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Holidays kicked off in style with festive Promenade affair











Photos by Thomas Leffler

HOLIDAYS: Santa Monica welcomed the holiday season with its annual tree lighting last week.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

While locals are making their Thanksgiving plans this week, the city is also looking forward to the holiday season, kicking off the countdown Nov. 21 with the Official City of Santa Monica Tree Lighting Ceremony. Held on the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade where the 32-foot pseudo spruce tree resides, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. brought the public out to light up the nearly 3,000 individual decorations. Santa Claus himself

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Santa Monica Place plummets in value

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's Macerich Co. might want to consider a Black Friday sale for its hometown property, Santa Monica Place, after ongoing financial struggles at its once flagship mall have led to a massive decline in value and prompted attempts to find a buyer for the property.

Credit rating agency Morningstar recently reported the mall's value has declined 59% since 2017. The news joins reports from commercial real estate analysis company Trepp that the Mall's vacancy rate is now 69% and that efforts to repay its large loan have once again fallen short.

The company first defaulted on the $300 million mortgage for Santa Monica Place earlier this year saying it would return ownership to the lender. The company, which has owned the mall since 1999, cited financial challenges, including declining property value and difficulties in finding a long-term strategy. However, Trepp said the company did manage to make payments on the loan since its initial default before missing payments

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Tip leads to arrest of brutal assault suspect

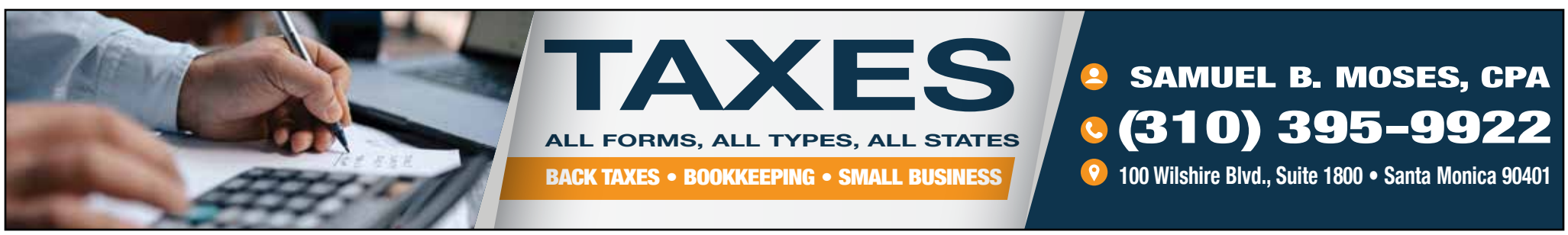
STAFF REPORT

Santa Monica Chief of Police Ramon Batista has credited a tipster for the capture of the suspect in a brutal assault that occurred in downtown Santa Monica in the wee hours of September 22.

That night, SMPD officers responded to an assault report in an alley near 5th and Broadway. Officers located the victim, a 25-year-old homeless woman who was new to the area. She had sustained severe injuries, including facial trauma and signs consistent with strangulation.

According to a witness, the

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PETITION TO ADMIN. ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Nicholas Rockefeller CASE NUMBER: 24STPB12473 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Nicholas Rockefeller A Petition for Probate has been filed by Steven A. Blum the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Steven A. Blum appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are availablefor examination in the file kept by the court.The Petition requests the decedent's will codicils, if any be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: Dec 10th, 2024 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 79 Room - Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Steven A Blum (133208) Blum Collins & Ho, LLP 707 Wilshire Blvd Suite 4880 Los Angeles, CA 90017 Tel (213) 572-0400 Email: blum@blumcollins10/14/24, 10/21/24, 10/28/24

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Sweet-tart cranberries and candied ginger make this buckle the perfect holiday treat

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL
Christopher Kimball's Milk Street

A buckle is a fruit-studded cake with a buttery crumb topping; it's a great breakfast treat, an excellent midday sweet alongside tea or coffee, or a casual, not-too-heavy after-dinner dessert.

In this recipe from our cookbook " Milk Street Bakes," we give our version holiday appeal with pops of sweet-tart cranberries, finely chopped crystalized ginger and ground cinnamon.

Instead of making an entirely separate crumb topping, we streamline the process by using a food processor to make a coarse flour-sugar-butter base that we then divide, pulsing almonds, brown sugar and a bit more butter into one portion to make the streusel topping. The rest of the base is gently combined by hand with the wet ingredients. Sour cream adds moisture and tang without rendering the batter too wet. We also add candied ginger, which lends peppery-spicy notes to complement the cranberries.

Don't forget to thaw the cranberries if using frozen. If the fruits are freezer-cold, they will cause the batter to stiffen, which will make mixing difficult.

Bake until the topping is golden brown, then let cool on wire rack for 30 minutes to help the crumb set and ensure it slices cleanly. The finished buckle is decadent, yet surprisingly light. Dust with powdered sugar, if desired. Covered tightly, leftovers keep for up to three days at room temperature.

CRANBERRY AND CANDIED GINGER BUCKLE

Start to finish: 1 hour 10 minutes (30 minutes active), plus cooling

Servings: 12

INGREDIENTS:

- 390 grams (3 cups) all-purpose flour, plus more for pan
- 214 grams (1 cup) white sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon table salt
- 170 grams (12 tablespoons), plus 2 tablespoons cold salted butter, cut into ½-inch cubes, reserved separately
- 42 grams (3 tablespoons) packed dark brown sugar
- 31 grams (⅓ cup) sliced almonds
- 3 large eggs
- 240 grams (1 cup) sour cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 12-ounce bag fresh or thawed frozen cranberries (3 cups)
- 68 grams (½ cup) finely chopped crystallized ginger
- Powdered sugar, to serve (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

Heat the oven to 375°F with a rack in the middle position. Mist a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray, dust evenly with flour, then tap out the excess.

