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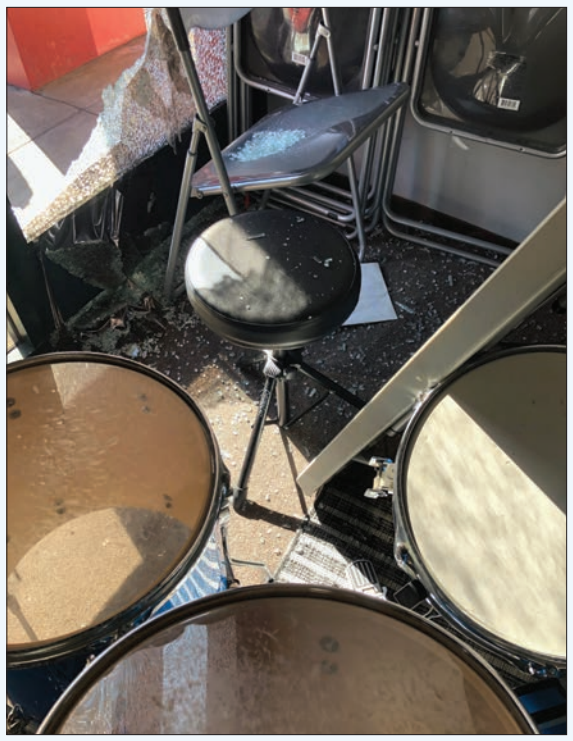
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Councilwoman's family business broken into and robbed, again





Courtesy photo

CRIME: City Councilwoman Lana Negrete's business the Santa Monica Music Center was robbed on Nov. 23

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

On the heels of a Sept. 16 break-in and robbery, the Santa Monica Music Center was hit again on Tuesday morning with a man throwing a fire extinguisher through a window and an accomplice entering and stealing multiple guitars.

For Co-owner and City Councilwoman Lana Negrete, the recent incidents add insult to injury, as her store is still recovering from last year's one-two punch of pandemic-related closures and massive property damage due to the May 31 riots.

Camera footage from the most recent incident shows a man in a black and white check hoodie smashing the Santa Monica Blvd. facing the window of the store at 2:39 a.m. Another man then entered the store through the window and stole two electric guitars, a bass guitar and some smaller musical tools.

Negrete discovered the break-in later in the morning and contacted SMPD Lieutenant Rudy Flores, who called dispatch for an additional officer. The crime scene was examined and the extinguisher was taken for fingerprinting and processing.

According to Flores, detectives are scrutinizing the footage and a Neighborhood Resource Officer will review the storefront to create a plan for crime prevention through environmental design.

"They look at pretty much everything from landscape to lighting to cameras, and then try to see how we can harden the target to minimize the chance of a crime occurring there," said Flores.

The stolen instruments had been donated to the store a few days prior by Guitar Center in order to support Negrete's non-profit organization, Outreach Through The Arts, which provides free music lessons to children from low-income families in the SMMUSD community.

"He literally stole the donated instruments for the kids that we just put up three days ago, because we're having auditions for our rock band for these kids that can't afford an instrument," said Negrete. "The whole point is so that these kids can have their own instruments."

Overall, Negrete said the

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For Rams/Chargers, it's showtime

HOLDEN GERING
SMDP Intern

After enduring a 21-year NFL drought, it's no wonder LA football fans are excited about potentially having two teams in the playoffs. However, both the LA Rams and LA Chargers need to shake off their mid-season hiccups to ensure they make it into the postseason.

The Chargers (6-4) did their part last Sunday in a crucial primetime game against the Pittsburgh Steelers (5-4-1) at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood. The return of fearsome defensive lineman Joey Bosa combined with the sparkling play of star quarterback Justin Herbert led the Chargers to a 41-37 victory. Herbert's 382 yards of passing produced three touchdowns with electrifying running back Austin Ekeler being on the receiving end of two. Ekeler ran for another two TDs to finish the day with four, his most ever. The Chargers racked up a gaudy 533 yards of total offense,

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Fig Culinary Director talks holiday cheer and shares his signature pizelle recipe



Courtesy photo

FEAST: Fig is offering dine in and to-go offerings on Thanksgiving

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Jason Pendergast, Culinary Director at Fig Restaurant is a big fan of the holidays. In fact, the only thing he doesn't like about the season is that it's a season.

"The only thing I loathe is pulling down the Christmas decorations and putting it away," he said.

December is a busy time for the household with multiple kids' birthdays leading into the big celebration itself, but Pendergast doesn't just tolerate the personal and professional chaos, he actually idolizes it a little.

"My favorite movie is Christmas

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EMS 1300Blk 17th St 12:33 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 800Blk Bay St 1:01 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 1:07 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk 4th St 2:57 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 4th St 3:46 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:54 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:50 a.m.
Flooded Condition 16th St / California Ave 7:27 a.m.
EMS 2900Blk Olympic Blvd 8:28 a.m.
EMS Main St / Ashland Ave 8:37 a.m.
EMS 2300Blk Kansas Ave 10:01 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Ocean Ave 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 14th St 10:38 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Princeton St 10:44 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 800Blk Broadway 11:09 a.m.
Wires Down 1900Blk 19th St 11:23 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Ocean Ave 11:34 a.m.
EMS 300Blk California Ave 11:45 a.m.
EMS 500Blk 11th St 11:55 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:36 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Idaho Ave 12:46 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk Alta Ave 1:26 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 2:27 p.m.
Wires Down 2200Blk Pico Blvd 4:31 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 15th St 4:49 p.m.
Flooded Condition 2200Blk Main St 5:11 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Marine St 5:36 p.m.
EMS 15th St / Montana Ave 5:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2900Blk Nebraska Ave 6:44 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 7:06 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600Blk Arizona Ave 8:36 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:30 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Ocean Ave 11:04 p.m.

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City of Santa Monica

**City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2684 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2684 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2684 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Santa Monica Municipal Code section 7.04.610 ("Section 7.04.610") to clarify sewer capping requirements for new development projects within the City. The City's Water Resources Division operates and maintains the City's wastewater infrastructure, including over 150 miles of wastewater collection pipes throughout the City. The amendment to Section 7.04.610 clarifies that private sanitary sewer laterals need to be capped at the property line temporarily for new construction and must be removed at the main sewer line if these sewer laterals are to be abandoned.

