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Montana's 'design district' bolstered by brand-new boutique







Photo by Thomas Leffler

BOUTIQUE: Ashley Frawley's Hummingbird Home & Co. has made for a synergistic entry in Montana Avenue's "design district."

THOMAS LEFFLER
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Montana Avenue's collection of top brands includes a convergence of home goods on the 1000 block, something the block's newest tenant has deemed the city's "little home section."

Now co-existing with storefronts like The Shade Store, Visual Comfort & Co, Fireclay Tile and Divine Vintage is Hummingbird Home & Co., a home goods and boutique that owner Ashley Frawley wants customers to feel inspired by. Boasting a mix of unique and colorful pieces like table linens and dinnerware, Frawley looked to Montana for her shop due to a successful pop-up and dates she and her now-husband shared at Primo Passo Coffee Co and Marmalade Cafe.

"It's become this little design district, that was not planned, but I thought it couldn't have worked out better," Frawley said.

Things working out in the home goods industry for Frawley was the result of a leap of faith and relentless work ethic, wearing "20 different hats" in her ascent from beginner to shopowner. After working for 15 years in the fashion industry, Frawley decided to pivot during the COVID-19 pandemic, becoming more intrigued by home decoration from doing the process herself in her first home.

On a whim, she sent an Instagram message to Meg Young, the founder of decor startup Cailini Coastal, and eventually began working on the ground floor of the e-commerce operation out of Young's garage. In her first time taking on tasks like data entry and customer service, Frawley noted that being "part of

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Waymo ends waitlisting, helps disabled riders as part of LA expansion



Photo Courtesy of Waymo

WAYMO: Westside native Fernando Gomez, seen here with wife Elizabeth and Son Oscar Antonio, credit Waymo autonomous vehicles for being a safe ride with Oscar Antonio's disability.

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A local autonomous vehicle movement that began in Santa Monica has now expanded to the entirety of Los Angeles, no waiting required.

On Nov. 12, autonomous riding service Waymo announced its expansion across the Los Angeles area is now available for all citizens through the Waymo One app. Previously put under an elongated waitlist, with nearly 300,000 Angelenos signed up during the testing period, the public can now take rides whenever they please.

"Now is an exciting time to welcome everyone in Los Angeles along for the ride," Waymo Co-CEO Tekedra Mawakana said. "Our service has matured quickly and our riders are embracing the many benefits of fully autonomous driving. We're so grateful to all of our first riders in LA, and we can't wait to serve more riders soon."

The first Los Angeles riders were concentrated in Santa Monica, which served as the first testing ground in the area. Waymo LA Operations Lead Carl Winnicki previously told the Daily Press that Santa Monica was chosen to test out the vehicles in a dense urban center with a heavy bike presence.

While the expansion has gone from Santa Monica to over 79 square miles of Los Angeles County,

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WAYMO

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the Westside remains of top importance to Waymo, particularly with its safety-first model making rides accessible for women, LGBTQ+ riders and riders with disabilities.

"We are thrilled to see Waymo's continued expansion across our great city, a place known for its vibrant diversity and massive footprint," Los Angeles LGBT Center Director of Corporate Partnerships Diego Martinez said. "This expansion not only increases transit options for LGBTQ+ individuals, but also contributes to a more interconnected and sustainable metropolis."

Increasing transit options for those with disabilities was a goal of Westside native Fernando Gomez, a father of a 17-year-old son with Down syndrome and a 15-year-old son also on the disability spectrum. Gomez has translated this experience into being co-founder of Integrated Community Collaborative (ICC), an organization that uses parents and self-advocates to help others navigate "complex systems of support" for disabled youth.

Gomez stated that ICC will be incorporating Waymo into its advocacy efforts on the Westside and beyond, using the transportation to take disabled youth to job opportunities and events, giving them "that freedom that they don't experience in other options that exist today."

"As a dad, we've always looked at different opportunities and options for our children, especially when it comes to accessibility," Gomez said. "My wife and I used to argue about our son being able to drive … and my thinking back then was (that) he could (eventually) get into a car that will drive itself, and lo and behold, several years (later) and here's Waymo."

Gomez worked with Waymo to provide early feedback on disability needs, such as interfaces to instruct riders to keep their seatbelt on and to help regulate potential physical or emotional episodes.

