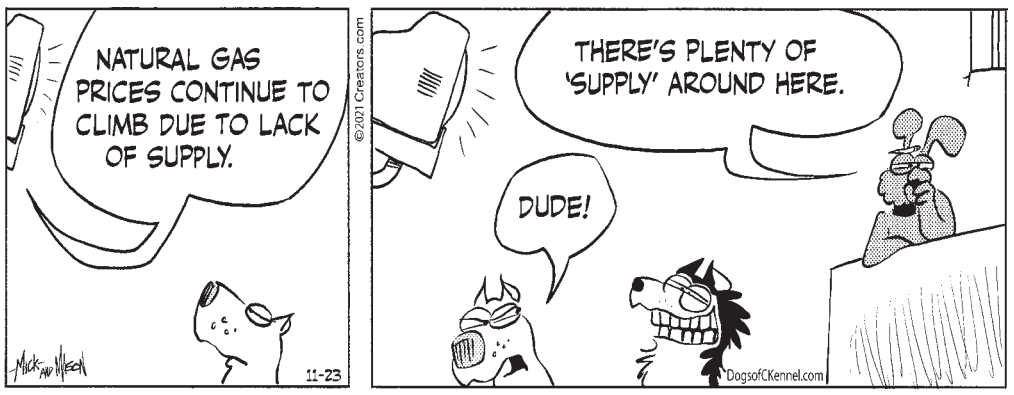
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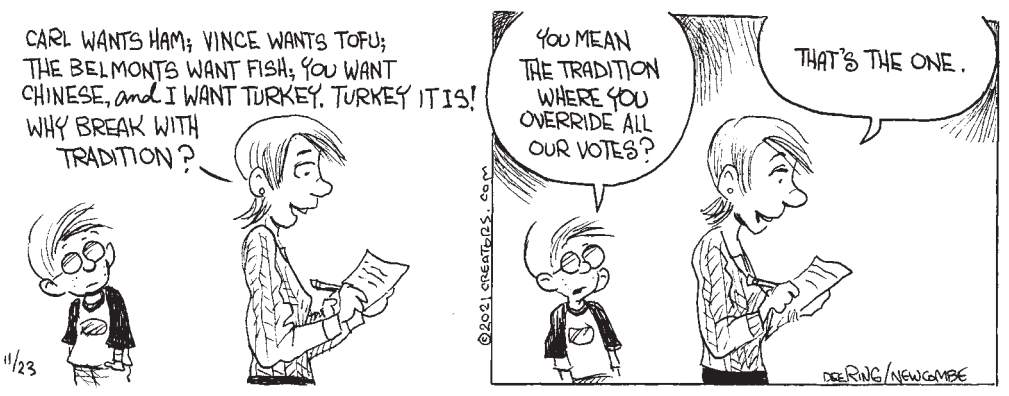
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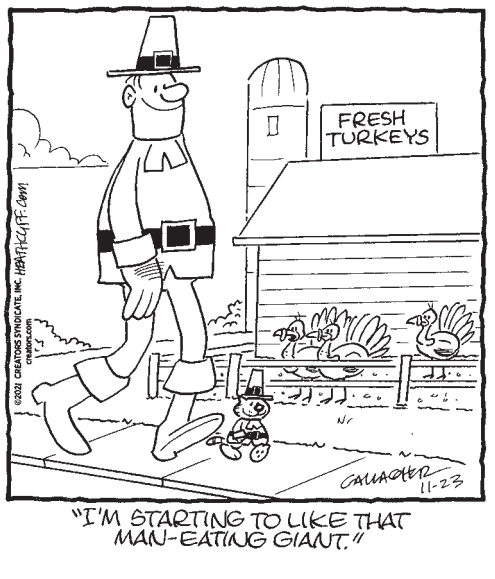
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.2°

TUESDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee high
Even slower than Monday. Looking marginally rideable on the small wave gear. Looks like much lighter wind than the previous days but not much to ride.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Little bump of short period NW swell - should be rideable at the beach breaks and clean. Points are small/flat, especially with the fuller tide most of the day.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/11/23	Tue	12:29 AM	3.24	H
2021/11/23	Tue	03:40 AM	2.93	L
2021/11/23	Tue	10:12 AM	5.30	H
2021/11/23	Tue	6:09 PM	0.20	L
2021/11/24	Wed	01:55 AM	3.23	H
2021/11/24	Wed	04:07 AM	3.15	L
2021/11/24	Wed	10:51 AM	4.98	H
2021/11/24	Wed	7:03 PM	0.39	L
2021/11/25	Thu	11:44 AM	4.61	H
2021/11/25	Thu	8:05 PM	0.53	L
2021/11/26	Fri	04:21 AM	3.66	H
2021/11/26	Fri	07:32 AM	3.46	L
2021/11/26	Fri	1:02 PM	4.24	H
2021/11/26	Fri	9:07 PM	0.60	L
2021/11/27	Sat	04:44 AM	3.99	H
2021/11/27	Sat	09:49 AM	3.08	L
2021/11/27	Sat	2:41 PM	4.00	H
2021/11/27	Sat	9:59 PM	0.64	L
2021/11/28	Sun	05:06 AM	4.40	H
2021/11/28	Sun	10:56 AM	2.39	L
2021/11/28	Sun	4:07 PM	3.94	H

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Power#: 19
Jackpot: 213 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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Jackpot: 83 M

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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 37 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/21
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Draw Date: 11/21
EVENING: 9 4 7
Draw Date: 11/21
MIDDAY: 6 2 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/21
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
Race Time: 1:46.02

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The world tells you of your strengths. You'll home in on your thing, sing out and hit that note until it shatters the glass. Love is an ever-present opportunity, so there's a danger of getting too comfortable. Remind yourself to pursue and build relationships constantly for a well-rounded and soul-fortifying life. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 12, 8, 31 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As the changes unfold, it's not necessary for you to decide if things are moving for better or worse. Move with the flow of life. In time, it will be sorted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll express a position that some will resist. You'll communicate with humor, excellent timing and a light touch as you speak for those who can't speak for themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be careful not to make assumptions about people based on how they look because, in today's case, the preconceived notion will interfere with an effective play in the reality of the moment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Keep yourself entertained. Plan an adventure. Giving yourself something to look forward to will help you have patience in tending with the tedious parts of the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Find a way to live your priorities. Spending the bulk of your time on what's important to you doesn't always seem possible, but you'll figure it out because the alternative would create a chasm of incongruity and mental unrest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People will underestimate you, but you can use this to your advantage. Defying expectation can have you flying under the radar when you need to or creating impressive surprises or other coupes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One of the ways to make success easier for yourself is to stock your life with generous people. Recognize which ones they are. They're usually generous with their feedback. You won't have to try too hard to elicit their reaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Meaningful praise takes crafting. Avoid giving the likely compliment. That which is heard too often has lost potency. Creative twists of phrasing will make stellar impressions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Passion surges. Name your feelings to tame your feelings. Describe what's running through you now and you'll gain a greater sense of control over it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An ambitious mood takes hold. Your energy will make things happen. Plow ahead, acting and doing. Don't stop to ponder or research -- that's for later. Right now, it's fine to stay naive about what is possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). True riches cannot be bought, though you'll find great appeal in what (SET ITAL) can(END ITAL) be purchased. You'll shop to express things such as taste, gratitude and affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You listen to your loved ones, but more than that, you hear the need inside their message as you open your ears and heart to what is being expressed. Your attention will be regarded as a cherished gift.