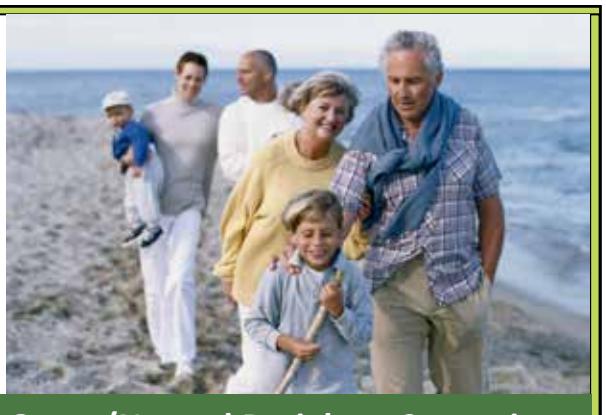
In a food processor, combine the flour, white sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Pulse until well combined, 6 to 8 pulses. Scatter the 12 tablespoons butter over the dry ingredients and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs, about 20 pulses. Transfer to a large bowl, then measure out 165 grams (1 cup) of the mixture and return it to the food processor. To the food processor, add the brown sugar, almonds and remaining 2 tablespoons butter, then pulse until the mixture begins to clump and resembles wet sand, about 20 pulses; transfer to a medium bowl and set aside.

In another medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Pour into the large bowl of flour-butter mixture and fold the batter with a silicone spatula until only a few streaks of flour remain. Add the cranberries and crystallized ginger, then fold until evenly distributed; the batter will be thick. Transfer to the prepared pan and spread in an even layer.

Using your hands, squeeze the almond-flour mixture into rough ½-inch clumps, then scatter evenly over the batter in the pan. Bake until the topping is golden brown and a toothpick inserted at the center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for at least 30 minutes before slicing. Dust with powdered sugar just before serving, if desired.

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A fresh pumpkin becomes comfort food in this Creamy Pumpkin Mac and Cheese

KATIE WORKMAN
Associated Press

While I cook with butternut squash and other winter squashes all the time, when I think about cooking with pumpkin, I picture a can of puree.

But using fresh pumpkin is just another take on cooking with hard-shelled, cold-weather squash. There is more to those pumpkins than jack-o'-lanterns waiting to be carved!

Few people can resist a creamy, rich stovetop mac and cheese. This one has a bonus dose of color, texture and nutrition thanks to roasted pumpkin and onions, blended right into the pasta. It's total fall comfort food.

And if you're trying to get more vegetables into the rotation, this might be a nice solution. The pumpkin becomes tender and sweet in the oven, and the onion also caramelizes and adds lovely flavor to the dish. The sweetness of the cooked pumpkin and onion works beautifully against the tangy goat cheese and nutty Parmesan in the sauce.

PICK THE RIGHT PUMPKIN

Make sure you are starting with a pumpkin that is meant for cooking, not carving. Many pumpkins, especially the larger ones, have flesh that is stringy and watery, and don't make for such a great eating or baking experience. You know you are on the right track if you see pumpkins labeled "pie pumpkin" or "sugar pumpkin," which are denser, sweeter and have a lower water content.

Look for varieties like Cinderella, Baby Bear, Baby Pam, New England Pie Pumpkin, Long Pie or Nantucket Pie, Fairy Tale and the white Lumina pumpkin. Other than the white varieties, the flesh will usually be a rich orange color and have a smooth texture.

Pick a pumpkin somewhere around 4 to 7 pounds. Some good cooking varieties run smaller or larger; this is just an average. A few dings or dents don't matter; just make sure your pumpkin is very hard, without any soft spots.

The trickiest part of cooking with pumpkin is cutting it. For this recipe, you need to remove the skin, or "peel" the pumpkin. The shell can be very thick and hard, so take your time and use a sharp chef's knife.

Carefully cut the pumpkin in half through the stem and clean out the seeds and fibrous gunk using a sharp spoon or an ice cream scoop. Use a spoon with sharp edges, such as a metal spoon, to scrape out all of the pulpy stringy insides, including the seeds.

Place each pumpkin half cut-side down on a cutting board. With a sharp knife, slice off two flat panels from the shell, one slice removing the root end, and one slice removing the stem end.

Sit the pumpkin upright on one of these newly flat sides and slowly, carefully working your way around, slice off the skin of the pumpkin, following the pumpkin's shape as best you can. You will lose a bit of the flesh as you go, there's no way around that. Then the peeled pumpkin flesh will be ready to be cubed for roasting with some onions and sage.

The sauce for this mac and cheese uses some of the pasta cooking water, which will be salted. Therefore, be conservative about adding any more salt until you taste the sauce, since the Parmesan will also add some saltiness and you don't want to overdo it. After all of the ingredients are blended with the sauce, taste, and see if you want to add more salt.

Leftovers can be stored in the fridge for up to four days. The pasta may get a bit dry in the fridge, so think about adding a little more cream, milk, or even water to the pasta when you reheat it over low heat in a saucepan.