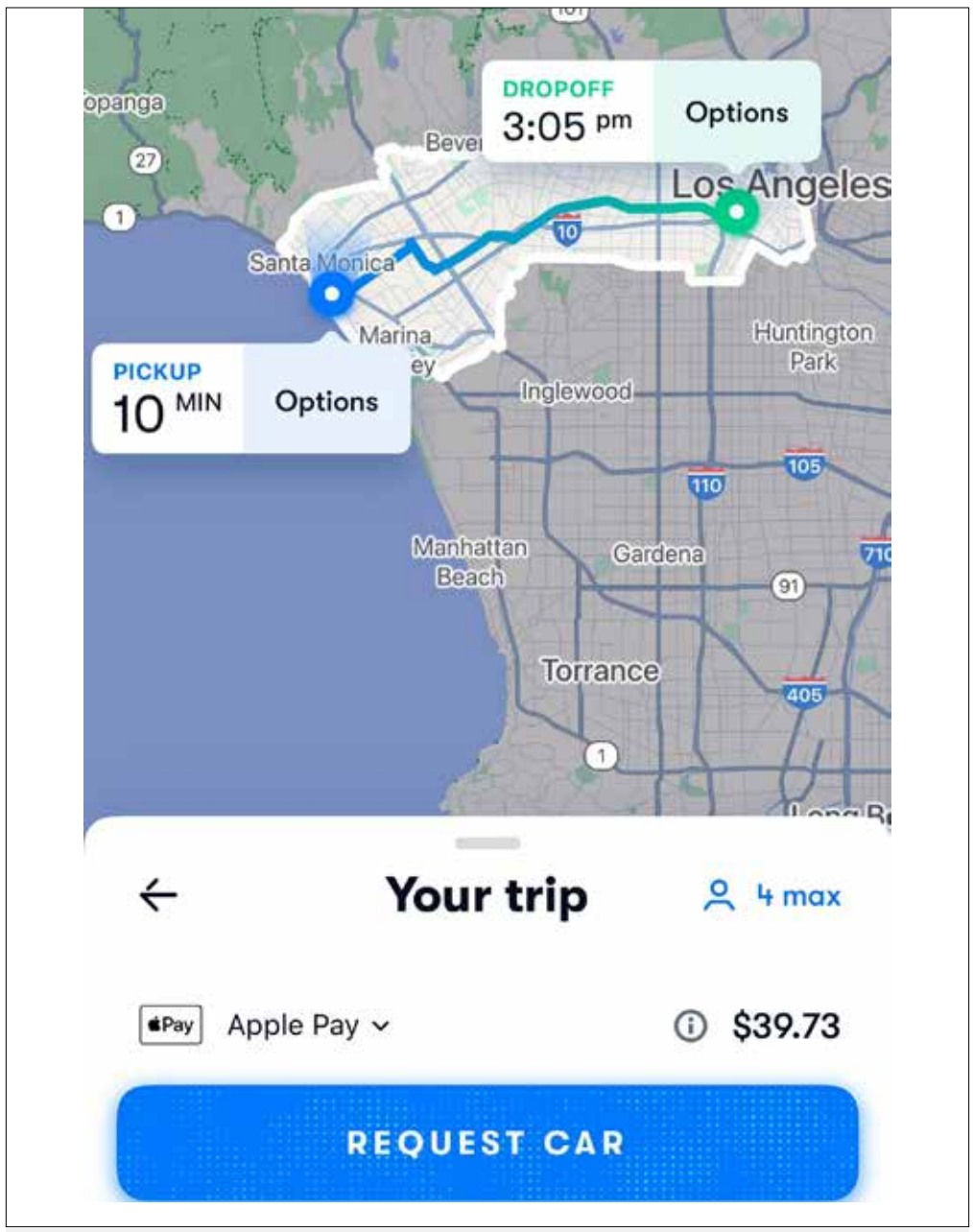
"For dads like me, I got to make sure that my children are safe … Waymo has the interfaces where not only are they monitored within the car itself, but we have access to the minute they get picked up (to) when they're dropped off, so we're always knowing that they're okay, and if anything was ever to happen, there there is a program in place where we can get help as needed," Gomez added.

Taking Waymo rides alongside his 17-year-old son, Oscar Antonio, Gomez will now entrust the service to take his son on independent rides when he reaches the age of 18 in the coming weeks. He credited the technology as "an equalizer" for the community.

"He already calls (Waymo) his car … that's just a blessing," he said.

For more information on the Waymo expansion in Los Angeles, visit waymo.com.

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Screenshot by Thomas Leffler

WAYMO: The Waymo One app acts similarly to other rideshare service apps to hail the autonomous vehicle.

The right book can inspire the young readers in your life, from picture books to YA novels

DONNA EDWARDS
Associated Press

It's holiday season, but that doesn't have to mean waiting in long lines for big sales to buy the hottest toy or newest game system. Whether you're a parent, relative, teacher, librarian or just a friend to a young person, consider a book that you can enjoy together.

PRESCHOOL

— "I Like Your Chutzpah And Other Yiddish Words You'll Like"

Sweet, funny and infinitely readable, this board book contains 12 Yiddish words and their meanings, each accompanied by a simple, colorful illustration that will inspire fun reading voices. Written and illustrated by Suzy Ultman. Recommended ages: 1-3. RISE x Penguin Workshop. $9.99.

— "The 13 Days of Swiftness: A Christmas Celebration"

For the littlest Swifties, a play on the classic Christmas song — except instead of 12 days there are 13 (if you know, you know). Each page has bright illustrations and lots of Easter eggs for the fandom. It includes a to-from page with room to add a personal note or your favorite Taylor Swift lyrics. Written by Tiffany Garland, illustrated by Brooke O'Neill. Recommended ages: 3 and up. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. $10.99.

EARLY ELEMENTARY

— "Into the Uncut Grass"

Trevor Noah tells a story of a boy and his teddy bear who venture into the uncut grass, picking up bits of wisdom along the way. Long and quotable, with humor and gentle watercolor illustrations. Per the intro, "it's a picture book, but it's not a children's book. Rather, it is a book for kids to share with parents and for parents to share with kids." Written by Trevor Noah, illustrated by Sabina Hahn. All ages. One World. $26.

— "Proper Badger Would Never"

Badger was determined to be a perfectly proper guest at his first party, but his instincts may have gotten the better of him. Shred the gift wrapping paper? Never. Dig into the cake before it's served? Of course not. A colorful, texture-rich picture book that leans into joyful chaos. Written by Lauren Glattly, illustrated by Rob Sayegh. Recommended ages: 4-8. Flamingo Books. $18.99.

— "The Man Who Didn't Like Animals"

It's Old MacDonald's origin story, with the animal noises and everything. This man loves his tidy home and doesn't like animals — until they endear themselves to him one by one, turning his apartment into a cramped barn. Written by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by LeUyen Pham. Recommended ages: 4-8. HarperCollins. $19.99.

— "Attack of the Scones"

In the sixth installment of the series, Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast take on an alien invasion with the help of their fridge friends. Told in rhyming couplets with whimsical, expressive full-page illustrations. written by Josh Funk, illustrated by Brendan Kearney. Recommended ages: 5-8. Union Square Kids. Hardcover: $18.99. Paperback: $8.99.

— "Bog Myrtle"

One sister loves the forest and its splendors; the other is more interested in money. Sharp uses literary devices from irony to alliteration to puns, taking on topics like worker rights and environmental sustainability. " This graphic novel is perfect for the quirky, goofy child in your life who loves deadpan humor and 'The Skull' by Jon Klassen," says Sarah Bradley, lead bookseller at Powell's Books. Written and illustrated by Sid Sharp. Recommended ages: 6–11. Annick Press. $22.99.