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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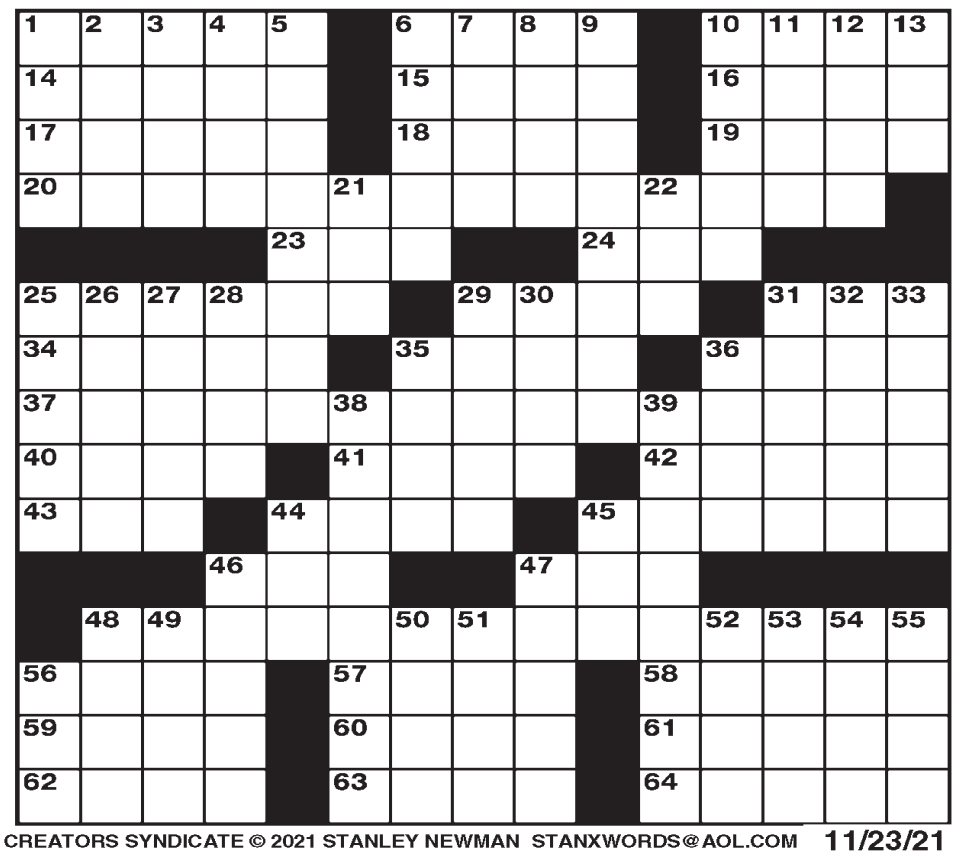
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Potatoes, informally
6 Just sitting around
10 Medical insurance groups: Abbr.
14 Lake near Reno
15 Bird's' nest location
16 *Othello* villain
17 Pleasant smell
18 Fly like an eagle
19 Solid bit of orange juice
20 Prepare dessert
23 Metallic rock
24 Prefix meaning "recent"
25 Natural underground chamber
29 Assist in a crime
31 Cry from a crib
34 Change as needed
35 Highest cards in a deck
36 Scotch and __ (bar drink)
37 Shine up table settings
40 Guitarist Clapton
41 Mystical warning
42 Land for farming
43 Shade of strawberries
44 Beseeched
45 Large Australian city
46 A little peculiar
47 Zodiac feline
48 Prepare a main course
56 Look mopey
57 Dry as a desert
58 Latin American line dance
59 Dog biscuit shape
60 Join the chorus
61 Main sports squad
62 Have top billing
63 Fabric bag with handles
64 Requirements