CREAMY PUMPKIN MAC AND CHEESE

Serves 8

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium sugar pumpkin about 4 pounds, peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch chunks (see above for instructions on peeling and cubing the pumpkin)
- 2 onions, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 tablespoons torn fresh sage leaves or 1 tablespoon crumbled dried sage
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 pound dried pasta shells (small or medium), or other small pasta shape
- 1 ½ cups heavy cream
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 ½ cups crumbled goat cheese

DIRECTIONS

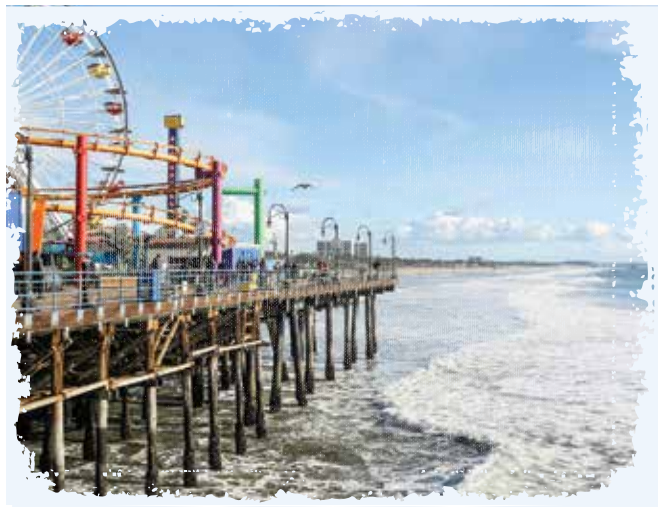
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Place the pumpkin, onion, and sage on a rimmed baking sheet, then drizzle the olive oil over it and toss everything, then spread it out in a single layer. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Roast for about 35 minutes until the pumpkin and onions are tender and lightly browned.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1 cup of the cooking water, and drain the pasta.

Place ¾ cup of the cooking water and the cream back in the pasta cooking pot and heat over medium high heat just until little bubbles appear around the edges of the pan. Whisk in the Parmesan and the goat cheese until the cheeses are melted. Season with pepper.

Return the pasta to the pan and stir until coated with the sauce. Add the cooked pumpkin and onions to the pan and toss to combine. Add the rest of the cooking water if the pasta seems dry. Taste to see if it needs additional salt. Serve hot.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft+

Pretty small but clean. Should still be some rideable surf in the northern part of the region.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft+

Rebuilding surf for select spots but mainly walled. S swell is up a couple notches and it'll likely be kinda fun for select Southern Hemi standouts through the northern end of the bay. Shape is a big concern though with limited NW energy in the water.

Weather

Tuesday: A chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 58.
Tuesday Night: A chance of rain, mainly before 10pm. Cloudy, with a low around 53.
Wednesday: A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Thanksgiving Day: Partly sunny, with a high near 64.

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2024/11/26	Tue	12:55 PM	0.95	L
2024/11/26	Tue	6:47 PM	3.65	H
2024/11/27	Wed	12:04 AM	1.62	L
2024/11/27	Wed	06:34 AM	5.42	H
2024/11/27	Wed	1:28 PM	0.45	L
2024/11/27	Wed	7:33 PM	3.64	H
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Interim Zoning Ordinance Amending Interim Zoning Regulations Established by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2764 (CCS) and Extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2770 (CCS) to Extend the Operating Hours for the City's Existing Cannabis Retailers Consistent with State Law

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an Interim Zoning Ordinance amending interim zoning regulations established by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2764 (CCS) and extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2770 (CCS) to extend the operating hours for the City's existing cannabis retailers consistent with State law. The Council adopted Interim Zoning Ordinance 2770 (CCS) on December 19, 2023. The proposed amendments would promote economic recovery by allowing the City's two existing cannabis retailers to operate between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. The two existing cannabis retailers currently operate between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Cannabis Interim Zoning Ordinance Amendment

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Why political impacts should impact friendships

SIENNA BEVAN

Let us disagree over the economy—over inflation and unemployment; let us disagree over who and what our taxes should fund, over law enforcement policies and over welfare programs. Discourse is essential to democracy; and disagreement is certainly unavoidable in politics. But we aren't disagreeing over gas prices anymore; we're disagreeing over whether or not I have the right to govern my own body. As such, when deeply held moral values are at the core of our political opinions, they undoubtedly will, and should, impact friendships.

Some policy differences are inconsequential. Other policy differences, however, are an expression of meaningful human values. Therefore, it's partly a matter of which political opinions people disagree on, but also a question of how many fundamental issues on which you disagree. And beyond a certain point, which is difficult to measure, too many disagreements will make it hard to have a true friendship. Friendships depend on shared values, not only shared interests and hobbies.

James Balwdin, the late writer and Civil Rights activist, once said, "we can disagree and still love each other unless your disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist."

Disagreement is inevitable—even healthy—in relationships; but when you bring human rights into the conversation, that's a different story. This election was not solely about politics; it was about morals. It was about defending, or denying, the rights of the many marginalized individuals in this country whose voices are suppressed. A candidate who gives comfort to racists, for example, is not merely expressing a difference of opinion; they're standing on the other side of a significant moral divide. Trump is a man who opposed the Equality Act—a federal legislation expanding civil rights to protect LGBTQ+ people—in 2019. He has also described immigrants as "poisoning the blood of our country" (2023), as "animals" (2024), and "rapists" (2015), calling for immediate mass deportation.

When you vote for a man who said "you can do anything [to women]. Grab 'em by the p*ssy,"—a man who has had sexual misconduct allegations from over 26 women—you are not voting for your daughters, mothers, wives and girlfriends; you are not voting for women.

When you vote for a man who was endorsed by the Klu Klux Klan's official newspaper, *The Crusader,* in 2016, and the Taliban in 2020; a man who is supported by, and has praised, Vladamir Putin and Kim Jong Un—two murderous, totalitarian dictators; a man who claimed Hitler has done "some good things" (according to John Kelly, former White House Chief of Staff), you are showing who you stand with.

When you vote for a convicted felon, the only federal official to be impeached twice, and the only President to incite an insurrection on the Capitol, you are not voting to uphold democracy.

When you vote for a man like Donald Trump, you are showing what you stand for. And that shows me that we don't have the same values. I choose friends who care about others besides themselves, who care about democracy and equal rights for all, and who strive to cultivate a culture of compassion and unity in this country.