— "My UnderSlumberBumbleBeast"

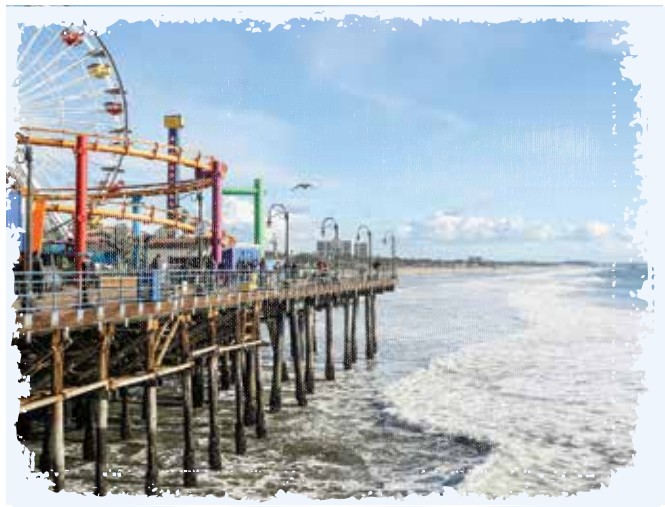
Award-winning adult author Zoje Stage pens a book, coming Dec. 3, that reimagines the monster under the bed as something far cuter and weirder. One day while cleaning her room, Pru finds a shy little creature called an UnderSlumberBumbleBeast. Includes crosshatch drawings and a glossary of the trickier vocabulary. Written by Zoje Stage and illustrated by J.E. Larson. Recommended ages: 7-10. Bad Hand Books. $15.99.

LATE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE

— "Otto Normal's Monsterton: The Disappearance of White Pine Beach"

Otto moves with his mom from his normal California town to Monsterton, where they're the only humans among zombies, ghosts and sirens. Otto soon finds himself on a quick-paced adventure. With chunks of text broken up by beautiful digital color illustrations, blurring the line between chapter book and graphic novel, this glossy volume feels special to hold. Written by Danielle McKechnie, illustrated by Simon Estrada. Recommended ages: 8-12. Simon & Schuster. $22.99.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58**

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+

Fading but still fun SSW/S swell at well exposed spots in the northern end of the bay. Shape remains a concern at beachbreaks due to limited NW swell in the water. Morning winds look decent.

SATURDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft+
Waist to shoulder

Small but rideable surf is currently expected, especially early in the day with a swamped high tide. Litle mix of fading S swell and possibly just a touch of W swell to be rideable/kinda fun.

Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 65.

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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

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5 35 45 60 63
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 196 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/22
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Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 453 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/23
3 7 16 39 40
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 43 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/25
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Project Scope:
Site Concrete, Earthwork and Paving, Fencing, Landscaping, Irrigation, Ornamental Metal, Site Utilities, Site furnishings, Striping

Subcontractors Required:
C-8 Concrete, C-12 Earthwork and Paving, C-13 Fencing, C-27 Landscaping, C-23 Ornamental Metal, C-42 Sanitation Systems

Job Walk (Non-Mandatory): Tentatively scheduled Thursday, December 5th. The job walk to be held at John Muir Elementary School located at 2526 6th St. Santa Monica, CA 90405. Requests for Information (RFI's): Pre-bid requests for information for this project due date is TBD. Information to be provided through Building Connected. Bidders are required to indicate the project name in the title of your request submission. Submit all requests for information to Justin Gilbert at justin.gilbert@blach.com

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The successful bidder will be required to have the appropriate State of California Contractor's License to perform the work current at the time of submission to bid.



'Tis the season for holiday albums, from Jennifer Hudson to Toby Keith and Jimmy Fallon

MARIA SHERMAN
AP Music Writer

It's not the holiday season until the house is full of festive music, from classics to covers and reimaginations across genres, for all to enjoy.

In honor of the most wonderful time of the year, here are some of the best new holiday releases for the 2024 season.

VINCE GILL AND AMY GRANT, "WHEN I THINK OF CHRISTMAS"

When it comes to country music Christmas classics, Vince Gill and Amy Grant immediately come to mind. The couple is no stranger to the world of holiday music, and their latest collection, "When I Think of Christmas," channels the spirit of their popular "Christmas at the Ryman" residency in Nashville, with two new recordings: a duet of "'Til the Season Comes Round Again" and Grant's take on the title track.

THE CARPENTERS, "CHRISTMAS ONCE MORE"

Don't fix what ain't broke is an expression for a reason: Sometimes the best holiday album listening experience is enjoying the classics, but newly remixed and remastered. Enter the 16-track "Christmas Once More" from the Carpenters. Fall in love with "Sleigh Ride" and "(There's No Place Like) Home For The Holidays" all over again.

JENNIFER HUDSON, "THE GIFT OF LOVE"

Jennifer Hudson has done a ton in her career — including winning an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony, making her the rare performer to EGOT, as the expression goes — but a holiday album? That's new territory. "The Gift of Love" is her first, full of big-hearted classics like "O Holy Night," "Winter Wonderland," "Auld Lang Syne" and "Carol of the Bells," which features the a cappella-meets-Zulu music South African group The Joy. The album also contains some inventive originals. In that category: "Almost Christmas" with Common. If there is only one album to grab this holiday season, you'd be wise to make it this one.

LITTLE BIG TOWN, "THE CHRISTMAS RECORD"

Another big name in contemporary music has released their first holiday album. Little Big Town's "The Christmas Record," produced by the legendary Dave Cobb, is a country music spectacular. Like Hudson's, this one is a collection of familiar tunes along with originals — like the opener "Glow," and the cheery vocal harmony of its chorus: "That shine, that shimmer deep inside of you / Find that magic, let the light in you show / Let it go / Let it glow."

TOBY KEITH, "CHRISTMAS TO CHRISTMAS"

In February, country superstar Toby Keith, a hit crafter of pro-American anthems who riled up critics and was loved by millions of fans, died at 62. In the time since, he's been eulogized and celebrated, and that continues with a newly remastered reissue of his 1995 holiday classic, "Christmas to Christmas."

CLAY AIKEN, "CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING"

Clay Aiken — you read that name correctly, the onetime "American Idol" runner-up and politician — has returned with his first studio album in over a decade, "Christmas Bells Are Ringing." His voice sounds as sweet and theatrical as ever — a natural partner to holiday classics.

