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Locals thankful for loved ones and community







Thomas Leffler, St. Joseph Center

THANKSGIVING: St. Joseph Center in Venice recently gave out Thanksgiving meals to locals in need, and the nonprofit was presented with an award check by Bank of America.

STAFF REPORT

Locals have plenty of reasons to be thankful this year. From city officials and education leaders to business owners and law enforcement, Santa Monicans pointed to friends and family as well as community as bright spots in 2024.

The season of thanks was also felt at St. Joseph Center in Venice last week, as the nonprofit hosted its annual drive-through turkey giveaway, providing more than 1,600 Thanksgiving meals to individuals and families in need. The center was also honored with a Neighborhood Builders award from Bank of America that day, presented with a $200,000 check to expand community efforts such as the giveaway.

The staff of the *Daily Press* wishes all of Santa Monica, Venice and the Westside a wonderful holiday, and leave you with Santa Monica locals' own reasons for thankfulness this season.

"I'm grateful for the Samohi Theatre Department; the students are talented, quirky, hardworking and kind to each other and it's a joy to teach and direct them!"
-Kate Barraza, Theater Director, Santa Monica High School

"I am particularly thankful for our business leaders who not only create good jobs in Santa Monica but give back and serve the community in so many ways creating a vibrant place to live, play, and work."
-Judy Kruger, President/CEO, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce

"I am grateful for love and friendship and their miraculous ability to heal in times of trouble."
-Rob Schwenker, Executive Director, Santa Monica History Museum

"I am thankful for the incredibly caring, compassionate, and collaborative community of Santa Monica. I have deep gratitude for the unbreakable partnership between our families and staff in ensuring all our students are provided with everything they need to be successful."
-Christian Fuhrer, Principal, Grant Elementary School

"I saw the official City of Santa Monica's Instagram post on November 20th honoring transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of transgender violence, and it took my breath away. Thank you to my childhood hometown for creating a city that INCLUDES ALL; it's a place where I still want to be a resident, I love raising my children in our public schools, and I get to build a small business to give back to my own community that has given me these opportunities. I am grateful that I am in this particular place, right here, right now. #SaMoPride"
-Nicole Blaine, Owner/CEO, The Crow

"I am so thankful to work in the Santa Monica-Malibu USD for 24 years as the Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator as I plan to retire in June 2025. Also, I am so thankful for our dedicated visual, Performing Arts teachers, staff and students. I have had the pleasure of working with and watching the difference they make every day and the lives of our students! Lastly, I am thankful for such a supportive community that values arts education in our public schools! Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!"
-Tom Whaley, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator, SMMUSD

"I am so thankful for our beautiful beach. Tower 24 has been the backdrop for so many important moments over the last 30 years. It has warmed my soul in good times and held my tears in bad... and all the in betweens. I am lucky for the privilege and grateful for the access to step on that sand and say, I live here."
-Meredith McCarthy, Director of Community Connection, Heal the Bay

"We are thankful for four years of competent and ethical leadership from the Biden Administration, Vice President Kamala Harris for stepping up to run a strong campaign against impossible prevailing headwinds, and our local Democratic candidates for providing Santa Monica with the opportunity to become a beacon of hope for progressive governance during the uncertain times ahead of us."
- Santa Monica Democratic Club

"Teaching is a journey of the heart. As teachers, we get to experience the challenges and the triumphs our students experience by their side. Being able to share those moments has been the biggest joy and honor of my life. I am thankful for sharing the gift of those moments with our students and being there also to accept them exactly as they are each and every day."
-Claudia Bautista-Nicholas, President, Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association

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Popular Pico coffee shop celebrates 10 years with customer photo gallery



Photo by Scott Snowden

PORTRAIT: A popular coffee shop on Pico Blvd is celebrating its 10 year anniversary by creating a photo gallery of all the regular customers.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The popular Lo/Cal coffee shop on Pico Blvd is celebrating its 10 year anniversary by creating a photo gallery of all the regular customers with each portrait a stylish black and white, professionally snapped photo.

This has been made possible because of manager Steve Curley, who before taking a slightly different path, has spent most of his career as a professional photographer, cinematographer and location scout for various Hollywood studios.

Born in Manchester, England, Curley came to the US 30 years ago to find a career in photography, spending 10 years in New York first, then six in Chicago before finally settling in Los Angeles 10 years ago. He was living and working in Manhattan when 9/11 unfolded and he took some mindblowing photographs from that infamous day in history.

"Photography is my first love," he says, "But I always had an interest in being involved with film and television too."

However, Curley says that after a few years he began to become disheartened with industry, or more specifically, the "toxic environment" he was repeatedly finding himself in.

"The final straw was working on NBC's Quantum Leap reboot," he says, adding that budget cuts, exhaustive schedules and union bureaucracy caused him to rethink a few things. "So I became embittered with all the unions, all the bullshit, the scant work. It's terrible. At 53 I won't put up with that crap. I wanted to turn back to my photography." Curley said.

That's when he started hanging out at the Lo/Cal coffee shop. Inbetween freelance and contract jobs, Curley would spend time planning his next projects, gathering his thoughts and exchanging pleasantries with the other regular customers. One of those customers was Anne Carmack, Santa Monica's Poet Laureate, who encouraged him to apply for the manager role when they saw a sign hanging on the wall one morning, advertising the role.

"I already knew the owner, he's a great guy and so last year, I started working here and said goodbye to Hollywood," Curley said. "I'd been coming here for years and I finally hopped over the counter, so to speak, because I love it here and I know everyone who comes in. It's like the good old fashioned community thing that I have been missing for years."

This love of local life prompted Curley to suggest to the shop's owner that for the 10th anniversary, they should produce a gallery of every regular customer willing to participate, in a gesture thanking the community for 10 years of business.

"On my days off, I would set up in the back, there's a nice, little patio, but not much space, so I set up a backdrop and my lighting and then ask the customers very nicely if they wanted to take part," he laughed.

> Photography is my first love, but I always had an interest in being involved with film and television too
>
> - Steve Curley

Not everyone was thrilled by the idea straight away, but it didn't take long for everyone to see the positive side of participation. He explained that there was one customer, a very large gentleman, who would come in everyday and spend three or four hours in the coffee shop.

"Sometimes we would even see him crying as he sat, but this is his safe space and he's always friendly and helpful, but we would just leave him be ... When we asked him, he wasn't interested at all," Curley said.

"About three hours passed and then he got up, walked right up to me – he has no idea about personal space – and I thought I was going to get pounded for some reason, but he looked at me and said, 'I'll do it' and now we've got him up on the wall. It was a beautiful moment."