DOWN
1 Wild guess
2 Prefix for chute or medic
3 Reluctant agreement
4 Bowl-shaped roof
5 Cities with coastal harbors
6 "Who's there?" response
7 Just a __ in the bucket
8 Faucet problem
9 Spooky feeling
10 African beast usually larger than a rhino
11 Island near Oahu
12 Gawk at
13 Soak (up), as gravy
21 Large coffee server
22 Butterfly catcher
25 Zany adventure
26 Be very fond of
27 Logically sound
28 Grand-scale tale
29 Had sore muscles
30 "__ there, done that"
31 Crafted on a loom
32 British singer of "Skyfall"
33 Physically robust
35 "Don't look __ like that!"
36 Skidded
38 Hang on tight
39 "Unless it's not possible"
44 Electronic document format
45 Full collection
46 Of an exterior
47 Shelflike rock
48 Chimney dust
49 __ fish sandwich
50 Duet plus one
51 A little help for the stumped
52 Repetitive learning method
53 __-jerk reaction
54 Quaint "Oh my!"
55 Yellow Thanksgiving veggies
56 TV network with pledge drives



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What's Up Westside
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TUESDAY | NOV 23

WHAT I DID LAST SUMMER
bG Gallery is pleased to present "What I Did Last Summer ", a solo exhibition by artist, Ellen Schinderman. As an artist and feminist, the reclaiming of needle and thread fascinates Ellen. Her work comes from a need to celebrate female pleasure and female bodies. Using images that are often considered pornographic, she recontextualizes them by focusing on and highlighting women as beings that feel and think, rather than objects that arouse. This exhibit will focus on Schinderman's activities during lockdown in Los Angeles during the COVID-19 pandemic. 2525 Michigan Ave, #A2.

WEDNESDAY | NOV 24

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
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SANTA MONICA WHALER'S ENDLESS SUMMER
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DRINKSGIVING UGLY SWEATER BLOCK PARTY
Party the night away before hunkering down for Thanksgiving celebrations. With open bar, drink specials, plus live bands and DJs spinning Top 40s, you'll be celebrating in style. VIP tickets that include 2 drinks start at only $18. VIP+ Open Bar tickets start at only $49! VIP reserved seating and bottle service are also available now. 1460 3rd St Promenade. 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. https://tickets.gotolanea.com/

THURSDAY | NOV 25

SEASIDE CINEMA HOLIDAYS AT LOEWS SANTA MONICA BEACH HOTEL
Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel announces its third annual holiday program, Seaside Holidays. Tis the season for FREE holiday movies...beachside. Seaside Cinema Holidays features timeless classics, seasonal culinary treats, and more. Movies show from 6pm-8pm. November 25: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. 1700 Ocean Ave.

FRIDAY | NOV 26

LITTLE WOMEN, THE BROADWAY MUSICAL
The Morgan-Wixson is thrilled to be back on stage to bring you our 25th Annual Youth Musical. Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, Little Women follows the adventures of sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March who live in New England during the Civil War with their beloved Marmee. Jo is trying to sell her stories to publishers but they are not interested. She takes her friend Professor Bhaer's advice and starts writing about herself and her sisters and their experiences. This timeless, captivating story is brought to life in this glorious musical filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope, and everlasting love. 7:30 p.m. $16 - $25. https://www.morgan-wixson.org/

SAT | NOV 26

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Shop Small is a movement encouraging people to shop at small businesses; millions of individuals, businesses, and communities have embraced it nationwide. Small Business Saturday is celebrated on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and encourages people to shop small. Small Business Saturday has become a permanent fixture on the holiday shopping calendar.

Montana Avenue Merchants Association, Buy Local Santa Monica and Santa Monica Travel & Tourism are proud to be part of the national Small Business Saturday event, organized by American Express. Find the perfect gifts, support your local businesses and enjoy the festivities. Don't miss holiday shopping and sidewalk sales in many small shops in Santa Monica. Come out to Montana Avenue for Small Business Saturday where there will be a street wide sale event with many stores offering specials.

For a list of local businesses visit http://www.buylocalsantamonica.com/

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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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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everything from roast suckling pig, smoked goose, cappelletti in brood di cappone, trifle, the list goes on."

Among the bounty are a few family favorites including a pumpkin soup that has evolved over a couple of generations.