JIMMY FALLON, "HOLIDAY SEASONING"

At the intersection of Christmas and comedy albums comes Jimmy Fallon's "Holiday Seasoning." The "Tonight Show" host gets into the spirit of the season with jokes — and some A-list guests — included. Check out "Almost Too Early for Christmas" with Dolly Parton, "Hallmark Movie" with Cara Delevingne, and "New Year's Eve Polka (5-4-3-2-1)" featuring the Roots and Weird Al. It's exactly what it sounds like.

THE PHILLY SPECIALS, "A PHILLY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY"

For a third year in a row, the Philly Specials — former Philadelphia Eagle Jason Kelce and current Eagles Lane Johnson and Jordan Mailata — have released a holiday album for charity. "A Philly Special Christmas Party" benefits a few organizations, including the Children's Crisis Treatment Center and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. If getting NFL stars to sing sounds funny, well, that's kind of the point. The fun and absurdity are this album's superpowers: On the Americana "Maybe This Christmas," Kelce (brother to Travis Kelce) and Stevie Nicks duet, singing, "And maybe forgiveness will ask us to call / Someone we love / Someone we've lost for reasons we can't quite recall / Maybe this Christmas." It's moving.

ELLA FITZGERALD AND LOUIS ARMSTRONG, "ELLA & LOUIS WISH YOU A SWINGING HOLIDAY"

Let's be honest here. Around Christmas, everyone wants to hear Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong. Why not hear them together? "Ella & Louis Wish You a Swinging Holiday" is a new boxset, two jazz classics meeting in perfect harmony: "Ella Wishes You a Swinging Christmas" and "Louis Wishes You A Cool Yule."

BEN FOLDS, "SLEIGHER"

Ben Folds might not be an obvious pick for holiday music — "Sleigher" is his first Christmas album, after all — but it's a match made in heaven. His indie piano pop has charmed horn-rimmed glasses wearers for many years; his delicate compositions hit like falling snow. There are seven originals here and three covers.

THE TEMPTATIONS, "GIVE LOVE AT CHRISTMAS"

The holidays, like every day, are a time for listening to Motown Records' vocal groups. This year, tuck into a new reissue of the Temptations' 1980 album, "Give Love at Christmas." It's for fans of five-part harmonies and soulful renditions of classics.

Santa Monica Services: Safe Place for Youth

SIENNA BEVAN
Daily Press intern

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 LA's Westside, there are multiple agencies and organizations working on a local level to address this crisis. The 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 and this week's coverage is on the Safe Place for Youth.

Half of chronically homeless adults first experienced homelessness as youth (LAHSA); therefore by focusing on youth homelessness, Safe Place for Youth is working diligently to lower the overall number of those experiencing homelessness.

Safe Place for Youth is one of the leading service providers in LA for youth experiencing homelessness, offering a variety of wraparound services, including housing and supportive services, and advocating around policy issues related to youth homelessness.

SPY was founded in 2011 in Venice, CA as what was originally a 100% volunteer-led organization. Since then, they have grown to house a professional staff of nearly 80 employees. They serve youth ranging from 12 to 25 years old who are either experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, serving 1,718 youth from 2022-23.

Mary McGuire, the Chief Impact Officer at Safe Place for Youth, touches on what makes SPY stand out from other organizations.

"It really is a community of youth that have come together," McGuire said. "We have a high number of our staff who have lived experience, have a deep understanding of what youth are going through, and are able to really be and become that supportive network for the youth as they're trying to get their lives together."

At SPY's Access Center, located at 340 Sunset Ave, Venice, CA 90291, youth are able to come in and get whatever they need, whether that be a meal or hygiene items, or mental health treatment and support from case management staff.

They may also engage in SPY programs, honing skills that they can utilize in the future. The Healing Arts program promotes creative self-expression in order to foster social and mental wellbeing. Also offered is the Education and Employment program, which helps youth finish education or find employment — preparing them through job readiness prep, internships, and educational opportunities or vocational training. Part of this program is the Community Garden (681 N. Venice Blvd), which aims to provide youth with general life and employment skills, through paid garden internships, while also addressing food inequality. Aside from providing basic survival needs and teaching valuable skills, ultimately, SPY is a place where community is built.

Safe Place for Youth is also extremely diligent in finding a bed for any youth willing to take one; they don't exit any youth into the street without housing. They have seven housing sites (and two more additional time limited subsidy programs, allowing them to provide rental assistance to youth moving into apartments on their own), including emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing. They also offer transitional housing specifically for pregnant and parenting youth; "the Nest," designed for this purpose, now has two locations in Los Angeles.

"Youth are really just often one opportunity away from successfully being housed, and when they have the support of an adult, that's very often all that's needed to help them thrive — a support network and some assistance in developing life skills. They've just really not had that opportunity," McGuire said.

25 year old Stefan Strunk was given that opportunity by Safe Place for Youth. He made it to Los Angeles about a year and a half ago to pursue acting, but after searching for housing for a while without any luck, he eventually became homeless. Sanchez couch hopped for a while, then found himself sleeping on trains, outside laundromats, or wherever he could take a nap.

After someone referred Strunk to Safe Place for Youth, it took only 48 hours to place him in a temporary shelter, and in less than three days, he was back on his feet, working again. Strunk said he had never met a more welcoming group of people.

"I remember my first day, I almost wanted to cry because it felt like people actually cared," Strunk said. "Because for months when you're homeless, no one cares, and you walk in and it's so many people trying to take care of you. It's almost overwhelming."

While Strunk is no longer unhoused, now owning his own apartment and car, he still visits SPY to receive their services whenever necessary. He remains a part of their SPY Squad, which is a self-led group of SPY members who work to improve the situation for the greater unhoused youth community — traveling to meet with public officials and policymakers across California.

Recent 2024 LAHSA homeless count numbers have shown that youth homelessness is actually decreasing, at 16.2%. Positive statistics like this push SPY to continue what they are doing — empowering youth experiencing homelessness by providing them with a home, community, support, both physically and emotionally, and hope.