The whole endeavor took about four weeks and on weekends, sometimes Curley would come in a couple of hours before the shop opened at 7am to set everything up and it became that customers would come in and tell him that they wanted to be a part of it.

"They'd say, 'Hey, you haven't taken a picture of me yet,'" Curley laughed.

Lo/Cal Coffee is at 2214 Pico Blvd and is open Mon-Sat 7am–3:30pm, Sun 8am–3:30pm and you can find out more by visiting their website at local-coffee.com/menu-new/.

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Small, luxury foods are great as stocking stuffers or other gifts. Ideas for under $50

KATIE WORKMAN
Associated Press

If you have an avid cook or food lover in your life, your gifting opportunities these days are vast and deep. There are authentic ingredients and creative concoctions in brick-and-mortar shops and online. The global pantry beckons. Plus, in many cases, the packaging is gorgeous!

Many of these affordable luxuries can be tucked into a stocking, but they also make great presents for a co-worker, mail carrier, nephew or teacher. As a slightly compulsive and obsessive gift giver, matching the right edible treat to the recipient is my jam (another great gifting option!).

All of these items cost under $50, but make a big splash.

Let's go!

AH, NUTS

Two Chinese American friends took the flavors of their favorite childhood treats and transformed them into sweet spreads, ready to be slathered on toast, apples or just eaten with a spoon. Rooted Fare sells spreads like Crunchy Black Sesame Butter (inspired by tang yuan, a Lunar New Year dessert), Pineapple Cake Cashew Butter, and Chinese Almond Cookie Butter. $15 per jar.

Il Colle del Gusto makes some sweet and unusual nut-based spreads with an Italian twist: Coarse Hazelnut and Cocoa, Crunchy Peanut, and Sicilian Pistachio, all blended with olive oil. Swirl them into ice cream, slather them onto toast. Each jar under $10.

Related: Sesame lovers will be delighted with either an assortment of tahini products such as Chocolate Sesame Sauce, or a tub of flaky, melt-in-your-mouth halva in flavors like cardamom and pistachio from Seed + Mill. Some great gift sets available for under $50.

THE CRUNCHIEST

Chile crunch condiments have taken the cooking world by storm, and there are some highly giftable options.

Fly By Jing makes a large assortment of Asian-inspired chile crunches, and they have some attractively packaged gift sets for the holidays. The mini sampler set is around $20.

The aptly named Chile Crunch sells several varieties of their crunchy condiment, including hot, chipotle, mild and original, all for about $13 per jar.

Somos' Salsa Macha Mexican Chili Crisps explode with texture thanks to a whole lot of nuts and seeds. Scoop these spicy-crunchy sauces over everything from avocado toast to tacos — and try the sweeter one on ice cream! The gift set of two comes with a cute spoon for $35.

FEELING SAUCY

Chef Patricia Quintana has created a line of salsas, sauces, dressings and condiments that preserves the heritage of traditional Mexican cooking. Treat someone to a jar of Achiote sauce or Pineapple Habanero Salsa (and hope you get invited over for the ensuing meal). $15 to $20 per jar.

Ever heard of Secret Aardvark sauces? You might be tempted to spread the word. This Caribbean/Tex-Mex line of condiments has a big following for what they call their "flavor that kicks you in the mouth." There are many choices, including Drunken Jerk Jamaican Marinade, and Aardvark Habanero Hot Sauce. $10 each, with combo packs starting at $20.

SOMETHING FISHY

Tinned fish is also having a blockbuster culinary moment (and in many cases the packaging is super fun). Fishwife cans ethically sourced fish, like salmon, anchovies and trout, from around the world, with some attractive gift boxes under $50.

La Narval focuses on combinations of fish and sauce, such as their mussels in Spanish sauce. Each tin is about $10.

JUST A NIBBLE

The Drinks Bakery creates savory snacks with flavor profiles meant to match up perfectly with your favorite libations. Munch on a Lancashire Cheese and Spring Onion biscuit with a hoppy IPA or a sauvignon blanc. Serve the Parmesan, Toasted Pine Nut and Basil biscuits with a whiskey highball or champagne. Choose from small or larger boxes.

OIL AND VINEGAR

I can't think of a food gift I'm happier to see than a high-quality bottle of oil or vinegar, two of the most-used ingredients in my kitchen. Bona Fortuna's selection of Sicilian olive oils is fresh and fragrant, and their aged balsamic vinegars are thick, sweet and rich. The Invecchiato 7-Year Aged Balsamic Vinegar of Modena, for instance, sells for $44.95; Forte Extra Virgin Olive Oil from $10.95 to $39.95.

Metafora olive oil comes in a beautiful bottle and is a nice introduction to Portuguese olive oil. $40.

Alvear makes lovely Andalusian sherry vinegars. For the salad makers and Spanish chefs in your life, think about gifting one each of the bottles, a sweet and a dry, about $20 apop.

FANCY PANTS

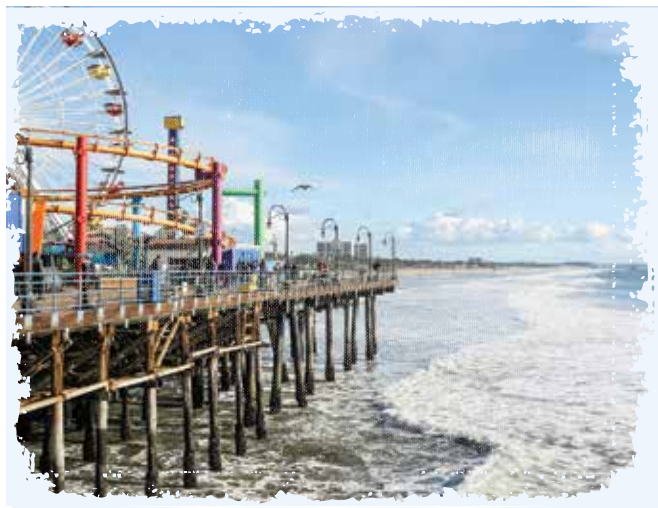
Tartuflanghe makes all sorts of luxury ingredients infused with white and black truffles. Elevate your cooking game with truffle-infused butters with flavors like porcini or anchovy (about $10 each). Pick up a box of decadent, truffle-flavored Tartufissima 19 for $32. Or how about a little jar of black truffle pearls, which look like caviar, and are the most elegant way to finish off a risotto or a deviled egg ($40)?

SWEET DELICACIES

'Tis the season for sweet things, but there's no need to settle for the same old bonbons.