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Ordinance Number 2685 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

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The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2685 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2685 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends the Santa Monica Municipal Code by adding Section 5.46 to comply with the Short – lived Climate Pollutant Act of 2016 ("SB 1383"). SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to adopt and enforce an ordinance to reduce organic waste disposal at the State's landfills. By adding Section 5.46 to the Code, the City will implement the SB 1383 regulations by including provisions for three-container organic waste collection services; imposing organic waste and container contamination minimization requirements on residential and commercial organic waste generators; imposing organic waste hauling and food recovery requirements on certain commercial generators; and allowing the City to enforce the provisions of Section 5.46 through notices of violation, penalties, and any other remedies available at law. Consistent with the SB 1383 regulations, Section 5.46 also allows de minimis and physical space waivers. Section 5.46 will be effective on January 1, 2022.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 290 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 22

Sexual Assault 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:04 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1300Blk 14th St 12:09 a.m.
Trespassing 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 12:14 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 100Blk California Ave 3:45 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1100Blk 12th St 5:31 a.m.
Trespassing 800Blk 18th St 5:40 a.m.
Trespassing 1300Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:47 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 5:53 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:02 a.m.
Trespassing 300Blk Montana Ave 6:31 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:43 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:55 a.m.
Trespassing 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:21 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1400Blk 17th St 7:26 a.m.
Trespassing 1200Blk 7th St 7:29 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1700Blk Montana Ave 7:35 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1600Blk 11th St 7:47 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200Blk Ocean Ave 7:58 a.m.
Arson 800Blk Pico Blvd 8:10 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 31st St / Pico Blvd 8:13 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 5th St / Arizona Ave 8:43 a.m.
Petty Theft Report Main St / Bay St 8:46 a.m.
Trespassing 1800Blk 9th St 8:50 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200Blk 7th St 9:22 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2600Blk Kansas Ave 9:27 a.m.
Trespassing 1100Blk 6th St 9:29 a.m.
Trespassing 00Blk Marine Ter 9:32 a.m.
Trespassing 3100Blk 18th St 9:33 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2600Blk Kansas Ave 9:35 a.m.
Burglary Report 800Blk 23rd St 10:06 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 100Blk Broadway 10:09 a.m.
Bomb Threat 300Blk Colorado Ave 10:18 a.m.
Fraud Report 1600Blk Franklin St 10:26 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 400Blk California Ave 10:31 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 400Blk California Ave 11:04 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600Blk Wellesley Dr 11:19 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:24 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1600Blk Montana Ave 11:32 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1700Blk Ocean Ave 11:49 a.m.
Trespassing 1200Blk 12th St 11:50 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:50 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1100Blk 5th St 12:31 p.m.
Trespassing Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 12:59 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1000Blk 5th St 1:05 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1300Blk 7th St 1:12 p.m.
Trespassing 800Blk 6th St 1:23 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 800Blk Palisades Park 1:26 p.m.
Trespassing 800Blk Broadway 1:29 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 900Blk 3rd St 1:44 p.m.
Encampment 500Blk Colorado Ave 1:59 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2200Blk Colorado Ave 2:08 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:08 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2200Blk Colorado Ave 2:23 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1200Blk 7th St 2:24 p.m.
Battery Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:26 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 700Blk Arizona Ave 2:27 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 3100Blk Arizona Ave 2:34 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:35 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 200Blk California Ave 2:50 p.m.
Trespassing 2400Blk Pico Blvd 2:55 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2400Blk 20th St 3:24 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2200Blk Virginia Ave 3:28 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:32 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 800Blk 20th St 3:34 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 3300Blk Olympic Blvd 3:37 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2300Blk 28th St 3:38 p.m.
Encampment 1000Blk 3rd St 3:42 p.m.
Battery Report Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 4:03 p.m.
Trespassing 2100Blk Colorado Ave 4:03 p.m.
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Disturbance Of The Peace 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:23 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:27 p.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk 4th St 5:29 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1400Blk 21st St 5:31 p.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk 4th St 5:35 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 15th St / Montana Ave 5:38 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 700Blk Colorado Ave 5:43 p.m.
Trespassing 2700Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:00 p.m.
Fight Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 6:25 p.m.
Trespassing 2100Blk 4th St 6:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2900Blk Nebraska Ave 6:44 p.m.
Battery Report 2200Blk 4th St 6:46 p.m.

LA luxury mall latest to be hit by smash-and-grab thieves

EUGENE GARCIA AND OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

A group of thieves smashed windows at a department store at a luxury mall in Los Angeles, triggering a police pursuit just days after high-end stores throughout the San Francisco Bay Area were targeted.

The latest incident in a national trend of smash-and-grab crimes targeted a Nordstrom store at The Grove retail and entertainment complex. It came as the country's largest consumer electronics chain said that an increase in organized theft was taking a toll on its bottom line.

Workers covered a large broken window at the Nordstrom with black plywood on Tuesday morning as security guards came in and out of the store. Passersby were allowed inside the retailer ahead of the upcoming Black Friday shopping weekend.

The thieves struck around 10:40 p.m. Monday, said Officer Drake Madison, a Los Angeles Police Department spokesman. Officers pursued an SUV involved in the crime and the chase ended in South Los Angeles with three people taken into custody, he said. The number of people involved in the crime was not known, Madison said.

The Grove incident followed a weekend of similar smash-and-grab thefts in the San Francisco Bay Area and Beverly Hills.

Groups of thieves, some carrying crowbars and hammers, smashed glass cases and window displays and ransacked high-end stores in brazen organized theft throughout the Bay Area, stealing jewelry, sunglasses, suitcases and other merchandise before fleeing in waiting cars.

The thefts are believed to be part of sophisticated criminal networks that recruit mainly young people to steal merchandise in stores throughout the country and then sell it in online marketplaces. Experts and law enforcement officials say the thefts are ratcheting up as the holiday shopping season gets underway.

The National Retail Federation said a recent survey found stores are seeing an increase in organized thefts and perpetrators being more aggressive.

The electronics chain Best Buy on Tuesday cited organized theft as one of the reasons for a decline in gross profit margin in the third quarter.

"We are definitely seeing more and more particularly organized retail crime and incidents of shrink in our locations," Best Buy CEO Corie Barry told analysts during a conference call Tuesday. "This is a real issue that hurts and scares real people."

Barry told reporters during a separate call that the company is seeing organized theft increase across the country, but particularly in San Francisco. She said the company is hiring security guards and working with its vendors on creative ways to stage the product.

Yet loss prevention agents and security guards are generally trained not to engage with thieves, said mall and retail security expert David Levenberg. They are not trained or equipped to pursue or subdue suspects and the likelihood of violence is too great; instead they are supposed to "observe and report."

"The value of the merchandise is not worth somebody being injured or killed," he said.

The weekend robberies started in San Francisco Friday around 8 p.m., when packs of people broke into stores including Louis Vuitton, Burberry and Bloomingdale's in the downtown area and in Union Square, a posh shopping district popular with tourists that was teeming with holiday shoppers.

Videos of the chaotic scene posted on social media by witnesses showed police officers dragging one suspect from a waiting car and people running with merchandise in their arms or dragging suitcases.

The flash mobs are usually organized by local people who recruit their crews and send them to steal specific merchandise requested by criminal organizations throughout the country, said Ben Dugan, president of the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail.

Those who do the stealing get paid between $500 and $1,000 to take as much as they can and bring it back to organizers who ship it to other parts of the country.

"Crew bosses organize them, they'll give him the crowbars, and in some cases even rent them cars, or provide them with escape routes or a list of products to actually go out and steal. It looks very chaotic but it's actually very well organized," Dugan said.

"We're not talking about someone who needs money or needs food. These are people who go out and do this is for high profit, and for the thrill," he said.

In some cases, though, the thieves may be copycats rather than people working with organized networks, Levenberg said. He said the thieves may be thinking: "'Did you see what happened in San Francisco? Let's go to the Grove and do it.'"

And while smash-and-grab thefts are occurring nationwide, Levenberg said cities with progressive prosecutors — like Los Angeles and San Francisco — are especially hard-hit because the consequences for perpetrators are not as harsh as in other cities.

"The consequences are minimal and the profits are substantial," said Levenberg, founder of Florida-based Center Security Services.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday that his office met with retailers over the weekend who asked for more police patrols.

He said increased enforcement would start immediately "in and around areas that are highly trafficked and coming into the holiday season Black Friday in shopping malls."