"I almost feel like I would not be around if not for Safe Place for Youth. Before I was a part of SPY, I felt like there was no hope for me, and there was no way for me to go. I was willing to just not try anymore," Strunk said. "I feel like they saved my life, metaphorically and physically — I felt rejuvenated. I had lost all my passions and hope [...] and I just accepted my fate. And then once I found them, it made me realize that that's not the end, and I started to gain hope."

Prominent Santa Monica developer Shekhter passes away, family states



Photo Courtesy shekhterneil.blogspot

DEVELOPER: Neil Shekhter, a prominent developer in Santa Monica's history, has passed away according to a statement from his family.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

One of the largest and most controversial developers in Santa Monica's history passed away this past week.

According to a statement from the family of Neil Shekhter, the prominent landlord died on Nov. 23. Shekhter's family stated that he filled their lives "with love, humor, curiosity and never-ending energy." The cause of death was unknown as of Tuesday, and a representative from the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner told The Real Deal that there was no current record of his death.

Shekhter, aged 62, emigrated to the United States from the former Soviet Union and went on to start WS Communities and NMS Properties. He founded NMS in 1988 with a focus on multifamily assets. At his peak in Santa Monica, his portfolio was noted as worth more than $18 million an acre.

The developer and his companies faced a litany of legal setbacks in past years, and had fought with the city over accusations of illegal evictions, improper rental practices and construction standards.

Shekhter was the primary developer to capitalize on the city's failure to adopt rules compliant with state standards, resulting in developers bypassing local zoning rules. He withdrew a vast majority of supersized projects in the city, settling in exchange for enhancements to a few specific buildings.

SPI Holdings took control of nine local properties in 2018, once part of a joint venture between Shekhter and NMS Capital Partners and a subsidiary hedge fund AEW. The two sides disagreed on terms involving a monetary investment by AEW that would allow Shekhter to repay that investment and buyout AEW. Shekhter attempted to repay AEW its $60 million investment plus interest and take sole ownership of the properties, an offer refused by AEW causing NMS to file a lawsuit over ownership of the properties.

In December 2016, a judge stated that Shekhter forged contracts, lied and destroyed evidence in the lawsuit over the buyout, and the judge gave AEW full control of the properties. AEW sold the properties to SPI Holdings for about $430 million.

This year, The Real Deal reported that Shekhter lost ownership of 1007 Lincoln Boulevard, 1038 10th Street and 1516 Stanford Street to Bank of Southern California as part of foreclosure proceedings. The transfer of property is a result of a lawsuit filed by Bank of Southern California over a $16.2 million loan covering the three parcels, which according to the bank, was never repaid.

Outside of Santa Monica, Shekhter had lost about half of his total holdings, totaling about 1,000 housing units. About one-fifth of the holdings were sold to other companies, while the majority were transferred to various investors to avoid foreclosure and wipe out about a billion dollars worth of debt.

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Bird flu virus was found in raw milk. What to know about the risks

BY JONEL ALECCIA
AP Health Writer

President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for the nation's top health job, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., has vowed to allow wider distribution of raw milk across America. But the detection of bird flu virus in unpasteurized milk sold in California stores underscores what health experts say are the known and potential risks.

"You have to assume that raw milk, unpasteurized milk, has potential infectious agents that can cause serious illness in the people who drink it," said Michael Osterholm, a University of Minnesota infectious disease researcher who has investigated foodborne illness outbreaks.

Raw Farm LLC, of Fresno, California, voluntarily recalled one lot of "cream top" whole raw milk after Santa Clara County health officials found the bird flu virus in a sample last week. State health officials said the county has been testing raw milk sold in stores as "a second line of consumer protection."

No illnesses have been traced to Raw Farm products, which have a lot code of 20241109 and a best-by date of Nov. 27. But officials with California's health department warned consumers not to drink the milk and said retailers should remove it from their shelves. On Tuesday, Los Angeles County health officials warned that "many retailers" there may have sold recalled raw milk contaminated with the virus.

Here's what else you need to know about raw milk and bird flu:

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT BIRD FLU VIRUS AND MILK?

It's not a surprise that the virus was found in raw milk sold in stores, Osterholm said.

Bird flu, also known as Type A H5N1 influenza, was first confirmed in U.S. dairy cattle in March and has been spreading widely. In California, more than 435 dairy herds have seen infections — more than all other U.S. states combined. And high levels of the virus have been found in the milk of infected cows.

About 20% of samples of pasteurized milk sold in stores were found to contain viral remnants of the virus, according to tests conducted earlier this year by government scientists. Pasteurization, or heat treatment, kills the bird flu virus and also bacteria such as E. coli, listeria and salmonella, which are known to make people sick.

Officials with California's Department of Food and Agriculture have been conducting weekly tests of raw milk in bulk tanks from the state's dairies. Additional tests conducted at Raw Farm sites in California were negative for the virus, but officials said they would begin testing for bird flu twice a week.

Few tests of unpasteurized milk products from stores have been conducted, so it's possible that other raw dairy products may contain the virus, Osterholm said.

"It is still really unclear how much testing is going on," said Osterholm. "We're flying blind."

CAN BIRD FLU IN RAW MILK MAKE PEOPLE SICK?

To date, there's no evidence that people have been infected with the bird flu virus by drinking raw milk. At least 55 people in the U.S. are known to have been infected by the virus this year, but nearly all were dairy or poultry workers who developed mild illness after close contact with infected animals.

Tests have shown that mice fed raw milk contaminated with bird flu became very sick and barn cats on farms that drank milk from infected cows suffered brain damage and died, noted Nicole Martin, a microbiologist and associate director of the Milk Quality Improvement Program at Cornell University,

"I don't think we know yet whether people can contract H5N1 from consumption of raw milk, but we have enough evidence that would suggest that folks need to be a little more cautious right now," Martin said.

WHO DRINKS RAW MILK AND WHY?

Nearly 4.4% of U.S. adults, or about 11 million people, report that they drink raw milk at least once each year. About 1% of adults say they consume raw milk each week, according to a 2022 FDA study.

Proponents of raw milk cite perceived health benefits and better taste as key reasons for consumption. Raw Farm advertises its products as "unprocessed and complete" with vitamins, minerals, enzymes and beneficial bacteria.