Sanders is known for decadent, chocolate-covered caramels, and this holiday season they have some limited-edition flavors. Do you know someone who might like a bag of bourbon, maple or peppermint dark-chocolate sea-salt caramels? I do! $10.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58**

WEDNESDAY — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** 1-2ft+

One to watch. SSW/S swell is up a couple notches and it'll likely be pretty 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.

THURSDAY — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** 2-3ft+

SSW/S swell continues 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. Morning winds look decent.

Weather

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.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Friday: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.
Friday Night: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2024/11/28	Thu	12:29 AM	1.86	L
2024/11/28	Thu	06:56 AM	5.67	H
2024/11/28	Thu	2:00 PM	0.02	L
2024/11/28	Thu	8:13 PM	3.63	H
2024/11/29	Fri	12:55 AM	2.06	L
2024/11/29	Fri	07:20 AM	5.89	H
2024/11/29	Fri	2:32 PM	-0.30	L
2024/11/29	Fri	8:53 PM	3.59	H
2024/11/30	Sat	01:21 AM	2.23	L
2024/11/30	Sat	07:46 AM	6.04	H
2024/11/30	Sat	3:06 PM	-0.53	L
2024/11/30	Sat	9:33 PM	3.54	H
2024/12/01	Sun	01:49 AM	2.37	L
2024/12/01	Sun	08:14 AM	6.13	H
2024/12/01	Sun	3:42 PM	-0.64	L

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 11/23
16 30 60 62 64
Power#: 25
Jackpot: 171 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/10
3 8 17 46 63
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 48 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/20
2 24 26 30 41
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 42 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/21
1 6 21 27 33

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/22
MIDDAY: 4 2 6
Draw Date: 11/21
EVENING: 9 4 9

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1st: 04 - Big Ben
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3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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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

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Tony Kim by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

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These holiday gifts change the game when building fires, printing photos, watching birds and more

JESSICA DAMIANO
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Finding the perfect gift can be daunting. The only way to truly ensure you get it right would be to ask the recipient what they want, but that wouldn't be much fun for either of you.

Luckily, there's another tactic to help you earn a "gift whisperer" reputation: seeking out unique, practical, game-changing gifts that will truly surprise and delight.

But that's about as easy as it sounds, which is to say it's not easy at all. So, we've done the legwork for you. Start making your list with this compilation of some of the most innovative, functional and fun gifts of 2024. There's something for every budget.

A PEPPER GRINDER, REALLY?

Bear with me: The new FinaMill Ultimate Spice Grinder set elevates the pedestrian pepper and spice mill in both function and style. Available in three colors (Sangria Red, Midnight Black and Soft Cream), the rechargeable-battery unit grinds with a light touch rather than hand-tiring twists. That's easier for everyone and especially helpful for those experiencing hand or wrist issues such as arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome or tendinitis. And it's fun to use. The set includes a stackable storage tray and four pods that can be easily swapped as needed: The GT microplane grater for hard spices, nuts and chocolate; the MAX for large spices and dried herbs; the ProPlus for smaller and oily spices; and the Pepper Pod for, well, pepper. $110.

TO BUILD A FIRE

Campers and backyard firepit lovers who have experienced the heartbreak of wet wood will appreciate having a three-pack of Pull Start Fire on hand. Made of 89% recycled materials, including sanding dust, wax and flint, the food-safe, eco-friendly, 3-by-2-by-1-inch fire starters will light a fire quickly without matches, lighters or kindling. Just loop the attached green string around a log, incorporate it into a wood stack, and pull the attached red string to ignite. Each windproof, rainproof block burns for 30 minutes. $29.99.

THE PLACE FOR A LADLE IS ON THE POT

The No Mess Utensil Set from Souper Cubes, a company known for its portioned, silicone freezer trays, lives up to its name. The utensils — a serving spoon and a ladle — have innovative, S-shaped handles designed to rest on the edge of a pot, keeping them upright so they won't slip in. The design also eliminates the need for a spoon rest or, worse, placing dirty utensils on the kitchen counter or stovetop between stirs. A silicone coating in a choice of Aqua, Charcoal, Cranberry or Blueberry keeps handles cool to the touch. $24.99.

UP YOUR BIRDWATCHING WITH THIS FEEDER

The FeatherSnap Wi-Fi smart bird feeder could turn anyone into an avid birdwatcher. Equipped with an HD camera, the dual-chamber feeder enables up-close livestreaming of avian visitors, as well as species-logging via the free mobile app. An optional premium subscription ($59.99 annually or $6.99 monthly) includes unlimited photo and video storage, AI identification with species-specific details, and the opportunity to earn badges for logging new visitors. Turn on notifications to get alerts sent to your phone whenever there's activity at the feeder. $179.99.

PRINTING OLD-FASHIONED PHOTOS VIA BLUETOOTH

Fujifilm's Instax Mini Link 3 smartphone printer offers a touch of nostalgia without sacrificing technology. Just load the 4.9-by-3.5-by-1.3-inch printer with Instax Mini instant film and connect it to your Android or iOS device via Bluetooth to print wallet-size photos. If you want to get fancy, you can adjust brightness, contrast and saturation, or apply filters, including 3D augmented-reality effects, via the free Instax Mini Link app. It can also make collages of up to six images, or animate photos to share on social media. Available in Rose Pink, Clay White and Sage Green. $99.95.

HOUSEPLANTS DON'T GET MUCH EASIER THAN THIS

The appropriately named easyplant is one of the best gifts you can give your houseplant-loving friends, regardless of their experience level. Select a pot color, size and plant (or get recommendations based on sunlight requirements, pet friendliness and other attributes) and fill the self-watering container's built-in reservoir roughly once a month. Moisture will permeate the soil from the bottom as needed, eliminating the often-fatal consequences of over- or under-watering. It's also a literal lifesaver come vacation time. $49-$259.

Making your own (plant-based) milk

If you've got a no-dairy friend on your list, a plant-based milk maker could save them money while allowing them to avoid sugar, stabilizers, thickeners and preservatives. The Nama M1 appliance both blends and strains ingredients, converting nuts, seeds, grains or oats into velvety-smooth milk in just one minute, with zero grit. And for zero waste, the pasty leftover pulp can be used in other recipes for added nutrients. The device also makes infused oils, flavored waters and soups. And, importantly, cleanup is easy. Available in white and black. $400.