I stand for respecting others' life and political differences; I believe our differences are what makes us great as a nation. It is when the political opinions start to impact people's fundamental life differences that we have a problem. Minor political differences don't need to make an impact; major political differences *should* impact friendships. When a political candidate cannot respect our differences as humans, we are in the realm of major political differences.

Let me make it clear that when I say political opinions should impact friendships, I'm not saying they should necessarily *end* them; but when I know someone supported someone like Trump, I have a mental asterisk next to the idea of them. And how much it detracts from my feelings about them is going to be due to some combination of an assessment of how much they understand about the values they've supported, how much they accept those value differences, and other things I might know about the person.

For those who *choose* ignorance—acknowledging the severity of all of these facts and still overlooking them—you are condoning hatred and intolerance. I can continue to coexist and work with those with whom I disagree on fundamental issues, but where meaningful friendships are concerned, I don't want to constantly "agree to disagree."

LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

Santa Monica Daily Press editor@smdp.com

Santa Monica Services: The People Concern—Robert Jones



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OPCC: The People Concern facility is at the corner of 5th and Olympic.

BY SIENNA BEVAN

In Santa Monica, homelessness is no longer just a problem, but a city-declared local emergency. While Santa Monica witnessed a 6% decrease in homelessness over the past year (according to LAHSA's annual count), there was a dramatic 15% increase from 2022 to 2023. Moreover, California accounts for 28% of the nation's unhoused population, which is nearly a 40% increase from five years ago. On July 25, however, California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order directing state officials to remove homeless encampments, meaning accessible resources are essential now more than ever. Throughout L.A.'s Westside, there are multiple agencies and organizations working on a local level to address this crisis. The Santa Monica Daily Press is taking a closer look at the services the city of Santa Monica provides, providing profiles and resources to help bring awareness to community members.

When Robert Jones, a 60-year-old man, came across a People Concern outreach team, he had been living in his van since 2021. Now, he credits the People Concern for changing his life.

Jones left his house in 2021 for his own safety—he says his family was very dysfunctional—but had gone in and out of homelessness since he was a teenager. For multiple years living on the street Jones struggled with his mental health, physical health, and financially; many days were a battle until he came across the People Concern.

"That was my day of hopelessness because I was in a dark place, like… 'when are things going to turn around for me?' And then I engaged with [the team]," Jones said. "I was depressed, had anxiety, wasn't working, not getting showers and stuff. I give a lot of credit to that team out there. If I hadn't engaged with them, I wouldn't be where I am today."

For a person experiencing homelessness, it can be extremely difficult to find and access resources, which is why the People Concern outreach teams travel throughout Los Angeles County, providing people with services and connecting them to other resources. Outreach, a sector of the People Concern, is the first point of contact for most permanent supportive housing residents. They partner with the Venice Family Clinic, not only through outreach, but also at their Access Center, a drop-in center in Santa Monica. Jones gave the team his information, who then passed it on to someone else who offered him resources.

After finding resources, it may be just as hard to then get the help one needs. Jones says he could have stayed in the People Concern's interim housing, but chose to stay in his van instead. Like many, with or without a home, he had a difficult time with adjustment; he was accustomed to the lifestyle he was living. However, Jones remained in contact with the People Concern, touching base often, and eventually found out when a unit opened up.

Jones now lives at the Iris, one of the People Concern's supportive permanent housing sites. It was developed a couple of years ago in partnership with Affirmed Housing, an affordable housing developer. 34 of the 61 units are designated as permanent supportive housing for those transitioning out of homelessness, with the other 27 units being used as affordable housing for low-income families.

"It's a blessing living here as opposed to living out there in the van—parking here and there and trying to get a good night's sleep was difficult because you have to be vigilant at the same time," Jones said. "It's not safe."

Jones described how lack of access to seemingly simply, but necessary, resources led to the deterioration of his health. One of the most difficult parts about living on the streets, aside from fear for his safety, was access to restroom facilities. Many places require a purchase in order to use their restroom, but Jones needed to spend his money sparingly. On cold, rainy nights he managed to shower at the beach, however, the public restrooms at the beach are closed overnight. Additionally, he wasn't able to eat healthy food without access to a kitchen.

Now living in his own apartment at the Iris, Jones is able to get a good night's sleep, take hot showers, and prepare his own food among other things. He not only has a place to call home, but a strong support system made up by the community members and

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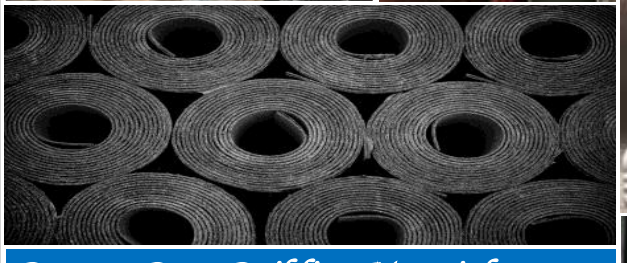


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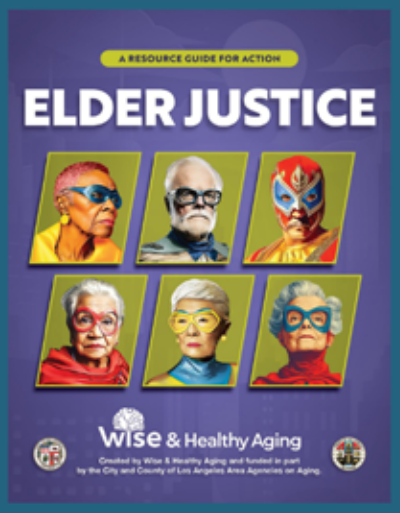
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HOLIDAYS

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traveled from the North Pole to illuminate the Promenade, preceded by performances from the Westside Ballet, Lincoln Middle School's Madrigals and the Samohi Choir. After the ceremony, Santa Monica's youth were able to play on the Promenade and have their photo taken with Santa.