Retailers lose about $65 billion each year to organized theft, the bulk stolen by professional thieves, Dugan said.

Last week, fourteen suspects went into a Louis Vuitton store in Oak Brook, a Chicago suburb, pulled large plastic bags from their coats and filled them with clothing and other items, stealing more than $120,000 in merchandise, police said.

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No sanctions over deficiencies at California virus test lab

Associated Press

California's new coronavirus testing laboratory won't face sanctions for what state officials had called "significant deficiencies" that a whistleblower said threatened the accuracy of its results, authorities said Monday.

The Valencia Branch Laboratory was found to have problems with training and record-keeping but authorities couldn't substantiate reports stemming from a whistleblower that the lab destroyed data or documents, according to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

The problems found were "routinely found in laboratory inspections," the department said.

"All deficiencies were addressed and there was no impact to the integrity of the tests processed at the laboratory" so sanctions won't be imposed, the agency said.

The $25 million lab opened in October 2020 north of Los Angeles. In a preliminary report, the state said a fraction of 1% of the more than 1.5 million tests processed had problems.

The health department's Laboratory Field Services division issued a notice last month of its intent to impose sanctions but just 10 days later the state renewed a $1.7-billion no-bid contract to operate the lab with Massachusetts-based diagnostics company PerkinElmer.

The sanctions threat was withdrawn earlier this month because authorities said PerkinElmer had corrected problems.

In a statement, PerkinElmer said it had worked with the state public health department to address concerns and was pleased that the laboratory had been found in "full compliance" with state laws and regulations.

"This is further evidence that PerkinElmer and CDPH remain steadfastly focused on operating a best-in-class laboratory for the benefit of California residents," the statement said.

The automatic contract renewal was permitted out of concern that winter may bring another COVID-19 surge, the public health department said. It noted that the state still has the right to end the contract without cause if it chooses.

Inspectors had partly blamed problems at the lab on the rapid ramp-up they required from the operator. The state pushed for it at a time when it was often difficult to get COVID-19 tests, which were sometimes delayed until the results were relatively useless because they came too late.

In addition to a routine inspection, the department looked into whistleblower allegations of incompetence and mismanagement, including reports of workers sleeping on the job.

Records obtained by CBS13 TV in Sacramento alleged problems including swapped samples, inconclusive tests caused by contamination, and inaccurate results sent to patients.

The lab has sued the whistleblower for violating a confidentiality agreement.

The lab also remains under federal investigation.

The public health department also praised the laboratory saying it had played a "critical role" by increasing the availability of testing for people considered at high risk of COVID-19, including essential workers, those in care homes and disadvantaged and minority neighborhoods.

"The laboratory has performed more than 5.5 million tests on samples from a network of more than 4,700 specimen collection sites developed with churches, schools, clinics, essential workplaces and community-based organizations," a department statement said.

Newsom names energy adviser as state's top utility regulator

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has named his senior adviser on energy policy as the next president of the powerful state body that regulates utilities.

Alice Reynolds is set to lead the five-member California Public Utilities Commission beginning Dec. 31, taking over a job that includes oversight of Pacific Gas & Electric and other electric utilities as they grapple with wildfire safety and the use of intentional power shutoffs to prevent blazes in the nation's most populous state. Her appointment requires confirmation from the state Senate, but that's often a formality that comes after the person is already in the job.

The commission also has control over telecommunications, rail, water and transportation companies such as Uber and Lyft.

Reynolds replaces Marybel Batjer, who is retiring after taking the job in 2019. Batjer came to the position with experience leading government agencies but did not have a background in energy policy.

Reynolds, in contrast, has been deeply engaged on key issues before the California Public Utilities Commission, including 2019 legislation that required major utilities to spend billions on safety improvements and created a $21 billion fund those utilities could tap to help pay claims from catastrophic fires. The legislation came as PG&E was in the midst of bankruptcy proceedings following its role in sparking a deadly 2018 wildfire.

"Alice has been indispensable in our work to move California toward a cleaner, affordable and reliable energy future, navigate the bankruptcy of the state's largest investor-owned utility and accelerate the state's progress toward meeting our clean energy goals," Newsom said in a statement.

Before serving as Newsom's senior adviser on energy, Reynolds held a similar role for former Gov. Jerry Brown. She also served as deputy secretary for law enforcement and general counsel for the state's Environmental Protection Agency from 2011 to 2017.

"She's highly qualified to sit in the seat. The question is how she's going to deal with the utilities and whether she'll be really tough on them," said Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog, an organization that often spars with the commission.

Court and Mark Toney, executive director of The Utility Reform Network, another group that regularly interacts with the commission, noted the CPUC is supposed to operate independently of the governor's office. But its commissioners, like Reynolds, often have close ties to the executive branch.

"We want to remind her that the CPUC commissioners have to make decisions for the public interest independently of what the governor may want," Toney said.

On Monday, the commission issued $7.5 million in fines to PG&E for safety code violations. It found the utility failed to properly inspect and repair a transmission line in Sausalito between 2009 and 2018 and failed to inspect all of its distribution poles in 2019.

Beyond monitoring utility safety inspections, the commission has a hand in regulating when utilities can shut off power during high-risk wildfire weather, as well as their transition to clean energy.

Reynolds, in her role in the Newsom administration, has been actively engaged on most policies related to the energy sector. That includes the closure of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, efforts to decarbonize California buildings and the state's broader transition to clean energy.

"She has unmatched expertise on California energy issues," Victoria Rome, director of California Government Affairs at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Spokespeople for Newsom's office and the CPUC did not respond to requests for an interview with Reynolds. The job pays nearly $230,000 a year.

Trucker arrested in record-breaking drug seizure at border

Associated Press

A trucker from Mexico was arrested after trying to smuggle record-breaking amounts of methamphetamine and fentanyl into the U.S., federal prosecutors said.

More than 17,500 pounds (7,930 kilograms) of meth and 389 pounds (176 kilograms) of fentanyl were discovered last Thursday hidden inside a tractor-trailer at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry in San Diego, according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The seizures are the largest of either drug in the U.S. for both 2020 and 2021, the statement said.

Carlos Martin Quintana-Arias, a Mexican citizen, faces federal drug charges. It wasn't known Monday if he has an attorney.

The driver's manifest indicated his truck contained auto body parts, but "anomalies" were detected in the trailer by both an X-ray machine and a drug-sniffing dog, according to the statement.

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LOCAL HOLIDAY PARTY SUGGESTIONS

Thanksgiving week is one of my favorite times of the year, right up there with the Christmas week leading into New Year's. The city gets quiet as people fly off to go ski in Aspen or swim in Cabo San Lucas. This is a marvelous week for the local businesses like Bay Cities, when chefs will be cramming in grabbing their Italian delicacies for the Thanksgiving dinner feasts.

As a boy I remember heading to the top of Mulholland for the feasts put on by my cousin Roger. It's where I first learned to be a bartender at 12 – I recall my cousin Billy paying me to give him what were probably, horribly mixed alcoholic drinks. Ah, the beginnings of an entrepreneur – we make so many mistakes. But the true entrepreneur will stick with it and fight through the messes.

We have so many little shops in Santa Monica that are the product of hardscrabble entrepreneurs. This holiday season we should try to patronize them a bit more than usual to help them get through the end of the year and start of 2022 on the right foot.