Fans include Kennedy, who has said he only drinks raw milk. Kennedy has criticized agriculture departments for cracking down on raw milk and promised that the Food and Drug Administration's " aggressive suppression " of unpasteurized milk would end under Trump.

Mark McAfee, owner of Raw Farm, has appeared several times on podcasts hosted by Nicole Shanahan, Kennedy's former running mate. Both Kennedy and Shanahan are customers, McAfee told the Associated Press.

"They want that same level of differentiating, wonderful, tested, gorgeous, safe, delicious raw milk for everybody," McAfee said.

WHAT DO HEALTH EXPERTS SAY ABOUT RAW MILK?

Health officials have warned for years that raw milk can cause illnesses that range from mild to life-threatening. Between 1998 and 2018, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention documented more than 200 illness outbreaks traced to raw milk, which sickened more than 2,600 people and hospitalized more than 225.

Before the U.S. adopted safety standards in 1924 under what was called the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, about 25% of foodborne illnesses were related to dairy consumption, according to the Center for Dairy Research. Now, dairy products account for about 1% of such illnesses.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica's Third Annual Volley-Ween Fundraiser Raises $7,500 For Santa Monica Nonprofits

Santa MoniCARES, Tourism Supporting Our Community raised $7,500 at the third annual Volley-Ween on October 30 for local Santa Monica nonprofits.

"We are honored to stand alongside fellow residents, city organizations and local businesses to support nonprofits that serve our beloved city," said Misti Kerns, President/CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism. "It's a joy to be a part of such a strong community, and to raise funds for a good cause through a sport that's integral to our city's culture and history."

The event welcomed community members and attendees from local organizations engaging in a friendly beach volleyball competition at Perry's Café and Beach Rentals in support of the city's nonprofits. This year's tournament celebrated the Spirit Award winners from The Pierside Hotel and The Surfing Fox winning a dinner at Socalo, the Best Costume and Last Place winners from Regent Santa Monica Beach winning volleyball lessons with Santa Monica Beach Volleyball, Most Original Costume winners from Elevate Public Affairs winning Rabano and Bodega Wine Bar gift cards and tournament winners from Blum Digital Marketing winning a picnic with Santa Monica Picnic Co.

Santa MoniCARES extends a heartfelt thank you to this year's Volley-Ween sponsors including Regent Santa Monica Beach, Hotelbeds (HBX Group), Santa Monica Daily Press, Perry's Café and Beach Rentals, ETC Hotels, Datafy, Santa Monica Pier Corp., Santa Monica Beach Volleyball, Arthur Murray Dance Center, Lauren Schlau Consulting, Rabano, Santa Monica Picnic Co., Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Vudu Brand, as well as Santa Monica residents and pro beach volleyball players Sinjin and Hagen Smith for showing their support for the sport and the community at this year's Volley-Ween.

Santa MoniCARES is a coalition of representatives from Santa Monica Travel & Tourism and tourism community partners with a mission to harness the hospitable nature and generosity of Santa Monica's tourism industry and provide support to local nonprofit agencies. All funds raised at Volley-Ween are donated to nonprofits in our community.

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Pico

Santa Monica College to Hold Holiday Glass Sales on Dec. 7 & 8

Santa Monica College will hold two special fundraising Holiday Glass Sales offering wonderful opportunities to buy handcrafted vases, jewelry, platters, and other artworks created by SMC glass artists. Each glass piece is a unique work of art that can add seasonal home and office decor, as well as take care of holiday, anniversary, birthday, and other gift needs.

The first SMC Holiday Glass Sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park, located at 2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the SMC Art Department and the Santa Monica Public Library Pico Branch.

The second SMC Holiday Glass Sale will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Palisades-Malibu YMCA's Simon Meadow at Temescal Gateway Park, located at 15601 Sunset Blvd. (corner of Temescal and Sunset), Pacific Palisades. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the SMC Art Department, the Palisades-Malibu YMCA, and local artists.

More information about the SMC Holiday Glass Sales is available by sending email to Bromberg_Terri@smc.edu with "Holiday Glass" in the Subject line. All events subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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SMC's Drescher Planetarium Presents Three Free, Live Virtual Shows on Fridays in December

Topics: Planetary Nebulae, Finding Constellations, and the Winter Solstice

Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium continues its Friday evening events in Dec. 2024 with free, live virtual shows presented online at smc.edu/planetarium. This month's friendly shows take a deep dive into planetary nebulae, explain how to find constellations in the L.A. skies, and explore the history and festivities surrounding the Winter Solstice. The Friday evening shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by a streamlined virtual digest of the popular Night Sky Show at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration. The shows include the chance to chat with the planetarium lecturers and ask questions.

Planetarium lecturers are currently using the Zoom platform to present shows while SMC's new planetarium and observatory are under construction. Free Zoom software is available for download at zoom.com.

The Dec. 2024 shows are:

• Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Deep Sky Deep Dive: Planetary Nebulae" — Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent. Some dying stars explode in supernovae, some disappear into black holes, and some, like the Sun, leave behind stunning planetary nebulae. But this is not an event without casualties. When the Sun dies, if it doesn't destroy Earth completely, it will leave Earth a scorched cinder orbiting a dead star. Earth's fate might be to become a zombie planet. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Constellations" — Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent. Humans love to find patterns in randomness, and the stars are no exception. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) recognizes 88 official constellations, and several sub-patterns called asterisms. Tonight's show highlights several and offers tips for finding them through LA's light-polluted skies. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "A Winter's Solstice" — Lecturer Jim Mahon. People have long faced the coming of winter with festivities, and customs like the burning of the "Yule Log" and hanging of evergreens far predate the celebration of Christmas in December. Tonight's show examines the history of various ancient observances of the Winter Solstice and how they have evolved and melded with Judeo-Christian holidays, and looks at a remarkable planetary conjunction in 2 B.C., a leading candidate for a scientific explanation for the Star of Bethlehem. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

More information is available online at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling 310-434-3005. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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HOA HOMEFRONT

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

BY KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ. CCAL

Dear Kelly: We have an owner that owns 2 units in the building and they currently do not live in either of them. Their address for communication is an address in Europe. We do have an e-mail address for them. We are aware that they recently bought a home in our area where they live when in the U.S. What can we do to get their U.S. address for correspondence such as assessment votes, monthly dues and such? Thank you, A.R., Santa Monica.