THE PERFECT TEMPERATURE FOR 350,000-PLUS WINES

For friends who prefer stronger beverages, the QelviQ personal sommelier uses "smart" technology to ensure wine is served at its ideal temperature. Unlike traditional wine refrigerators, this device doesn't take up any floor space. It also doesn't chill wine to just one or two temperatures based on its color. Instead — paired with the free QelviQ app — the tabletop chiller relies on a database of more than 350,000 wines to bring a bottle to its specific recommended serving temperature in as little as 20 minutes. It also suggests food-wine and wine-food pairings. Plus, the appliance serves as a great icebreaker to inspire dinnertime conversation. Available in Exciting Red, Dashing Black and Dreamy White. $495.

CASTING LIGHT ON THE GRILL AFTER DARK

Grilling food after dark — and ascertaining its doneness — can prove challenging without outdoor lighting, and it's nearly impossible to cook while holding a flashlight. But as is often the case, the simplest of solutions can make the biggest of impacts: Uncommon Good's 2-piece LED Grilling Tool Set puts illumination into the handles of its stainless-steel spatula and tongs. After use, the lights can be removed and the utensils run through the dishwasher. $40.

GAS PRICES IN SANTA MONICA

76	1776 Cloverfield Blvd	$4.43
SHELL	1802 Cloverfield Blvd	$4.60
CHEVRON	1819 Cloverfield Blvd	$5.00
MOBIL	731 Santa Monica Blvd	$5.00
LINCOLN BLVD CAR WASH	1624 Lincoln Blvd	$4.59
WORLD	1801 Lincoln Blvd	$4.00
SHELL	1866 Lincoln Blvd	$4.49
SPEEDWAY EXPRESS	2555 Lincoln Blvd	$3.99
CHEVRON	1732 Lincoln Blvd	$4.59
ARCO	332 Pico Blvd	$3.99
SINCLAIR	1944 Pico Blvd	$4.40
CHEVRON	1330 Santa Monica Blvd	$4.79
CHEVRON	1348 Pico Blvd	$4.89
CHEVRON	432 Wilshire Blvd	$4.80

*Prices paying in card

Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.39/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 13.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 59.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 1.3 cents in the last week and stands at $3.503 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.64/g yesterday while the most expensive was $5.49/g, a difference of $1.85/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.39/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.40/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.01/g today. The national average is down 11.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 23.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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Eric Uller, who volunteered at Santa Monica's Police Activities League (PAL), masqueraded as a police officer during the late 1980s to early 2000s and *sexually abused hundreds of children.* There may still be time to make a claim.



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Fewer homeless people in Reed Park prompts reduction in needle program

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NEEDLE: A reduction has taken place in needle distribution operations at Reed Park.

Los Angeles County's needle distribution program has reduced, but not eliminated, operations in Reed Park following a reduction in the number of homeless people who are utilizing the services.

County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath met with stakeholders about the situation in October including representatives from the Police Department, city government and St. Monica's church to talk about strategies for a safe and healthy park.

"County and City Departments, in partnership with law enforcement, are aligned on a strategy to 'take back Reed Park,' ensuring it is a recreational community space that offers a safe and healthy environment and is welcoming to all," said Horvath. "I am committed to staying engaged with the City about how we best work together to keep the park safe and bring back opportunities for arts, culture, and recreation. I visit the park whenever I am in Santa Monica and believe that through the City's safe and clean efforts, as well as park activation, we will create a better experience for all Santa Monicans to enjoy their community park on the edge of Downtown."

The meeting covered law enforcement response, programming and park activation plans in progress, and opportunities for partnership to ensure a safe and welcoming experience for all at Reed Park.

The County's Department of Public Health-Substance Abuse and Control Bureau also attended the meeting and said outreach teams have reduced park-based harm reduction services given reduced numbers of people experiencing homelessness in the parks.

"Our LA County contracted harm reduction syringe service provider services the City of Santa Monica, including Reed Park and involving other housing and social service partners, each Friday," said a statement provided by the department. "The time spent in each location depends upon the needs of the people in each outreach location, and we provide community-based harm reduction syringe services based on where people who benefit from these services physically are. Over the past two months, we have seen fewer numbers of individuals in Reed Park receiving services (reductions from an average of fifteen individuals served per week to more recently six per week) that indicates a reduction of people experiencing homelessness residing in the park. Accordingly, the supplies distributed has reduced proportionally; on October 25 we collected and distributed a total of ten syringes. The LA County supported harm reduction syringe services program continues to operate on a weekly basis serving the community of Santa Monica."

The department said the County's overdose crisis is the worst in history and that the county is increasing efforts to fight the epidemic.

"It is also our priority to strengthen our partnerships with community groups, leaders and residents so that we can hear and address their concerns," said the statement. "The harm reduction syringe services in Santa Monica are part of our community-centered harm reduction response, and last year, for the first time in ten years, the LA County's overdose deaths did not increase. For an epidemic that has been getting worse every year, this is a step in the right direction."

The Santa Monica Police Department said its officers have seen an anecdotal decrease in homelessness in the park.

Lieutenant Erika R. Aklufi said the department has added extra patrols to the park, held moring roll calls for officers in the park and stationed park officers at the location on a daily basis. They have also initiated specific investigations into drug sales in the park in recent months.

"All of those things are part of our strategy to make sure it's activated with people and with a police presence and to make people feel secure using it and to assist in efforts to get more residents and people that want to enjoy the facilities to come down," she said. "That's been our strategy. It's great if we can align that with what the County is doing, that would be the ideal scenario and we're grateful if they want to support what it is we're doing."

Aklufi said Santa Monica's brief, but increasingly chilly weather, also moves people out of the park on a seasonal basis.

The needle program has been a source of controversy for years.

In September of 2022, in an open letter to Los Angeles County officials, then Mayor Sue Himmelrich called for a halt to the program and "immediately [move] this program to a service rich environment (preferably indoors) where individuals in need of substance abuse, mental health, and other services can coordinate and work directly with service providers."

The program has moved locations and changed tactics but remains an outdoor distribution program operated by Los Angeles County in Santa Monica city parks. Some advocates have claimed the program is illegal (and the subject of a lawsuit) and local criticism has claimed the distribution makes the park unsafe and/or unsanitary.

Santa Monica's local leadership, including the City Attorney and City Manager have long maintained the program is outside Santa Monica's control. For the last four years, the Council has been split over support for the efforts but most of the critics (Councilmembers Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra) will be leaving the dais.

The Department of Public Health strongly defended the program at large and in specific to Santa Monica.

"Evidence shows that harm reduction measures like syringe service programs and distributing safer use supplies save lives, do not increase drug use and are cost saving," said the statement. "Evidence-based harm reduction services include connections to medical, mental health, substance use treatment services, peer engagement, distribution of the opioid overdose reversal medication naloxone, distribution of fentanyl and xylazine test strips, infectious disease testing, syringe services programs, and more. In fact, people using harm reduction services are five times more likely to participate in drug treatment and three times more likely to reduce or stop injecting than those who have never accessed harm reduction services."