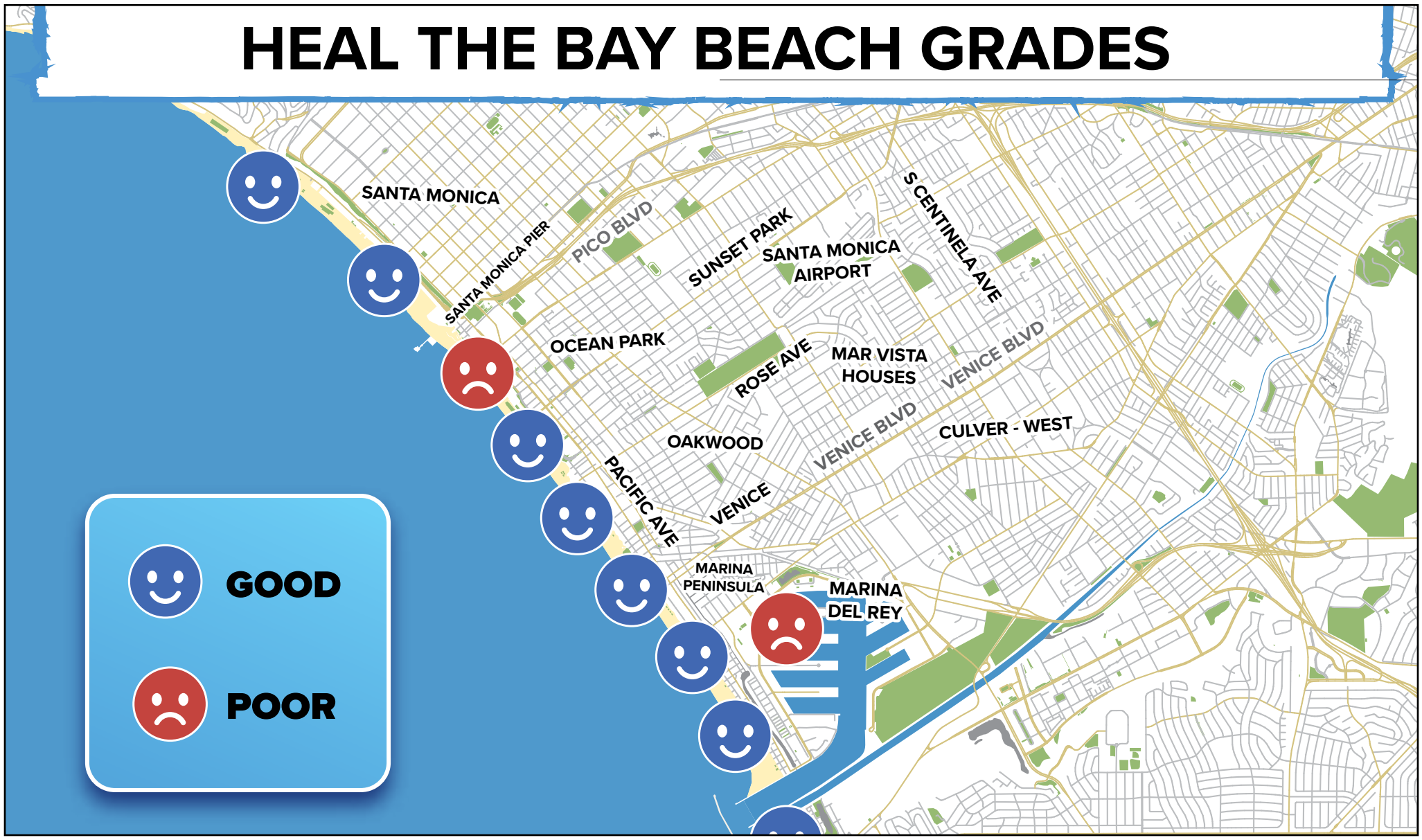
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HOLIDAY: The Westside Ballet performed on the Promenade.



SM PLACE

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again in August.

Macerich CEO Jackson Hsieh, said earlier this month that Santa Monica Place was one of several properties the company would like to sell alongside the Shops at Atlas Park in New York, Southridge Mall in Iowa and The Oaks mall in Thousand Oaks.

Santa Monica Place, originally designed by Frank Gehry, underwent a $265 million renovation in 2010 to transform it into an open-air center. However, the mall faced declining occupancy in recent years as major retailers departed, leaving space for pop-ups like the Barbie exhibit and plans for the Din Tai Fung restaurant.

The mall's struggles are mirrored in other Downtown property owners.

Federal Realty Investment Trust sold its portfolio of Promenade properties earlier this year. The eight buildings were sold to two buyers. Seven of the eight were sold to Daniel Negari, a tech founder, for a combined $84.5 million. The last building was sold to United El Segundo, a gas station-operator-turned-developer, which spent $19.5 million.

Beverly Hills developer Leo Pustilnikov said recently he is negotiating with UBS Real Estate to address a loan default on his retail property at 1241-1247 3rd Street Promenade. The bank filed the notice citing $18.9 million past due as of September. Pustilnikov, who purchased the property for $24.5 million four years ago, cited challenges in refinancing due to the current high-interest rate environment.

City Hall has reacted to the news by citing new investments in the area including new businesses opening in the area. According to the City of Santa Monica, more than $1 billion is being invested in Downtown Santa Monica, including new hotels and more than 1,300 new apartments bringing new residents to the area to support downtown businesses.