When you are entertaining this year, putting out a nice charcuterie board with a selection of cured meats, cheeses, fruits and nuts is a great way to set a tone for a welcoming environment in your home where you don't have to do too much. A board is a pretty simple thing to put together, a quick trip through the deli section at the Co-Op and you'll have a nice selection of products. But, if you're strapped for time, or creativity, I'd suggest you ring up Lady and Larder at 828 Pico and have them build and deliver a custom board for your party. Their creations are gorgeous, their reputation is amazing and they've been around for years so you can trust them to deliver the goods.

Another local superstar retail outlet is Andrew's Cheese Shop on Montana Ave. and Lincoln Ave. next to Menchie's. Andrew's is known for its wide selection of flavorful and aromatic cheeses, meats and delicacies. I've stopped in for their premade sandwiches and never been disappointed. The staff is highly knowledgeable and I dare you to go in and not buy something – I know I can't.

While you're prepping for your party, you might want to do a run through Wally's Wines on Wilshire at 2nd, they do charcuterie boards as well. Their wine selection is huge and if you have questions about what to pair with your menu, they can certainly help guide you in the right direction.

If you're looking for that centerpiece to your meal, whether it's a turkey or a prime rib, you might want to check out A Cut Above Butcher Shop on Santa Monica Blvd. and 24th St. for something that is not your usual Gelson's or Ralph's fare. Maybe you want to have those Tomahawk steaks or a frenched prime rib or lamb chops for your family – you can get it here. This great butcher shop is on Santa Monica Blvd next to Vito's Pizza.

What would any holiday dinner be without some amazing desserts? Of course I'm gonna say that you should check out Rocco's Cheesecake if you're a cheesecake fan (and who isn't?). For those who are looking for something a bit more traditional, there's Sweet Lady Jane on Montana, La Monarca on Wilshire and Vanilla Bake Shop on Wilshire. If you want something a bit different, lighter and vegan, try out the Frozen Fruit Company on Montana across from Andrew's Cheese Shop. They have amazing flavors and combinations and for those with a sweet tooth like mine, it's a winner.

When you're entertaining, or even just decorating your home for your family, it's always nice to have fresh flowers and plants to bring a splash of color. On that front, I'd suggest that you check out Sammy's Blossoms on Pico and Euclid (www.sammysblossom.com) to have a hometown boy prepare your floral arrangements and make your home feel a bit brighter.

All in all, we have lots of options for our holiday partying this year and we should take advantage of all of it! I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyful holiday season.

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US citizen sues after month-long immigration detention

Associated Press

An American man filed a lawsuit alleging the U.S. government Monday held him for more than a month in immigration detention even though he was a U.S. citizen.

Brian Bukle, 61, sued in federal court alleging he was unfairly kept in an immigration detention facility when he should have been freed after serving a prison sentence in California.

Bukle, who was born in the British Virgin Islands, was transferred to the custody of U.S. immigration authorities in June 2020 after serving a sentence for assault and possession of a firearm, according to Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, one of the organizations representing him.

He said he repeatedly told authorities he was American but was rebuffed by immigration agents, according to the suit. Bukle, who derived citizenship when he was 9 and his parents naturalized, was sent to the Mesa Verde Detention Facility in Central California for more than a month until an attorney got immigration authorities to verify his citizenship status and release him.

"After I served my sentence I thought I would be going home to see my son for Father's Day," Bukle, of Corona, California, said in a statement. "Instead, I came this close to being deported and losing everything, a nightmare that has stayed with me to this day."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement declined to discuss pending litigation.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages. It said Bukle remains anxious and depressed and suffers nightmares about being deported.

The suit also raises questions about the reliability of databases used by U.S. officials to determine whether someone can be deported from the country. The databases are especially unreliable for people who derived citizenship through their parents when they were young, the suit said.

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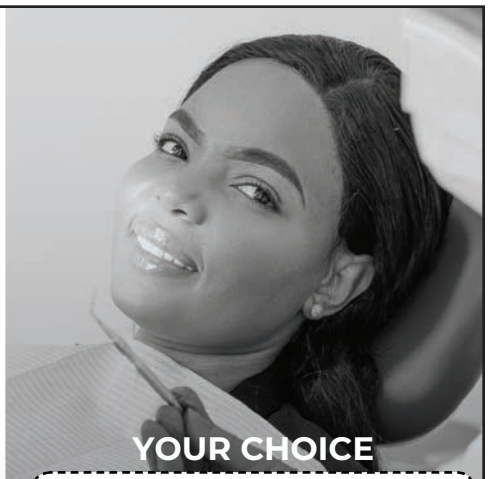
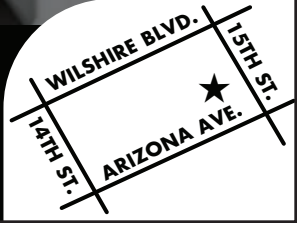
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 4:35PM

Officers responded to a call about a battery on the corner of 17th and Santa Monica Blvd. The victim relayed that she was homeless and that a woman pushing a cart had approached her and thrown a milkshake at her. As she walked away, the subject followed and hit her with a bike chain. The victim sought assistance from passersby and the subject walked away. The victim was treated for her injuries and Shanola Shatale Webb was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

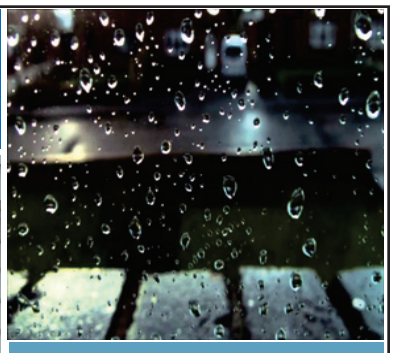
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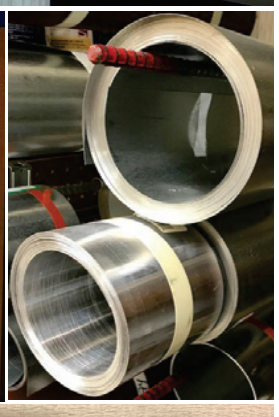
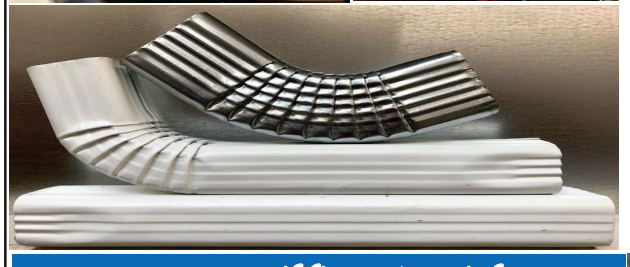
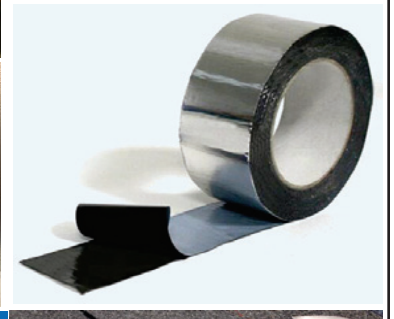
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THANKFUL: Music, the beach -- SANTA MONICA!

HOORAY FOR THANKSGIVING!

For so many reasons. Family. Turkey. Health. Hoops (Lakers, Bruins, and my own miserable playground game). Peace. Sunny skies. Freedom. Mashed potatoes and gravy (that's my girl).