More information about harm reduction programs are posted at http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/public/harm-reduction and http://www.cdc.gov/syringe-services-programs/php/safety-effectiveness.html. Information reflecting the reduction in overdose rates is posted via http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/public/data-reports-and-briefs.htm

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GIFTS

FROM PAGE 3

Perhaps you've seen the elegant Lady M layered crepe cakes? Well this holiday, try their more portable and giftable Holiday Crepe Biscuit Collection. Eight wedge-shaped boxes contain a delicate crepe biscuit with fillings such as vanilla, chocolate hazelnut and green tea. $28.

André's Confiserie Suisse makes handmade chocolate with deep rich flavor, a result of generations of Swiss chocolate-making expertise. Some unusual classics include the Nussbergerli Sticks, a mix of caramel, candied orange peel and nuts, covered in either dark or milk chocolate, as well as a lovely assortment of chocolate-covered almonds. Also check out the festive, almond-stuffed chocolate pinecones, a cute edible ornament. Offerings start at $7.

There are chocolate bars and then there are chocolate bars. At Chocopologie, it's hard to decide among the creative confections. Burnt Caramel Hawaiian Sea Salt? A S'Mores Bar that includes organic graham crackers and vegan marshmallows? At $10 each, you might need to buy a few.

The bakers you know will love playing around with the Salted Caramel Crumbles from Kitty Keller. These toffee-like crumbles are made from the butter and salted caramel of Brittany, France, and can be used to finish all kinds of sweet treats with a crunchy little panache. $12.

I could go on (quite clearly), but suffice it to say that a little special treat can have a big impact. Those stockings aren't going to stuff themselves!

THANKSGIVING

FROM PAGE 1

"At Westside Food Bank, gratitude is at the heart of everything we do. I'm especially thankful for our 60+ partner agencies, dedicated volunteers, and generous supporters who make our mission possible. From individuals to businesses, schools, and faith groups, our community comes together to fight hunger. I'm also deeply grateful for our passionate Board and staff, whose commitment ensures we can keep nourishing our neighbors in need. Together, we're building a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive — and that's something to truly be thankful for."

-Genevieve Riutort, President & CEO, Westside Food Bank

"I'm grateful to have a job I love that makes a difference. I am constantly inspired by our staff who work super hard for our mission, by our Board members who volunteer countless hours and share wisdom, by our residents who have overcome adversity and who share their gratitude with us, and to community members who advocate for no personal gain but to make our community better for everyone. Let's all be the change we want to see in this world – together!"

-Tara Barauskas, Executive Director, Community Corp. of Santa Monica

"I am thankful for many things right now. I am grateful to work with a team of dedicated, compassionate, and talented employees who truly care about the community they serve. I'm thankful for the members of this community, and how engaged and passionate they are about moving the city forward. I'm thankful for the natural beauty that surrounds us each day in Santa Monica. And I'm thankful to live and work in a city that takes very seriously and cares very deeply about its most vulnerable residents, the impacts of climate change, and building a sustainable and equitable future."

-David White, City Manager

"First and foremost, I am thankful for my daughter and husband and to have a safe place to call home. I am also grateful for all the Housing and Human Services Department staff for their tireless work to house and support members of our community. My hope is that someday every single member of our community will be stably and safely housed. Thank you to everyone in the city who is helping us get there."

-Heather Averick, Director of Housing and Human Services

"I am thankful for my amazing family, my wonderful friends, and the fact that I am lucky enough to live in a beautiful city like Santa Monica. However you spend the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope you find joy and peace."

-Gleam Davis, Councilmember

"I am blessed to have been able to serve the people of Santa Monica for the past four years as a City Council Member and the Mayor of this great city. It is a blessing to contribute to those in need through the great volunteer efforts of Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Elks, and the Salvation Army, among others. Above all, I am fortunate to know so many of you. Your presence has enriched my life tremendously and I give thanks to all of you every day."

-Phil Brock, Mayor

"I am incredibly thankful for my beautiful family, good health and the time spent with loved ones this holiday season. And I am also thankful for this wonderful community. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve them the past four years on the City Council, getting to meet and know so many wonderful people, and to make progress on critical issues. I look forward to continuing to dedicate myself to Santa Monica in the years to come. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!"

-Christine Parra, Councilmember

"This is the time of year to reflect on gratitude and community. This season offers an opportunity to focus on the values that bring us together and the commitments we hold as a school district to our students, families, staff and broader communities we serve. I am thankful for our staff, students, parents, volunteers, and community members for your dedication and partnership. Your efforts help ensure that SMMUSD continues to thrive and that every student has the opportunity to succeed academically and socially-emotionally."

-Dr. Antonio Shelton, Superintendent, SMMUSD

"Thank you for being the heart of our schools. Your support, dedication, and partnership make all the difference for our students. Together, we're creating opportunities, fostering growth, and building a brighter future. I'm grateful to serve such an incredible community."

-Dr. Stacy Williamson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, SMMUSD

"I am thankful to be part of the Samohi community working alongside the collection of dedicated professionals that are committed to supporting our students as they learn and thrive. I am continually inspired by the enthusiasm, determination, and curiosity demonstrated by our students."

-Marae Cruce, Principal, Santa Monica High School

"This Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for our families, educators, and community who make our schools thrive. Your dedication inspires us all. Wishing you a season filled with joy, connection, and gratitude. Thank you for all you do!"

-Alicia Mignano, Board Member, SMMUSD Board of Education

"During this season, I'm deeply thankful to be the principal of Lincoln Middle School and to serve such an incredible community. I'm inspired daily by our amazing students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. Together, we make Lincoln a place of growth, inclusion, and achievement. Happy Thanksgiving!"

-Jose Cuevas, Principal, Lincoln Middle School

"It is an honor to serve as principal of John Adams Middle School, where education, inclusivity, and excellence thrive. Students' curiosity and determination inspire us daily, reinforcing our mission. Witnessing their growth, achievements, and resilience is the greatest reward."

-Martha Chacon, Principal, John Adams Middle School

"I'm grateful to be in my 17th year as principal of SMASH which is a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for kids and adults. I'm thankful to my family who fill me with unconditional love and commitment to humanitarian efforts and environmental stewardship. Our Santa Monica community generates so much that I appreciate including compassionate care for student interests and needs."

-Jessica Rishe, Principal, Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH)

"As we reflect on the past year, I remain thankful and grateful to live in a community like Santa Monica. As I walk my dog or look at the sunset from Palisade Park, I always remind myself that in spite of any problems we face on a daily basis, we are lucky enough to live in the most special city I have ever known."