"Over the years, I've tweaked a recipe that my mother-in-law used to serve for Thanksgiving. I just added a few more layers of flavor to an already holiday worthy soup."

He said the soup is a familiar flavor profile that symbolizes the winter season for many people and that using food to trigger that sense of time is a key part of his holiday experience.

"It's critical to have seasonality with holiday cooking," he said. 'It's a great feeling of anticipation. Knowing that a favorite dish is coming right around that corner and that it might be the only time you're going to experience it until next year."

While his table is packed during the winter months, there's one edible tradition noticeably absent.

"I'm not a fan of marshmallows on top of yams. It's a little overkill for me. Save your sweet tooth for the pies," he said.

Blue Streak is offering several options for helping home cooks this season.

Guests are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving by the beach with a festive dinner at Blue Streak Restaurant. A family style menu of traditional turkey Thanksgiving dinner will be served, alongside all of the fixings. The menu is offered at $89 per adult and $35 per child 10 and under. Seating times are 3, 5, and 7 p.m. Discounted valet parking is available.

The restaurant is also offering a la carte to go options including starters, entrees, sides, and desert. (https://www.loewshotels.com/santa-monica/dining)

PUMPKIN SOUP
INGREDIENTS

4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
One 4-pound sugar pie pumpkin
1 medium butternut squash , peeled seeded and diced large
1 large yellow onion, chopped
1 Leek white part only chopped
1 large peeled carrot rough chop
4 large or 6 medium garlic cloves, pressed or minced
½ teaspoon diced fresh ginger
½ teaspoon sea salt
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 star anise, 5 black peppercorn, 1 bay leaf, 2 sprigs thyme
½ cup heavy cream : Can sub with full fat coconut
1 ½ tablespoons honey: Can sub with Maple Syrup
¼ cup pepitas (green pumpkin seeds)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper for easy cleanup. Carefully halve the pumpkin and scoop out the seeds. Feel free to roast the seeds as a snack for later.

Slice each pumpkin halve in half to make quarters. Brush or rub 1 tablespoon olive oil over the flesh of the pumpkin and place the quarters, cut sides down, onto the baking sheet. Roast for 35 minutes or longer, until the orange flesh is easily pierced through with a fork. Set it aside to cool for a few minutes.

Heat the remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Once the oil is shimmering, add onion, garlic, carrot and leek to the skillet. Stir to combine. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, about 8 to 10 minutes. In the meantime, peel the pumpkin skin off the pumpkins and discard the skin.

Add the pumpkin flesh, diced butternut squash, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, Epaulette pepper , and a few twists of freshly ground black pepper. Use your stirring spoon to break up the pumpkin a bit. Pour in the broth and add the sachet Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until the butternut squash and carrots are sift (about 15 minutes)

While the soup is cooking, toast the pepitas in a medium skillet over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until fragrant, golden

Once the pumpkin mixture is done cooking, stir in the heavy cream and honey. Remove the soup from heat and let it cool slightly. You can use an immersion blender to blend this soup in the pot. I prefer to use my stand blender, which yields the creamiest results—working in batches, transfer the contents of the pan to a blender (do not fill your blender past the maximum fill line!). Securely fasten the blender's lid and use a kitchen towel to protect your hand from steam escaping from the top of the blender as you purée the mixture until smooth. Transfer the puréed soup to a serving bowl and repeat with the remaining batches.

Taste and adjust if necessary. (More cream if you want it thinner)

Ladle the soup into individual bowls. Sprinkle pepitas over the soup and serve. Let leftover soup cool completely before transferring it to a proper storage container and refrigerating it for up to 4 days (leftovers taste even better the next day!). Or, freeze this soup for up to 3 months.

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TRIAL

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they were very powerful witnesses."