And right in front of me -- the opportunity, with this column, to dispel the myth that I am a curmudgeon, Negative Nellie, no-growth NIMBY whiner, fatalist cynic Santa Monica hater. I am not any of those things.

No indeed, I love Santa Monica and I love everybody. Everybody. Honest. Just ask God. But I rail against some of the very bad things those good people do.

Charles! I often hear -- Why don't you write about all the good things happening here? To read your CURIOUS CITY column, one would think Santa Monica is hell on earth.

Have you ever heard the journalism maxim: Dog bites man, not news, but man bites dog... Many of those good things about our wonderful beach city do make it onto the pages of the Santa Monica Daily Press, the paper of record for the last 20 years. But newspaper columns, especially politically oriented ones, are not made for cheerleading so much as the opportunity to expose the hidden, denied, dark underbelly of society, to try by exposure to right the wrongs. It's not pretty work but somebody's got to do it. (Thank you, Bill Bauer.)

SO MUCH STILL TO LOVE ABOUT SM

Tree lined residential thoroughfares (but we do need more green space), from the wide streets north of Montana to cozy Sunset Park. With many historic, century-old homes, north to south.

Palisades Park! What a gift, from our founding fathers. The view of the outstretched ocean, the unique landscaping. Not many like it in the world.

Our beach! What a beach! Wide and long, stretching as far as the eye can see. You could ride your bike the whole way, Malibu to Palos Verdes. The whole world comes to

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CURIOUS CITY

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experience it. I don't myself visit the water's edge that often but when I do I love it, and it is always there, my front yard sandbox. Every time I drive home, up over the Ocean Park hill from Lincoln, I get a glimpse of that infinite blue Pacific, and I am thankful for that in my life.

Palm trees! I know they aren't native but I love them. What wondrous creatures, stretching so tall and thin like green feather-topped sticks curving way up to the sky. Our little 10-unit condo grouping in Ocean Park is named Twin Palms, but we now have half a dozen.

THE WEATHER!!

After 40 years in LA I still remark to neighbors when I go outside to greet another gorgeous day, as though I just moved here, "I love LA." Of course Santa Monica often has the morning layer but it burns off and out comes the sun, glorious sun. Having no air conditioning in both my home and my car is no big deal, in Santa Monica.

Many of us here, unlike in other areas of our sprawling megalopolis, feel part of a community, and I love living in such a place, that has a sense of place. And such a rich history, although many are not aware of it. Amateur local historians like Richard Orton and Marty Liboff do their best to inform and enlighten us. I'm thankful for them. In all areas of life, the more you know about what's around you, the more you can appreciate it.

My daily walks have gotten away from traversing each and every street in SM -- I did that once, inspired by the great Samohi teacher Berkeley Blatz, and almost twice before COVID hit. It's such a great way to get a very different sense of Santa Monica, from the sidewalks. So now I stick close to home, and Ocean Park is a fine neighborhood to walk. It's artsy, kind of funky. A strong sense of community. Scads of good coffee joints (a lot more, pre-COVID). Terrific restaurants, Michelin starred, no less.

The fascinating array of shops on Main Street though is rapidly disappearing, so get it while you can. Different and even unique, like jAdis gizmo shop. And we even still have St. Matthew's Thrift Shop, a treasure, with the sky-high rents on Main Street. The 4th of July Main Street Parade!! Never miss it! Though all the concrete blocks and "parklettes" now clogging the street may make it impossible next July.

I'M THANKFUL

For a Gelson's down the hill (bye bye), Vons, now 8-10 minutes up the Wall of Lincoln, and bye bye too), and Ralph's just a zip up the freeway and Olympic. Just over the south border, we have a 99 Cent Only store still thriving next to an upscale Whole Foods. Go figure.

We have lost a lot of longtime, cherished mom and pop businesses, like Alex's Shoe Repair, Lincoln Auto Electric and Vidiots, but we still have Bay Cities Italian Deli, so popular they cause traffic problems on Lincoln, and Sam Wong's Precision Sound Service on Pico just off Lincoln (down the alley, hard to spot). Sam is an expert and a perfectionist who can tackle any electronic device, at reasonable prices. Sam emigrated from China as a kid many decades ago, and has some great stories.

MUSIC!

I wish there were more venues here. We have such a great history. At My Place is sorely missed, the Ash Grove had a short reincarnation on the Pier, and of course we miss the decades of incredible summer concerts on the Pier.

Years ago, before my time here, there was the Aragon Ballroom hosting big name big bands, country sing gentlemen Bob Wills and Spade Cooley (well, Spade did murder his wife and died in prison), and later was home to the Lawrence Welk Orchestra. It became, from 1967-70, the amazing Cheetah Club, hosting all the big names in rock from the Doors to the Dead, Pink Floyd, Alice Cooper, Jefferson Airplane. (Marty Liboff did a painstakingly researched, complete documentation of everyone who played there, in the Free Venice Beachhead newspaper.)

But our rich tradition of live music is not just history, it continues, and I am so thankful for it! McCabe's will be coming back the first of the year with more intimate, live acoustic concerts, notably Janis Ian on her End of the Line Tour in March. If you want to blow your music mind, go to their site and click on past concerts. Mercy!

And Harvelle's, about whom I write frequently because they have so many excellent shows, of such variety, seven nights a week. They have been operating on Fourth Street for 90 years. Go.

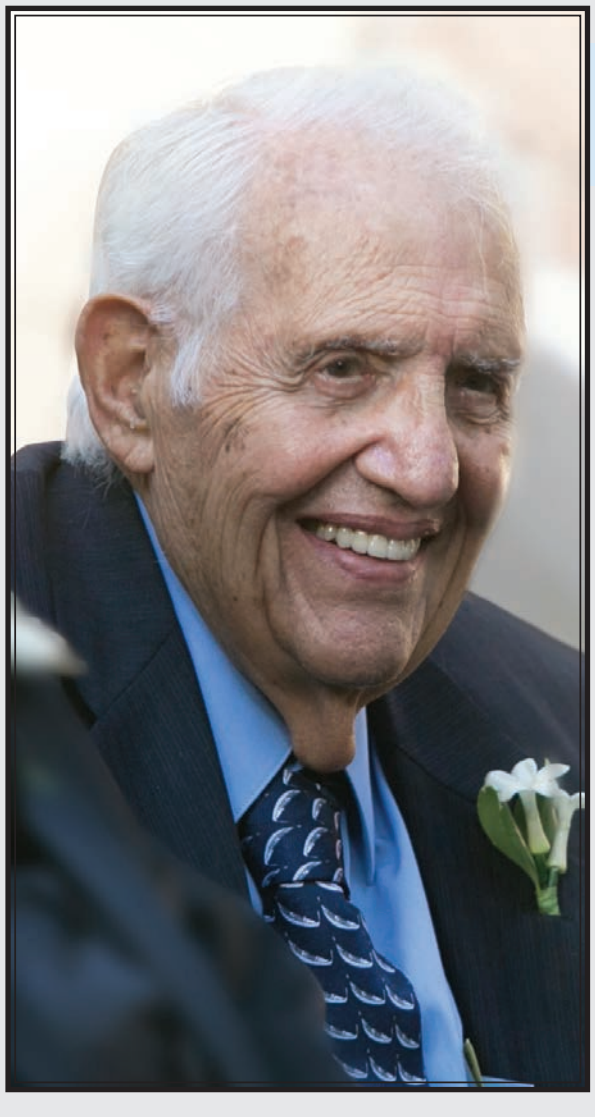
Living in SM gives you easy access to a new venue, Venice West, booking some really good acts, just over the border on Lincoln. A short drive to LAX will give you superb jazz in a beautiful small room at Sam First. And don't forget the nearby Cinema Bar, Culver City's tiny country-Americana room with live music seven nights, no cover and cheap drinks.