-Jon Kean, Vice President, SMMUSD Board of Education

"This Thanksgiving, I am deeply grateful for my family, the supportive community I am part of, and the opportunity to serve students in our public schools. My heart goes out to those facing hardships this season—may we all find comfort, hope, and the strength to support one another."

-Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Board Member, SMMUSD Board of Education

"This Thanksgiving finds me in a contemplative state, reflecting on the profound challenges our City has weathered recently. My deepest gratitude extends to the extraordinary individuals who comprise the Santa Monica Police Department, whose unwavering dedication and commitment safeguards our community. My heart swells with particular thankfulness for the ongoing recovery of our officer who faced grave injuries while serving our city. The outpouring of support from both our community and the SMPD family - not only for him, but also for our Records Supervisor who lost everything in the Mountain fire - has been deeply moving. While my mood may not match the traditional holiday cheer, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude and humility to serve alongside such extraordinary colleagues in this remarkable city."

-Ramon Batista, Santa Monica Chief of Police

"I'm grateful for so many of the usual things - family, friends, health, happiness."

-Lt. Erika Aklufi, Santa Monica Police Department

"I am thankful for the faith and support our Downtown stakeholders have put in me. It's incredibly humbling and a responsibility that I don't take lightly. On a personal note, I'm thankful to live and work on the Westside of Los Angeles. This is the most beautiful corner of the world."

-Andrew Thomas, CEO, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

"At UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center, we are so thankful to partner with our Community to provide the most comprehensive and integrative healthcare. It's so gratifying to deliver acts of kindness, alleviate suffering, and care for our entire community across their whole life span from newborn to geriatrics. It is what we are here for every day, and we are so grateful to be part of the Santa Monica Community."

-Janet Rimicci, Senior Executive Director, UCLA Health Santa Monica

"I am grateful to have two healthy little rascals running amok at home, being married to a wonderful human and mother to our children, and living in a state and city that strives to safeguard the health of nature and all people."

-Benjamin Kay, Life & Environmental Sciences, Santa Monica High School

"This Thanksgiving, we are deeply grateful for the incredible community that has supported The Lobster for over 25 years. From the families who've celebrated milestones with us to the locals who've made us part of their weekly rituals, you've helped us create something truly special here at the entrance to the historic Santa Monica Pier. Sharing fresh, sustainable seafood with the best oceanfront view is a privilege we never take for granted. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your stories — here's to many more years together!"

-Govind Armstrong, Executive Chef, The Lobster

"As my first Thanksgiving as the Fire Chief here in Santa Monica, I'm thankful for my two families, my family at home and my family here in Santa Monica. I'm also thankful that my almost 90-year-old mother was able to witness another Dodgers World Series."

-Matthew Hallock, Chief, Santa Monica Fire Department

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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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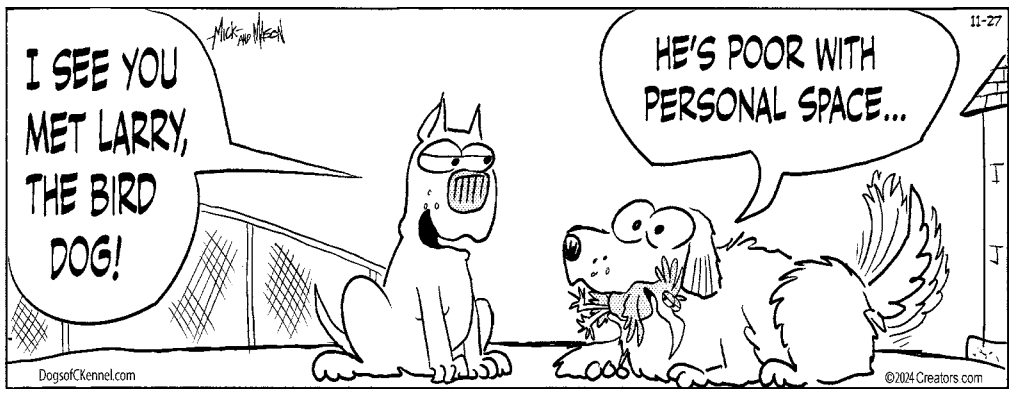
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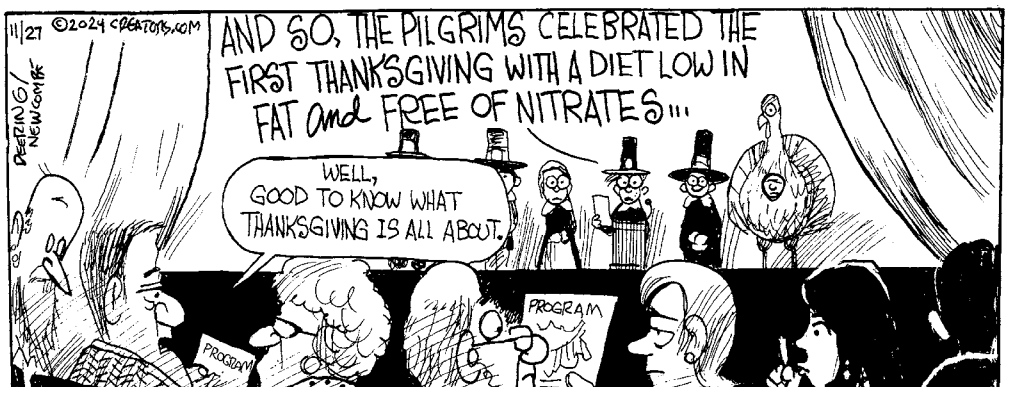
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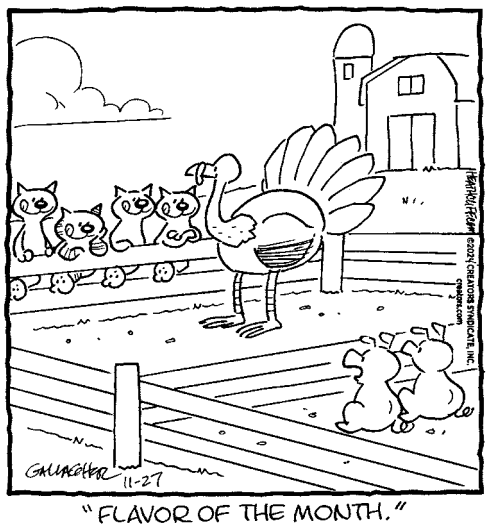
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 27)