According to the city, Santa Monica's total retail sector encompasses about 770 businesses employing 10,077 people, representing 12% of the city's total workforce, with an annual payroll of $874 million (8% of the citywide total). In 2023, these businesses generated $3.2 billion in taxable sales, 28% of which came from Downtown Santa Monica.

In a statement, City Hall said it remained optimistic about the local economy.

"We remain optimistic about shopping and dining in Santa Monica, with more than $1 billion in investment happening downtown and a flurry of recent openings on the Promenade in just the past few months," said the statement. "We are confident in the future of the Santa Monica Place site, and we appreciate and support Macerich's continued investment in the mall in the interim, even despite financial challenges. We're looking forward to seeing Arte Museum, Din Tai Fung and Club Studio Fitness opening soon to bring new excitement to the mall and downtown Santa Monica."

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case-workers at the Iris.

The People Concern's on-site case management services act as a bridge between property management and other services, in order to help people transition into housing and then keep them housed. Jones says his case manager, Kamala Woods, helped expedite the process of getting housed. Woods is in the building with Jones to help him navigate whatever he needs, and just get to know him on a personal level. He says it's a blessing having her there—sometimes, he'll just go down to bug her, he jokes.

"Having the opportunity to live in housing now, I can do things to better myself," Jones said. "Everything is rolling now as a result of being housed by the People Concern. It's awesome, a new lease on life."

Jones is currently attending summer school at SMC, studying classical music to brush up on his singing. He says he now gets to be, not only a father, but a grandfather. His family didn't talk to him when he was living in his van, describing the experience as shameful for both his family and himself. He's also currently working on getting his class B driver's license in order to become a Big Blue Bus driver. When asked if he was interested in becoming a bus driver, Jones responded that he isn't just interested, he is going to do it. For him, it's not so much about the money; his purpose is to be in service to people, as giving back is part of his nature.

"[The People Concern] has been a great help to me; this is a stepping stone. It's permanent housing, but do I want to stay here permanently? No," Jones said. "I want to be able to sustain myself on my own, and move out of the way for the next person coming in."

From lived experience, Jones knows the value of outreach from someone who is willing to, and more importantly, knows how to help. He goes out when he can to talk to people experiencing homelessness about the housing process. Previously, while living in his van trying to find resources, he says unhoused people would talk to each other, but everyone was lost.

While Robert says he thinks the homelessness crisis is slowly getting better due to organizations like the People Concern, he believes that there must be more being done to help the cause—more staff, more outreach teams, more resources and more organizations. Jones hopes for the lives of other unhoused people to be changed for the better, just like his was.

"The People Concern is my family now, because they give a damn," Jones said while smiling at his Woods. "[...] I can't even put into words how grateful I am."

ARREST

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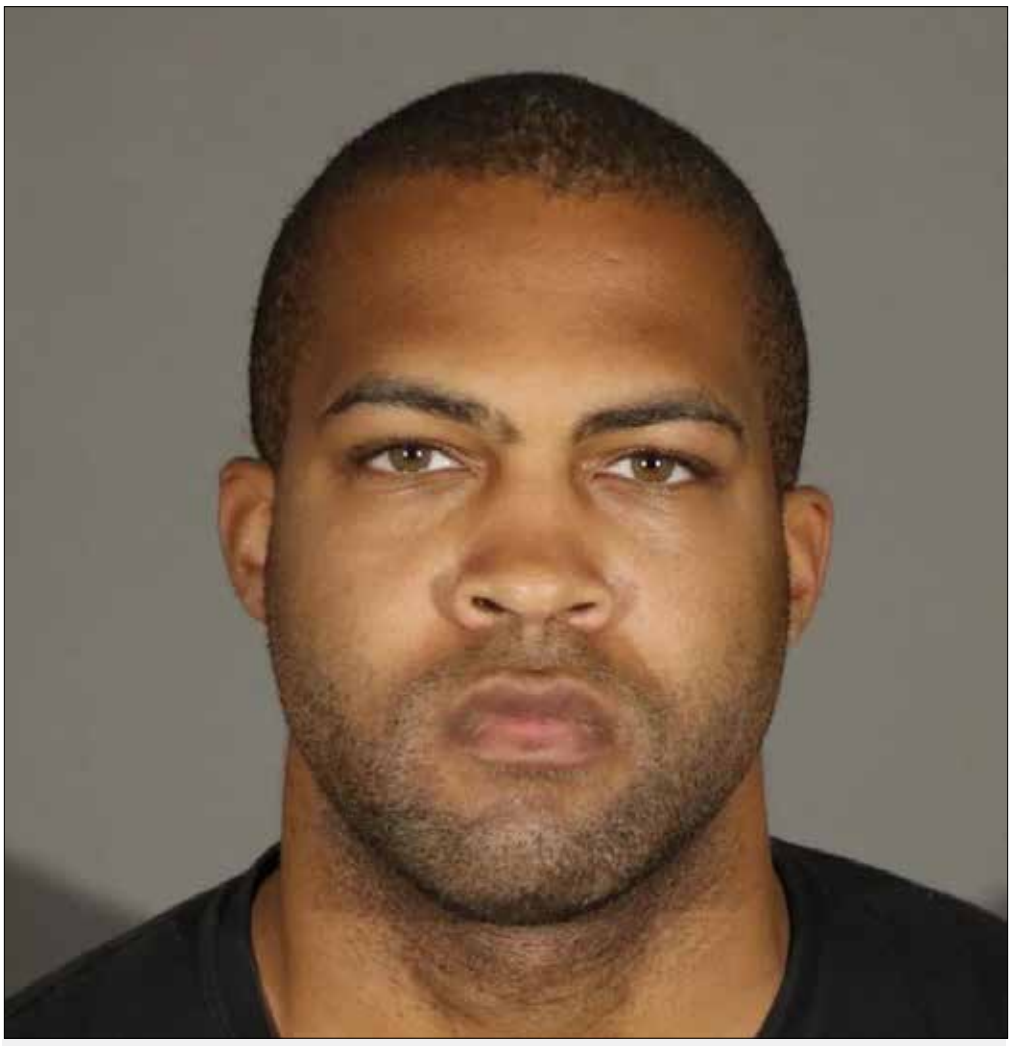
unprovoked attack involved the suspect repeatedly kicking and punching the woman as she lay on the ground. Video surveillance footage showed the suspect fleeing the scene.