I'm so thankful for the provocative theater that comes out of the Ruskin Theatre Group at the airport, and their monthly Library Girl spoken word series, so inspiring and valuable.

There is much more I'm thankful for about Santa Monica, but I guess I'll just have to wait until next year.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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Anthony Thomas Nitti

Anthony Thomas Nitti of Santa Monica, California, peacefully passed away on November 3, 2021, in the company of his family. He was 97 years old.

Anthony was born on February 8, 1924, in Newark, New Jersey to Giuseppi and Lucia Nitti. He was one of ten children. After graduating from high school, Anthony worked in his family's coal and oil business with his father and brothers. He later started his own real estate, insurance and income tax preparation business in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

Anthony married his high school sweetheart, Emily, in 1948. They resided in New Jersey until 1968 when they moved to California with their four children. A fifth child was born 2 weeks after their arrival in Santa Monica.

Despite being new to California, Anthony started his own business from scratch, again focusing on real estate, insurance and income tax preparation. A tireless worker, Anthony built a significant practice over several decades serving the local community, including a term as President of the Santa Monica Real Estate Board. A savvy real estate investor, Anthony also enjoyed managing his properties with a hands-on approach.

Anthony was a firm believer in formal education. While running his business and raising his family, Anthony obtained an Associate's Degree from Santa Monica City College. Along with Emily, he personally financed his five children's undergraduate education at UCLA and pursuit of professional degrees in the fields of medicine, law, and business.

Anthony was a parishioner of St. Monica's Church and raised all of his children in a Catholic household. It was very important to Anthony that the less fortunate be treated with respect and not be taken advantage of.

Anthony and Emily are survived by children Tom, Gary, June, Joseph, and Wayne, and 9 grandchildren. To Anthony and Emily, family always came first, and the impact they had on family members was profound and lasting.

A private memorial service is being held for Anthony on November 27, 2021.

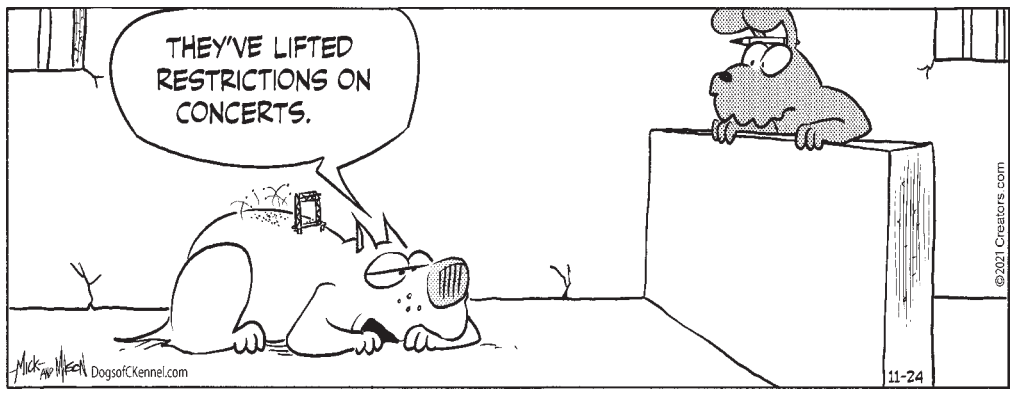
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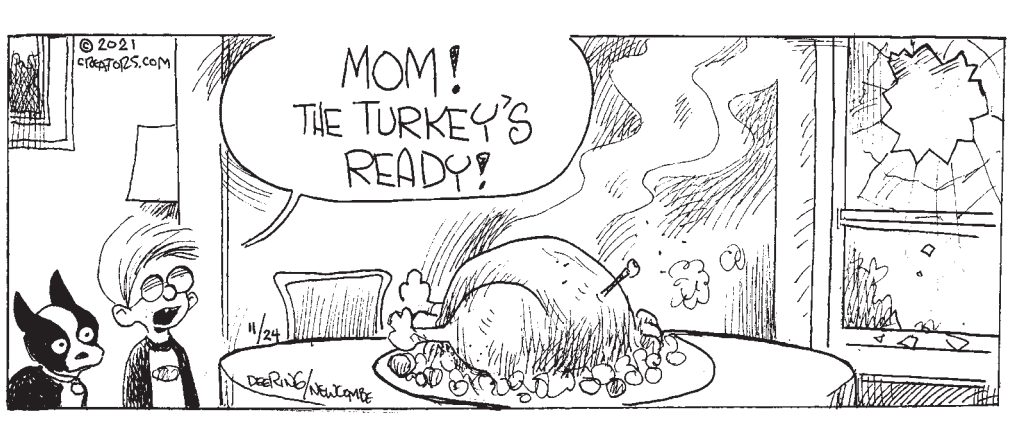
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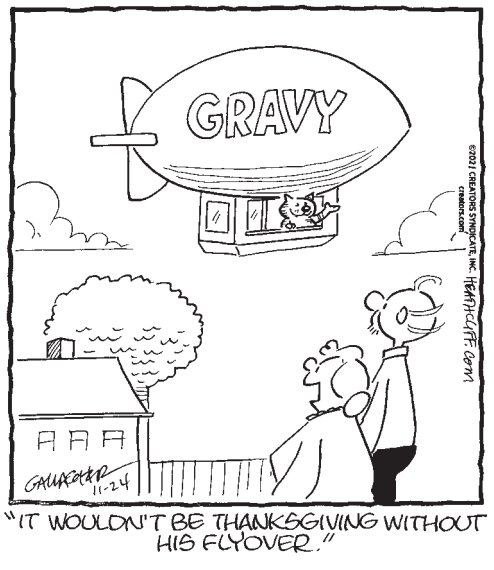
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.5°

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 beachbreaks and clean. Points are small/flat, especially with the fuller tide most of the day.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
NW swell mix could be at least rideable for the right craft (and generally largest west of Pt Dume). Favorable wind through at least the morning but a mid to higher tide slows many breaks.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 66.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 56. North northeast wind around 15 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 76. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 24)

Your social status is on the rise. You'll know exactly what to do with this influence when the time comes. There's a major opportunity in February, and you'll ink a deal in March. An interesting problem will turn into a quest. Beautiful relationships blossom from this! Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 22, 39 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're meant to lead. Take charge. This can be done quietly and humbly as long as your actions are firm, direct and unfaltering. You will bring out the best in others and utilize their talents.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone has doubts. The question is how seriously to entertain them. Give your reservations a certain amount of time and attention, then once you decide your course, move with confidence and don't look back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Denying yourself only grows your appetite. What is the cost of giving in? Is it possible to have a little of what you want without indulging yourself to a regrettable degree? New ideas and approaches are needed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As for those who don't give you a normal amount of feedback, consider this a red flag. It's joyless and energy-depleting to have to work too hard for reactions and attention. Generous spirits give as much as they take.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Whether you're in a new relationship or keeping the fires stoked on an existing one, your instinct for connection is well-honed today, and your moves will play beautifully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll work hard and get the result you're going for. With purpose and tenacity, you'll execute your aims and weave your story. You'll look back at this time in your life as legendary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your presence is comforting. People open up around you, and you provide a soft place for their stories and thoughts to land. Though it's not your job to be constantly receiving others, when you allow it, you help heal humanity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's nothing you need to do to right wrongs. It's as though the universe is a cat that can't help but land on its feet. All you have to do is refuse to interfere and justice will be served.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Complete your project. It might not bring the results you wanted, but finishing will be its own kind of reward, giving you glowing confidence and a different future than you'd otherwise know.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe complaining will fix nothing, but write your complaint anyway, only for yourself because working things out on paper will give you clarity. From here you will see a solution, workaround or way of accepting what is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you're selling, keep the price high and don't be in a rush to make the deal. If you don't get offers, it's a blessing in disguise. Hold out for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your own thoughts can make you happy or sad, frustrated or content. You may not realize what you're thinking until you question what you're feeling. Becoming aware of your thoughts will lead to a breakthrough.