The year opens with the same characters, unfamiliar scene and sparkling opportunities for reinvention. Your warmth draws the right allies at the right time, inspiring shared paths better for all. More highlights: a well-deserved career win, a brand-new skill you'll build with passion, and a reunion that feels like your heart's homecoming. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 11, 17 and 6.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Perseverance is moving forward even when it's difficult. Today, take one more step in the direction of your goals, no matter how small. Momentum builds with each effort, carrying you closer to what you're reaching for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can afford to break the routine and, in fact, it will benefit you to do so. The timing is right to add the mixed-up wild card to your hand. A "what if" attitude invites possibility and opens doors that routine would keep shut.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you don't have a system, don't worry - the world will lend you one. And if it doesn't suit you, you'll gain something valuable: insight into what needs improvement, putting you in a stronger position than before.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll connect in a breezy way. Your kindness and care will come through mostly, but if it does get a little weird, remember that most people are way more focused on the good in a conversation than on small, awkward moments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Compassion is empathy in action. It's not just feeling for others but taking steps to help. You will let kindness lead your interactions and love will ripple out, touching more lives than you realize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make life easier for your future self by adding only a few essentials. If additions feel necessary - like purchases, friendships, activities - choose ones that are low-maintenance and low-cost. Avoid saddling your future self with the price of today's impulses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Growth sometimes feels a lot like standing still. But even quiet moments hold their own lessons. Honor your progress by remembering where you started and appreciating how far you've come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your environment reflects and affects your state of mind. You'll curate your space intentionally. Whether it's decluttering a corner or adding something uplifting, small changes can make your surroundings feel more like a haven.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take a few moments today to check in with yourself and look at where you are without judgment. The clearer you are about your inner world, the easier it is to make choices that align with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Humor will soften the edges of today's challenges. There are so many reasons to laugh, especially if things feel tough. A lighthearted outlook gives you peace, allies and material.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've had people in your life who discouraged you from exploring what excited you, if they even noticed at all. That's OK. You'll make up for lost time by being sensitive to your internal signals of delight, appetite and attraction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You value relationships and will examine your interactions even when it's uncomfortable. Too many rules for yourself can turn into more pressure to be perfect, which no one can sustain. People don't need you to be "perfect"; they just want you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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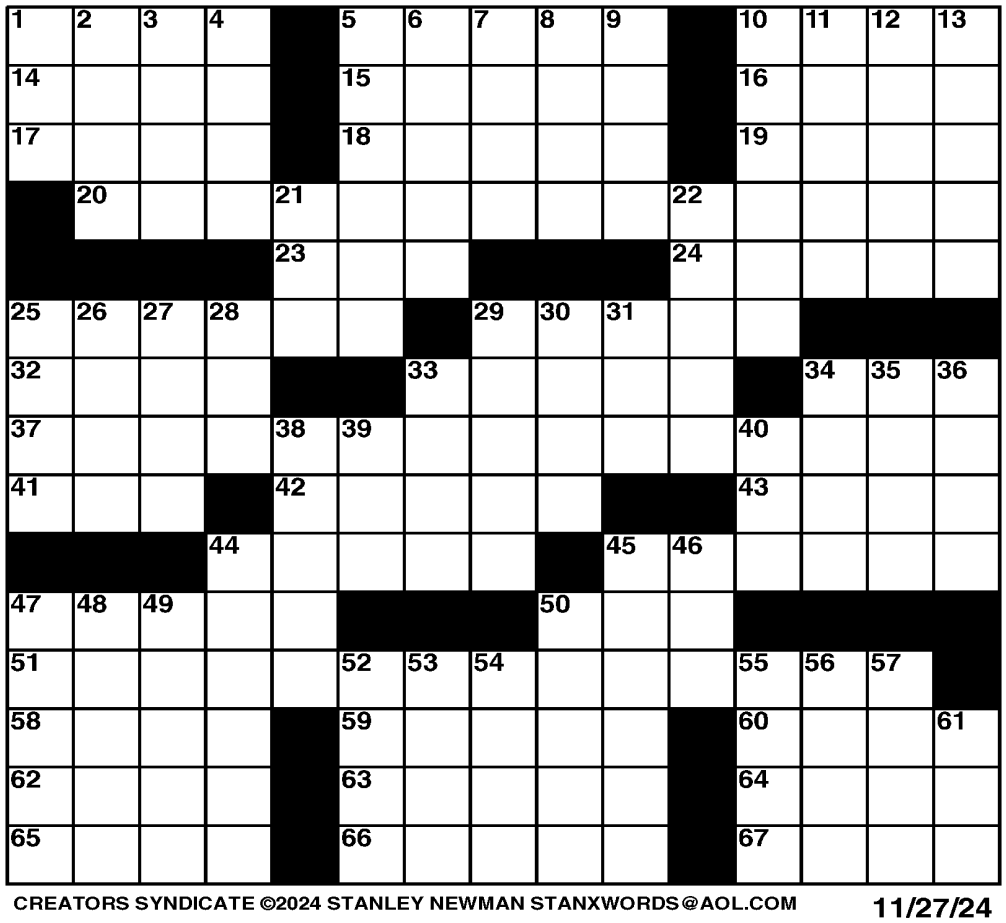
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ACROSS

1 Con game
5 Marsh grasses
10 Memo's "right away"
14 Napoleon exile island
15 Loosen, as shoelaces
16 __ weevil (cotton pest)
17 Place for a mural
18 Mother-of-pearl
19 Neighborhood
20 Oil industry science
23 Simple shack
24 Hatchlings' homes
25 Vessel for pekoe
29 Sheds feathers
32 Golden Fleece ship
33 Harder to find
34 Stylish, in the '60s
37 Crime investigation science
41 Baggage screeners' org.
42 Desert spots with water
43 Meadowland measure
44 Clock readings
45 Overtook on the road
47 Secret agents
50 Tiny amount
51 Atomic energy science
58 Word-of-mouth
59 French capital, slangily
60 Manage, somehow
62 Used to be
63 Online party announcement
64 Ireland nickname
65 Clairvoyant person
66 French artist Edgar
67 Transmit

DOWN

1 Assemble with thread
2 Applaud
3 Ready, willing, and __
4 Brewer's grain
5 Expire, as a subscription
6 Make into law
7 Engrave on glass
8 Very urgent
9 Appear to be
10 Belittles
11 Separates into piles
12 On one's toes
13 Stage performances
21 Greek letter after pi
22 Preface, for short
25 President before Wilson
26 Mount Olympus love god
27 Taj Mahal city
28 "The Raven" writer
29 Knights' battle clubs
30 Poetic spheres
31 Luau neckwear
33 Move higher
34 Comfy shoes, for short
35 Storybook brute
36 Recolored
38 Unwelcome clatter
39 Fourth of July Uncle
40 __ Vegas
44 The "T" in ATM
45 Check recipients
46 Internet pop-ups
47 Comes down in flurries
48 Turn to mush in a blender
49 Sympathetic comment
50 Greek letter before iota
52 Imitated
53 Rant and __
54 Overly proper person
55 Frosts, as a pastry
56 Center of an apple
57 Whirl around
61 Last of a list



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AROUND TOWN

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A Cornucopia of Thanksgiving Week Food and Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes **Thanksgiving event and restaurant options, Small Business Saturdays Main St. restaurant opening from a Michelin starred chef,** and much more!