Dear A.R.: There is a simple solution so that your neighbor abroad can quickly receive and send notices to your HOA. Under Civil Code Section 4041(a) owners are required to annually notify the HOA as to the preferred method of receiving notices, postal or electronic mail. If your neighbor provides their email address to the HOA and indicates they prefer that as their address, the HOA can proceed to communicate via email. Another option for HOAs is to seek a membership vote to amend the CC&Rs to deem all HOA members to have opted for email, under Civil Code Section 4040(c). This helps the HOA with all members who neglect to respond to the HOA with their preferred mode of communication, not just those abroad. Thanks for your question, Kelly.

Question: With AB2159 recently enacted, if an association's bylaws provide for proxies, can an association have both electronic voting and proxies? If an HOA can have both, can the proxy holder cast the vote by electronic secret ballot either at or in advance of the meeting?? A.C., San Marcos

Dear A.C.: Starting in 2025, California HOA members can finally vote electronically under the revised Civil Code Sections 5105, 5110, and 5115. A homeowner could request a written ballot pursuant to the new Civil Code Section 5105(i), but the new sections do not speak to a homeowner allowing another to vote electronically for them. A.C., proxies really aren't useful any more, and this new statute makes them even less necessary. However, homeowners do not need to give another their proxy if they can vote or mail in their ballot from anywhere in the world, and they have 30 days to do so. Best, Kelly

Dear Mr. Richardson: I am a homeowner and I want to email HOA board members directly about issues in the community. However, the management company says it would violate Civil Code 4910 to do so, and I have to send all emails through HOA management, where they will be read at the board meeting. Do you know if this is true? Are there any other laws forbidding me from emailing board members? B.C., Discovery Bay.

Dear B.C.: Civil Code 4910 prohibits boards from acting via email, except in case of emergencies. There is no law prohibiting you from communicating with board members, nor should there be. However, there is also no law requiring board members to respond to your opinions. Remember, these board members are volunteers, and are not on duty 24/7. If your HOA board's preference is that you route communications through the HOA's management, respect that preference. Plus, managers normally are better equipped to save emails and to spot issues requiring board action. Sincerely, Kelly

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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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BOUTIQUE

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something new" unlocked newfound belief in her own skills, eventually inspiring the creation of the Hummingbird brand.

"I think I have this entrepreneurial spirit ... I did feel this pull of my own that I'd never really felt before," Frawley said. "I (felt that) I'm glad she's doing her (thing), maybe I want to do this (too), and I can do this, and kind of having the confidence of, I've done this for so many years, I think it's my turn."

The right timing of the home goods and e-commerce industries blowing up in interest during the pandemic, along with her vision, put her in a place to succeed with Hummingbird. That vision, she said, is a heavy in-person entertainment influence, inspired by flexing her "creative muscle" at home.

"I loved setting a table, even if it was an impromptu dinner (like) bringing pizza over, just putting a tablecloth down, setting a table, place settings, maybe a place card with their name, I just enjoyed that ... so when I thought about starting the brand, the entertaining piece came naturally for me," Frawley said.

The Hummingbird standard product lines, like its collection of table cloths and linens, eventually snowballed into other home categories such as picture frames. For the holidays, Frawley's shop is offering miniature decorative trees, miniature cottages and ornaments stylized into anything from a garden gnome to a dirty martini.

Frawley looks beyond just the holidays however, selling her wares as "an investment piece" using knowledge from her previous work in fashion. One example is red and blue colored items being of valuable usage in the holiday season as well as Fourth of July outdoor entertainment in the summer.

"I feel like a lot of the things that we sell, I like to show in different ways, because I don't like things just being rotated in and out," she said. "I feel like we live in a society that's in and out. Okay, sale, okay, buy something new, you know? I want people to feel like (when) they're spending $300 on a tablecloth, it's an investment, you're gonna be able to use it throughout the year, let me show you how."

After picking the in-person retail location and giving it "a lot of love," the design district's latest opened in time for September's Montana Avenue Art Walk, a day where Frawley met "all of Santa Monica." Her goal is to translate the "buzz" of opening into having not only unique in-person shopping, but event experiences as well, such as group lessons on subjects in the party hosting realm.

"We'll have that in store, just fun things to get the community out to do something (and) be inspired to host and spruce up your table and just put a little effort in," Frawley said. "I feel like not only do people appreciate it, but I always feel so excited about those little touches. I think it just makes the experience better for everybody."

Hummingbird Home & Co. at 1021A Montana Avenue is now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. To view the Hummingbird collection, visit hummingbirdhomeandco.com.

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Photos by Thomas Leffler

BOUTIQUE: Hummingbird Home & Co has Santa Monica's holiday needs on Montana Avenue.

BOOKS

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— "The Wild Robot"

Roz the robot is the sole survivor of a shipment gone overboard and has to adapt to the wild. She becomes the de facto mother of Brightbill the gosling, and the forest animals that shunned her otherness begin to form a community around her. Short chapters are punctuated by black-and-white illustrations. The trilogy saw a theatrical adaptation this year, and a special edition of the first volume features full-color inserts from the movie. Written and illustrated by Peter Brown. Recommended ages: 8-12. Hachette Book Group. Single paperback: $8.99. Boxed set: $54.

— "The Young Green Witch's Guide to Plant Magic"

This herbalist's chapter book with watercolor illustrations imparts how to use different plants, along with lessons of appreciation and self-acceptance and breathing meditations. There are also recipes for handy concoctions kids can make with minimal adult supervision, such as oatmeal scrub, lavender honey and dandelion pesto. Written by Robin Rose Bennett, illustrated by Rachel Grant. Recommended ages: 8-12. Running Press Kids. $16.99.