Despite extensive investigative efforts, initial attempts to identify the suspect were unsuccessful. In response, detectives released the surveillance footage to the public, seeking assistance identifying the individual involved.

That request paid off on November 3, when detectives received a tip that led to the identification of the suspect, Oscar Benn, a 27-year-old Altadena resident.

On November 14, detectives apprehended Benn near the VA facility in West Los Angeles. He was subsequently booked and charged by the Los Angeles County District Attorney for attempted murder and is currently in the custody of the LA County Sheriff's Department.

According to SMPD, Benn has a criminal history, including prior arrests for aggravated assault and burglary.



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ASSAULT: Detectives apprehended 27-year-old Oscar Benn on Nov. 14 in West Los Angeles.

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NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24SMCP00552 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Daniel Allan Hillier for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Daniel Allan Hillier filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows:Daniel Allan Hillier to Danilo Felice Hillier-CicconeThe court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.Notice of Hearing: Date 12/13/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K , Room:The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF Los Angeles 1725 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401.A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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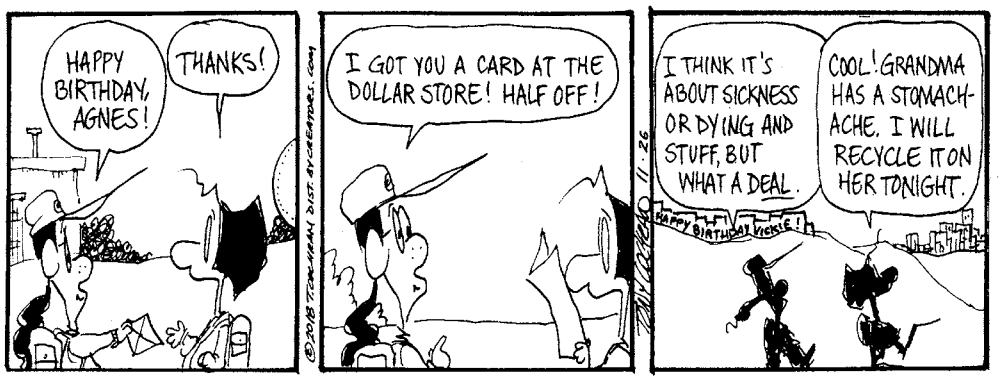
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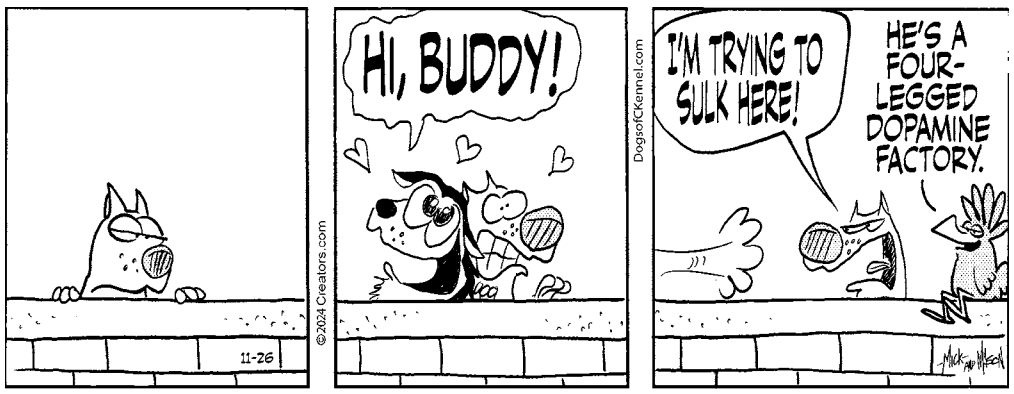
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Opportunity will not arrive gift-wrapped. Instead, it will be hidden in small tasks or behind inconvenient circumstances. Keep your eyes open and dig deeper. You might find something in what others overlook or dismiss as unremarkable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Listening begins with hearing the words and continues with understanding what's beneath them. You will be surprised by how much people reveal when they feel truly seen and heard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Trust takes time to build and moments to break. It is fragile and powerful. Today, nurture trust with others and yourself. When trust is present, relationships strengthen and your own confidence in life grows.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Should you join the crowd? The group is strong with you, and you are stronger in the group. Just don't mistake submission for loyalty. Submission diminishes the self, while loyalty strengthens the whole.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're clear on what you want, and you're already drawing it into your orbit. You're actively setting the stage for the wonder that matches your need but also surprises you with a bit of lovely complexity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You respect time as a valuable resource and demand promptness from yourself. Through your example, you teach others to be direct and to avoid low-yield, wasteful uses of their moments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll think ahead about what you want to say to people, even in casual scenarios. You may go so far as to rehearse. You may not use any of what you practice, but it will give you the confidence to be versatile and quick when it matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You anticipate change in your own drive, moods and motivations. You'll prepare to keep moving forward even when you don't feel like it. You'll create incentives and take measures to make it easy and fun to keep going.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relax into the abstract. Dumb things can be touched with brilliance. Absurdity won't be the solution, and the ridiculous won't be the right answer, but at least it lays the groundwork for good ideas to blossom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The mistakes of the olden days were funny, like when people took pictures with the lens cap on, or without film. Today's mistakes are funny, too. Keep a record so that later you can look back and laugh at these times.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're among the friendliest in the zodiac, but that doesn't mean you're always in the mood to initiate conversation. Today, it will be worth it to nudge yourself in the direction of reaching out. You'll be better for having made the connection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've the drive to revitalize a tired project or rekindle a lost feeling for someone. Verify the wisdom of doing so early on because once you decide and the job's underway, you'll have joiners and unstoppable momentum.