Small Business Saturday: This holiday season, take a stroll through Santa Monica's vibrant neighborhoods and celebrate the heart of our local economy - small businesses! From the charm of Main Street to the delights of Montana Ave, you'll find unique treasures and one-of-a-kind finds. In particular, look for businesses with orange balloons indicating their participation.

Holiday Cheer on the Pier: The SaMo Pier is bringing the holiday cheer this year with a month of programming sure to bring a smile to everyone in the family, including holiday performances, decking out the windows of the historic Merry Go-Round windows, and photos with Santa. **Thursday, Nov. 21 - Dec. 19** https://www.santamonicapier.org/cheeronthepier/

Santa Monica Turkey Trot: It's time for the Turkey Trot 5k, 10k, 15k, or Half Marathon on Thanksgiving Day. Pick your speed and work up an appetite running along Santa Monica's beautiful beach path. All finishers will receive a medal and goodie bag. **Thursday, Nov. 28, 7:30a.m., 2000 Ocean Ave.** https://www.santamonica.com/event/turkey-trot/

Thanksgiving in Venice - Feed The Homeless: Come celebrate this holiday season by giving back to the community with Lost Angels at their Annual Feed the Homeless Event. Gather at Venice Beach to provide meals, essential items, and warm holiday cheer to those in need. Your participation and support make this event possible! **Thursday, Nov. 28, 6:00 - 10:00a.m., 219 Rose Ave.** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thanksgiving-in-venice-2024-feed-the-homeless-tickets-1010243624877

Palisades Turkey Trot: The annual Pacific Palisades Turkey Trot celebrates its 10th Year. **Thursday, Nov. 28, 8:00a.m., 15777 Bowdoin St., Pacific Palisades** https://www.malibu.org/events/details/palisades-turkey-trot-thanksgiving-day-16064?calendarMonth=2024-11-01

Skatesgiving 10K Race & Food Drive: Celebrate Thanksgiving by starting the day out with skating and giving back to the community. **Thursday, Nov. 28, Barnard Linear Way Park, 2440 Barnard Way** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skatesgiving-10k-race-food-drive-tickets-1072625835749

ONGOING: Cirque du Soleil Kooza (until 1/5); Ice @ Santa Monica (until 1/20); LiteBrite Experience; LA Auto Show (until 12/1)

What to Eat & Drink?

8 Nights at Birdie G's: To celebrate the holiday season, Chef and Owner Jeremy Fox of Birdie G's is bringing back his seasonal dinner series that welcomes notable chefs from across the country to cook at his restaurant. Delight in a unique family-style menu featuring creations from each of the visiting chefs, alongside the talented team at Birdie G's. **Monday, Dec. 2 - Thursday, Dec. 12, 2421 Michigan Ave.** https://blog.resy.com/2024/10/8-nights-at-birdie-gs-2024/

BreadHead Get Glowing NBC4 Video Report: The report details"the chefs who left fine dining to open the ultimate sandwich shop...and other key elements to perfecting a sandwich." https://www.nbclosangeles.com/california-live/meet-the-chefs-who-left-fine-dining-to-open-the-ultimate-sandwich-shop/3560122/

New Dave Beran Restaurant Seline Opening on Main St. Dec. 3: According to the multi-Michelin starred chef, "This is the tasting restaurant I've wanted to make for so long. It will really be an evolution of what we were doing at Dialogue." Beran described the cuisine as eclectic, modern and progressive. "The menu will be framed around my own experiences and what I've done in the past. It won't necessarily be French or Japanese or fusion, just the style that we've developed over time." **3110 Main St.** https://www.instagram.com/selinerestaurant

Divine Wine Bar Opening: The bar opened this past Friday night at the Divine Vintage store. **1025 Montana Ave.** https://www.instagram.com/divinevintagesm/

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on **Around Town: A Cornucopia of Thanksgiving Week Food and Events**

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, December 02, 2024 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:

2919 Wilshire Boulevard – 24ARB-0142: Residential/ Mixed-Use
Review of the design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of an eight-story, 85'-tall, mixed-use building consisting of 127 units and approximately 5,700 square feet of ground floor commercial space above 4 levels of subterranean parking in the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) Zoning District.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW:

1420-1422 20th Street- Residential/ Mixed-Use
Preliminary Review of the design, colors, materials for the construction of an eight-story mixed-use building with 50 residential units, inclusive of 10 deed-restricted affordable units; a 40-room hotel; ground floor commercial space; roof level amenity space; and two levels of subterranean parking in the Low Density Residential (R2) Zoning District. The project is proposed pursuant to the "Builder's Remedy" statute of the Housing Accountability Act, Government Code Section 65589.5(d).

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431#).

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Architectural Review Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation.

All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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ESPAÑOL : Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov
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También puede comentar en persona en la audiencia de la Comisión Architectural Review Board. Consulte la agenda para obtener instrucciones más detalladas sobre cómo comentar en persona.

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Menu

FOOD

Crocchette di pollo 12
Chicken croquettes, mozzarella, San Marzano tomato purée

Arancini di carne e mozzarella 13
Crispy rice balls, mozzarella, beef ragout San Marzano tomato purée

Calamari fritti 9
The classic, Calabrian chili aioli

Truffle fries 8
Truffle fries, grated Parmigiano, truffle zest (vegetarian)

Bruschetta 9
Toasted ciabatta bread cherry tomatoes, basil balsamic glaze (vegan)

COCKTAIL

Spicy Margarita 9
House tequila, agave, organic lime

Old fashioned 10
House bourbon, maraschino cherry, organic sugar

Classic Martini 11
House vodka or gin, twist or olives

WINE

Classic Spritz 9
Aperol, prosecco

Pinot Grigio Valdadige 8
Dry and crisp white wine

Chardonnay Maddalena 10
Oaky and aromatic white wine

Montepulciano d' Abruzzo Marramiero 9
Dry and medium body red wine

Cabernet Sauvignon Scotto 10
Aromatic and full body red wine

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