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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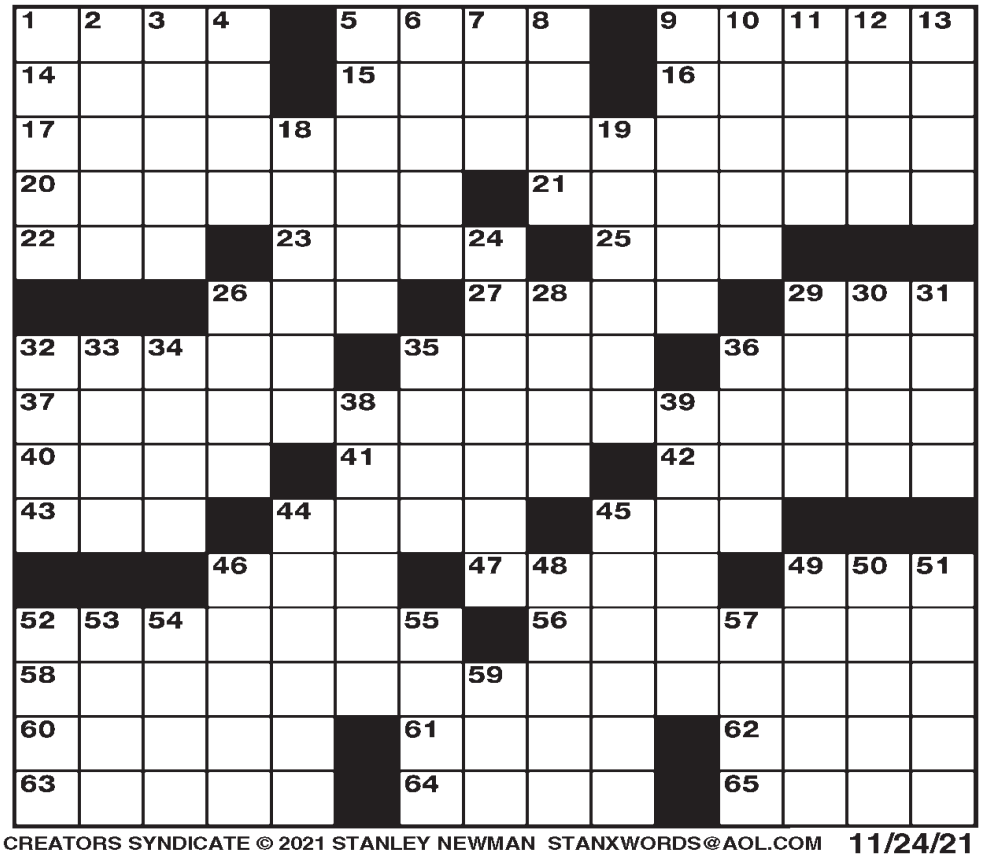
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Newsday Crossword

IDEAL ENVIRONS by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Dishonest imitation
5 Foolish one
9 Tear to bits
14 First-rate
15 Ill-at-__ (uncomfortable)
16 Clear data from
17 Miraculous food
20 Strand of a brush
21 Is a nuisance to
22 Fruit-drink suffix
23 Mix, as a salad
25 Golfer's peg
26 Storage container
27 Examines closely
29 Trim the lawn
32 Horrendous
35 At any time
36 Travel far and wide
37 First forbidden-fruit locale
40 Big Apple baseballers
41 Corn servings
42 Arena attraction
43 View from a boardwalk
44 Buddhist holy man
45 Web page pop-ups
46 Join in marriage
47 __ deck (cruise ship's pool place)
49 NFL game extenders
52 Eroded
56 Tiara kin
58 Rainforest flyers
60 Select group
61 Bucks for a bus
62 Give (out) sparingly
63 Smartphone support staff
64 Gravity-powered vehicle
65 Break cleanly

DOWN
1 Brazilian dance
2 Stockpile greedily
3 Sharpshooter Oakley
4 Department selling tuxedos
5 Cookware coating
6 Merchant's goods
7 "Same" starter
8 Short-term worker
9 His "Pieces" have peanut butter
10 Fit to be tied
11 Install asphalt
12 One getting help from 63 Across
13 Signing ceremony needs
18 Leader of the Huns
19 Prefix meaning "other"
24 Less than a lot
26 Toon "Oscar-winning rabbit"
28 Hankerings
29 Pie à la __
30 Casserole cooker
31 Took one's turn
32 24-hr. cash sources
33 Cry of delight
34 Cheese in spinach pie
35 Dutch cheese
36 Races in neutral
38 Entertain with a story
39 Indiana Jones' hat
44 Useful contacts
45 Couldn't get enough of
46 Distance across
48 "It matters to me"
49 Slice atop some burgers
50 Eco-car make
51 Not easy to climb
52 Support in illegality
53 Ceramic square
54 Kid lit author Carle
55 Trade-__ (reluctant exchanges)
57 Betting ratios
59 One to chill with



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | NOV 24

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Avenue & 2nd Street. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA WHALER'S ENDLESS SUMMER
Come celebrate Thanksgiving eve with The Santa Monica Whaler. Ticket includes: Open Bar: 10 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., a special edition commemorative Whaler hat, VIP priority entry for the night and chances to win a raffle. 101 Broadway. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/205464157827

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 ON MONTANA AVE
After the turkey and stuffing, bring the family out to support the local merchants and services in the neighborhood. Small Business Saturday is a chance to shop unique goods and score big discounts from some of your favorite independently owned stores and restaurants in Santa Monica. Many of our merchants on Montana Avenue will be offering special deals and promos, plus surprises to be unveiled that day. Check off your shopping list while supporting your community! 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Tickets are $10 for the general public and free for Santa Monica Conservancy members. A docent will greet you at Hostelling International,1436 Second Street. Check-in on the day of tour opens at 9:45 am and the tour will start promptly at 10 am. For more information visit https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt

SELF-CARE SATURDAYS ON THE PROMENADE
With two sessions each Saturday on Third Street Promenade, people can get their sweat on before or after making a trip to the celebrated Downtown Farmers Market. Stock up on fresh fruits and veggies, and visit unique local vendors offering everything from crystals and athleisure wear, to aroma therapy and mixed-media artwork. Hour long workout classes run at 10 a.m. and at 11 a.m. at 1351 3rd Street Promenade. Saturday's classes are Krav Maga and Detox Yoga flow. To register visit: https://tinyurl.com/SCSnov27

SUN | NOV 28

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. Also, enjoy musical entertainment from a variety of featured weekly bands, face painting, balloon designs, and bi-weekly cooking demonstrations featuring local produce. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 2640 Main Street.