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

8	6	3	2	7	9	1	4	5
9	5	4	3	1	6	8	2	7
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Newsday Crossword

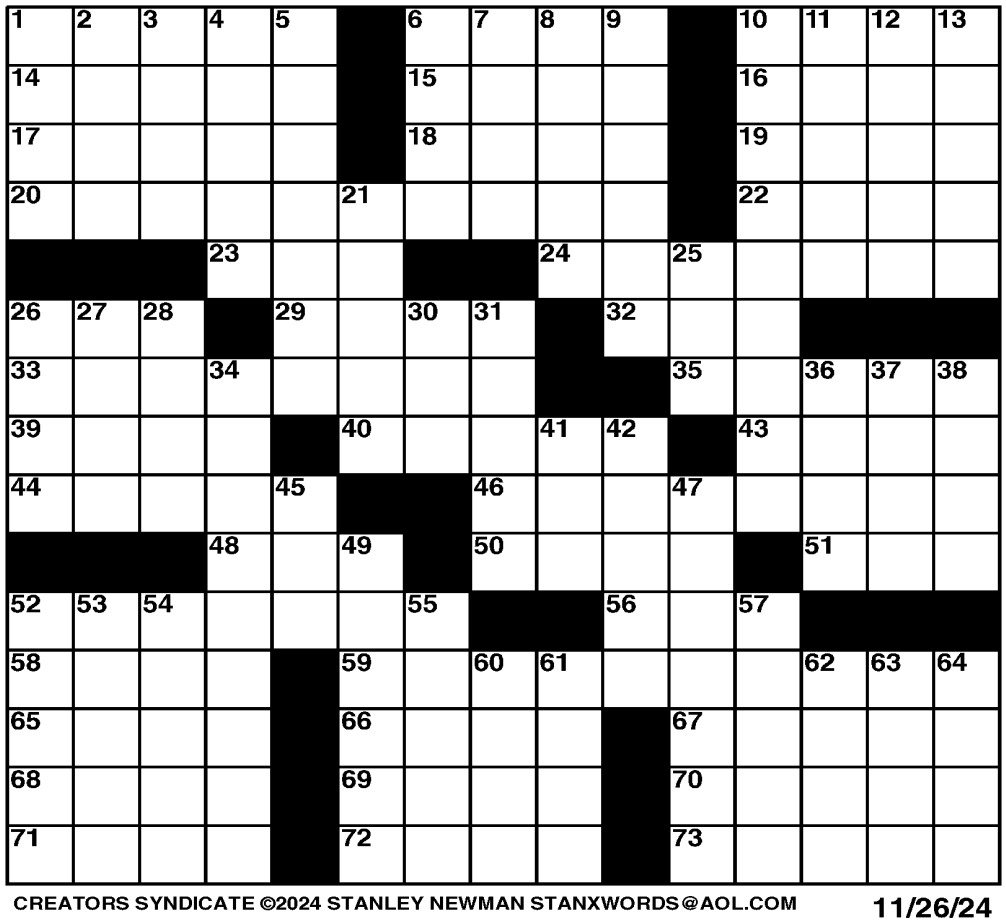
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ACROSS

1 Very quick-moving
6 Convertible or coupe
10 "Bye-bye!"
14 Explosive liquid, for short
15 Drive-__ window
16 Strong smell
17 Workers' organization
18 Pointless to debate
19 Tiny skin opening
20 Highest award at a dog competition
22 Raisin __ cereal
23 __-haw (donkey's sound)
24 Ferocious South American fish
26 Mind reader's skill, for short
29 Back talk
32 Light brown color
33 Foolish talk
35 Wetlands area
39 Barber shop sweepings
40 Soccer or bowling
43 Back of the neck
44 "Buy this now" ad phrase
46 Fridge's cube producer
48 Scratch up
50 Narrow road
51 Lamb's mother
52 Three or four
56 Upcoming graduates: Abbr.
58 Be patient
59 Tailor's goal with new clothing
65 __ spumante (Italian 2-Down)
66 Revered role model
67 Person's early years
68 Package of paper
69 Perform as ordered
70 Telegrapher's __ code
71 Miss, in France: Abbr.
72 Break sharply
73 __ salts (bath additive)

DOWN

1 Ignore socially
2 Fermented grape beverage
3 Tell it like __ (be candid)
4 Foam on latte
5 Most stylish
6 24-hr. bank conveniences
7 "Now we're in trouble!"
8 Group of Girl Scouts
9 Surpass in cleverness
10 Leading comedian
11 Decorate
12 Synagogue scroll
13 Indoor stadium
21 Gets closer to
25 Lamb's father
26 Bouncing sound
27 Cabbage salad
28 __ in the neck (annoyance)
30 Maple tree fluid
31 Go bad, as milk
34 Evening TV-viewing period
36 Clear away leaves
37 Gush out
38 Roll call response
41 Former NBC parent company
42 Feeling anxious
45 Road's black surface
47 "Goodness gracious!"
49 Fast-moving river water
52 Group of bees
53 Painter's stand
54 All-important
55 Strung along
57 Small porch
60 Rights activist Parks
61 Unsuccessful film
62 Coats of cats
63 "You never had __ good!"
64 Those folks



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