Other witnesses called by the government included two former Theranos lab directors who repeatedly warned Holmes that the blood-testing technology was wildly unreliable. Prosecutors also questioned two part-time lab directors, including Balwani's dermatologist, who spent only a few hours scrutinizing Theranos' blood-testing technology during late 2014 and most of 2015. Holmes' lawyers noted that part-time lab directors were allowed under government regulations.

Other key witnesses included former employees of Pfizer, former Safeway CEO Steve Burd and a litany of Theranos investors, including a representative for the family investment firm of former education secretary Betsy DeVos. The DeVos family wound up investing $100 million.

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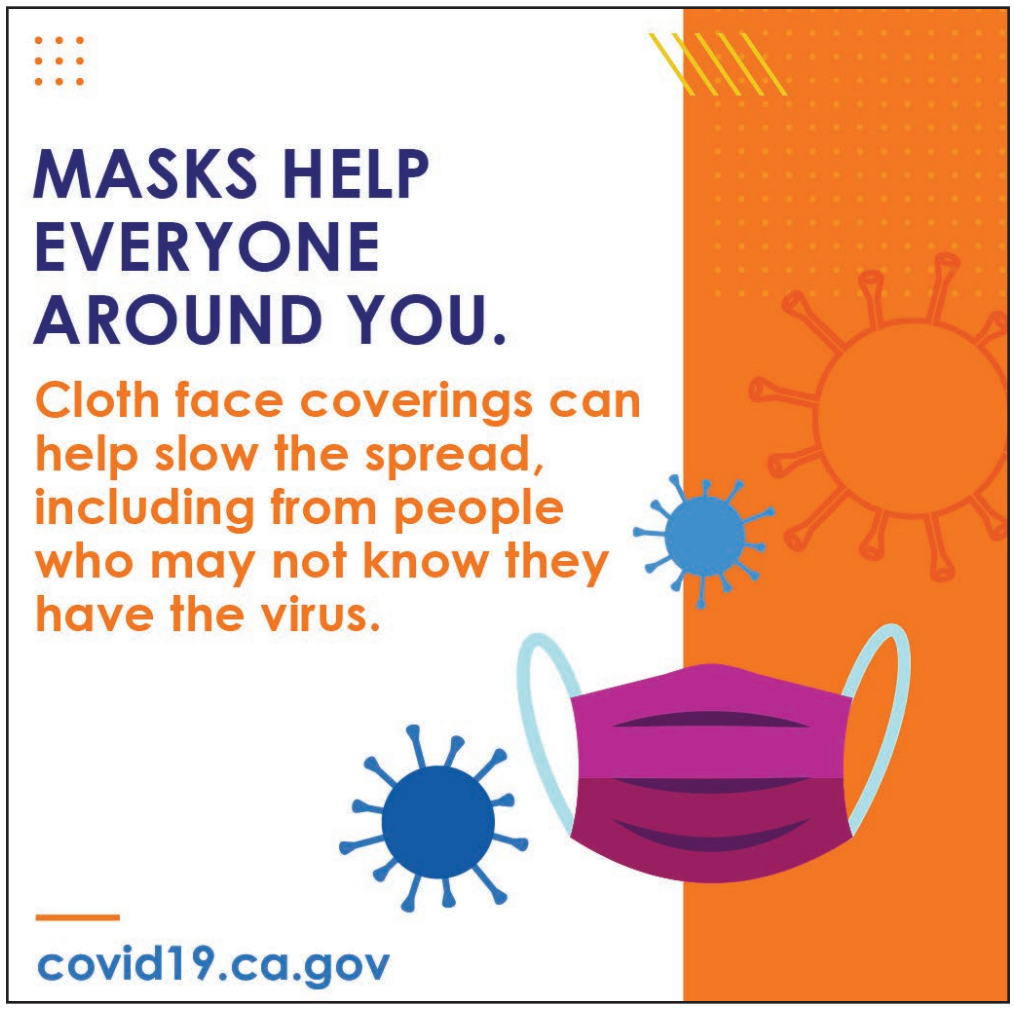
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