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

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Kalgoorlie to Perth

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C Y A N C H E P S L W S T S M
S A T D N E O S N E I C A L M
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Albany	Cattle	Ketch	Shore
Applecross	Coves	Leeman	Surf
Arid	Denham	Link	Tide
Bays	Dukin	Muja	Tour
Beach	Fish	Music	Towns
Blue	Flight	Nacre	Trips
Boats	Fur seals	Ocean	Vast
Boya	Gecko	Osprey	Walk
Burns	Gull	Pool	Warm
Bush	Holiday	Port	Wild
Cafes	Inlets	Scenic	Wine
Calm	Isolated	Shells	Yanchep

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Stubborn stains

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RECIPE

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Family Vacation with Chevy Chase. You've seen his front yard and roof, mine is the same thing. He's my role model. My house is lit up and you see it coming half a mile away," said Pendergast.

Inside the restaurant, he prepares for the surge in customers with preparation and that includes getting ready for eager customers who may arrive to pick up their holiday fare at 3:30 p.m. instead of their 4 p.m. appointment time.

"We make sure we're organized and set," he said. "We have a comfortable waiting area and we're just making food the best we can to provide and know they'll have a great holiday."

He advises residents to do the same. Plan ahead, put a menu in place and start prepping a few days beforehand.

However, he said the season is supposed to be fun. It's a time for friends and family, and not for stress, so he recommends residents take advantage of the high quality restaurants in the area to ease their holiday prep.

"If you're going to somebody's Thanksgiving dinner and you're in charge of making stuffing, pick it up from the local restaurant. It makes life easier and also supports your local restaurants. It doesn't have to be homemade to be from the heart if you're supporting a local restaurant."

Fig is open on Thanksgiving for dine in service, while those who prefer to host at home are welcome to order for curbside pick-up.

Visit https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/dine/fig-restaurant/ for more information on holiday offerings.

And, for those wishing to replicate the delicious offerings at Fig with some home cooked flair, Pendergast has shared his personal favorite Pizelle cookie recipes. These are a big hit around his house and he said he often has to make several dozen to guarantee a couple make it to Santa's plate on Christmas Eve.

PIZELLE COOKIES

YIELD - Makes 30 pizelle cookies

Ingredients

3 eggs

1 3/4 c. flour

1/2 tsp. anise seed or extract (optional see substitution ideas below)

1/2 c. UNSALTED butter (1/4 lb.)

2 tsp. baking powder

3/4 c. sugar

1 tsp. vanilla extract

Procedure

Beat eggs and sugar.

Add cooled melted butter and vanilla and anise.

Sift flour and baking powder and add to egg mixture.

Drop the stiff batter by spoon into hot pizelle maker, follow pizelle maker instructions. Pizelle makers are small devices similar to waffle makers and can be bought at most major cooking or department stores.

Remove from heat and stack in cookie jars if possible to avoid from little hands eating everything first!!

(Batter can be refrigerated and used at a later time)

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RAMS/CHARGERS

FROM PAGE 1

which is the eighth most allowed in a game by the Steelers in their 88-year franchise history.

Going into Sunday's game, the Chargers had won just one out of their last four games. Making matters worse, the AFC West division-leading Kansas City Chiefs (7-4) won their earlier game Sunday against the Cowboys. After Sunday night's win against the Steelers, the Chargers remain in second place in the AFC West only one game behind the Chiefs. First year head coach Brandon Staley has made good on his promise and brought a winning culture to the franchise formerly from San Diego. With seven weeks left in the season, the Chargers are one win away from matching their win total from the 2020 season.

Meanwhile, the Rams (7-3) had a bye this past weekend and everything about their recent play suggests that this is a much needed break for rest and recuperation. The Rams have lost their previous two games and, like the Chargers, currently occupy second place in their division. Sitting atop the NFC West are the red hot Arizona Cardinals (9-2), who possess the best record in the NFL. After a tumultuous stint in Detroit, quarterback Matthew Stafford's move to the Rams this year has produced some scintillating numbers and the fourth best quarterback rating in the NFL. Stafford has already thrown for 3,014 yards this season with his favorite target Cooper Kupp accounting for an astounding 1,141 of those yards. Kupp is the NFL's leading receiver in receptions, yards, and touchdowns.

Adding to the glitz and glamor of Hollywood are the recent additions of wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. and defensive end Von Miller. Rams fans and coaches believe they have added the perfect final pieces to their roster and are prepared to make a deep run in the playoffs. Unfortunately, their debut fell flat as the Rams lost an embarrassing Monday night game to the struggling San Francisco 49ers. However, despite the humbling loss, head coach Sean McVay remains positive that the Rams will get back on track in time for the playoffs.

While this season has by no means been perfect for either team, both are within striking distance of a division title and are favored to make the playoffs. The Rams travel to Green Bay this Sunday to take on the Packers (8-3) at 1:25 p.m., while the Chargers visit Denver to play the Broncos (5-5) at 1:05 p.m. Both games are televised, so heat up some leftovers and brush up on your TV remote's previous-channel function.

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BREAK-IN

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incident will cost the store around $6,280, accounting for boarding up the hole; calling for temporary security; replacing the merchandise; getting an additional sensor; and repairing the door and glass. While this pales in comparison to the over $180,000 in damages caused by the May 31 looting, it is still a burden to the locally owned business and comes on top of around $4,450 in damages and repairs from the Sept. 16 incident.

According to Flores, on Sept. 16 at around 3:23 a.m., SMPD officers responded to a burglary at the Santa Monica Music Center, where they discovered that a window panel had been removed from the southeast corner of the store and several instruments taken.

The incident was reported by a woman living in her car next to the store, who said she witnessed two males on bicycles carrying guitars away from the business. Negrete was deeply grateful for this woman's intervention and worked to help her find permanent housing through the Community Corporation of Santa Monica.

"I just decided at that point that… I can feel really sorry for myself or I can look at this as some sort of opportunity," said Negrete. "I had just started the Homeless Ad Hoc (Committee) with City Council and here's this woman telling me how the system has failed her, and I said 'look I don't know how I'm going to do it, but you're never going to sleep in your car again.'"

Negrete said that her experiences as a small business owner in Santa Monica are a key part of what made her want to join City Council, both in regards to the struggles of staying afloat during normal economic periods and the specific challenges faced after the May 31 looting.

The two recent break-ins and her experience helping assist a woman move off of the streets, have further informed and fueled her civic agenda. In order to deter property crime, Negrete said she would like to see a stronger police presence throughout the City and help remove roadblocks to staffing the department with qualified individuals.

"In Santa Monica, the average is eight to nine months to pass background (checks) because we just don't have enough people to process it," said Negrete, adding that it takes around three months for people to pass background checks to get hired at police departments in Culver City or Beverly Hills. "So instead of putting our hands on our hips or throwing them up… we can hire more background check people to get to the people who are being hired."

Negrete is also encouraging the woman who reported the September break-in to aid the work of Council's Ad Hoc Homeless Committee by providing an inside perspective on what service providers and the City can do to better assist unhoused individuals.

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