— "The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science"

Kate McKinnon of "Saturday Night Live" and "Barbie" fame tells the story of three adopted sisters who, having zero interest in perfecting the 85 ways to properly sit on a velvet fainting couch, find themselves expelled from etiquette school. Their new, extremely uncouth school puts them at the heart of a mystery in which the town is at stake. With fun fonts and the occasional illustration, the novel is a wildly imaginative celebration of strangeness with humor a la Lemony Snicket. Written by Kate McKinnon, illustrated by Alfredo Cáceres. Recommended ages: 8-12. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. $17.99.

— "Plain Jane and the Mermaid"

The recently orphaned Jane has a week to get married and get her dowry before she'll be kicked to the streets. Handsome Peter might have accepted Jane's proposal if he hadn't been kidnapped by a mermaid. This full-color graphic novel challenges gender roles and beauty standards through an underwater adventure full of snark and hilarious characters, rivaling Jeff Smith's "Bone." Written and illustrated by Vera Brosgol. Recommended ages: 10-14. First Second. $14.99.

YOUNG ADULT

— "Queer Mythology: Epic Legends from Around the World"

"The mythology trend is still going strong and young readers will devour this bright and beautifully illustrated new collection," says Bradley, the Powell's bookseller. Sanchez shares 20 stories of myth and lore from around the world with characters who reflect the LGBTQ+ community. Written by Guido A. Sanchez, illustrated by James Fenner. Recommended ages: 11 and up. Running Press. $19.99.

— "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder"

Pip investigates a murder that she thinks another student was wrongly accused of. It's an ambitious project for a high school capstone, but Pip's an ambitious student. A TV adaptation of this true-crime-style story was produced by the BBC and released on Netflix over the summer. A trilogy by Holly Jackson. Recommended ages: 14 and up. Ember. Single paperback: $14.99. Boxed set: $47.97.

— "The Calculation of You and Me"

Marlowe has great grades and a loving family, two best friends who understand her and all her autistic quirks, and a romantic boyfriend — until he breaks up with her, sending her perfectly categorized world into a tailspin. This sweet, funny, page-turning novel celebrates romance as an act and a genre. By Serena Kaylor. Recommended ages: 13 and up. Wednesday Books. Paperback: $14. Hardcover: $24.

— "Lunar New Year Love Story"

Valentina has one year to prove she doesn't share her family's fate of all romances ending in misery. If she doesn't find lasting love by then, she will give her heart to Saint Valentine and be forever protected from heartbreak. The graphic novel celebrates Asian culture alongside the ups and downs of love. Written by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by LeUyen Pham. Recommended ages: 14 and up. First Second. Paperback: $17.99. Hardcover: $25.99.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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SMC Piano Ensemble to Perform Concerts Dec. 5

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Piano Ensemble is going contemporary with a concert of musical selections from the 20th and 21st centuries, featuring original and arranged works by Scott Joplin, Meredith Monk, Aaron Copland, and other major composers of our time.

Under the direction of SMC music instructor Sumy Takesue, intermediate and advanced SMC piano students will demonstrate the uniqueness and diversity of four-hand piano and piano duo compositions. The program will also feature "Suite for Toy Piano and Piano Duet," a commissioned work by Santa Monica composer Ryan Dorin. The concerts are guaranteed to be more than twice as much fun as a solo piano performance.

A free concert will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5. Complimentary tickets for the morning concert are available at the SMC Music Office (PAC 211) or at the door.

An evening program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5. Tickets for the evening concert are $10 general admission (plus a modest service charge); free for students with any student I.D. Advance tickets can be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets. Tickets may also be purchased — starting 45 minutes before the performance begins — at The Broad Stage Box Office at the SMC Performing Arts Center.

Both concerts will be held in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center (Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street, Santa Monica). Free parking on premises. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323. Concert is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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Newsom says California could offer electric vehicle rebates if Trump eliminates federal tax credit

BY SOPHIE AUSTIN

Associated Press/Report for America

California could offer rebates for electric vehicle purchases if the incoming Trump administration eliminates a federal tax credit for people who buy electric cars, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday.

Newsom, a Democrat, proposed creating a new version of the state's Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, which was phased out in 2023 after funding 594,000 cars and saving 456 million gallons of fuel, Newsom's office said.

"Consumers continue to prove the skeptics wrong – zero-emission vehicles are here to stay," Newsom said in a statement. "We're not turning back on a clean transportation future — we're going to make it more affordable for people to drive vehicles that don't pollute."

Newsom's proposal is part of his plan to protect California's progressive policies ahead of Republican President-elect Donald Trump's second term. He called the state Legislature to convene in a special session to help "Trump-proof" state laws by giving the attorney general's office more funding to fight federal challenges.

But a budget shortfall could complicate California's resistance efforts. Early budget projections show the state could face a $2 billion deficit next year, according to a report released last week by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. That's an improvement from an estimated $46.8 billion deficit the state faced last year, but the shortfall could still curtail the state's ability to expand new programs and fight federal legal challenges. Legislative leaders in both chambers have said the state needs to stay prudent in anticipation of future budget deficits.

Karoline Leavitt, a spokeswoman for Trump's transition team, said the president-elect would deliver on his campaign promises, "including stopping attacks on gas-powered cars."

"When he takes office, President Trump will support the auto industry, allowing space for both gas-powered cars AND electric vehicles," she said in a statement.

Money for the new rebate system could come from the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which is funded by polluters under the state's cap-and-trade program, the governor's office said.

Officials didn't say how much the program would cost or how the rebates would work.

California has surpassed 2 million zero-emission vehicles sold, according to Newsom's office. The state has passed policies in recent years to transition away from fossil fuel-powered cars, trucks, trains and lawn mowers.

Trump previously vowed to end federal electric vehicle tax credits, which are worth up to $7,500 for new zero-emission vehicles. There's also a $4,000 credit for used ones. But Trump later softened his stance as Tesla CEO Elon Musk became a supporter and adviser.

Newsom's proposed rebates could exclude Tesla and other automakers in an effort to promote more market competition and innovation, according to the governor's office. But that is subject to negotiation with the state Legislature.

Musk called Tesla's possible exclusion "insane" in a post on X. About 42% of rebates went to people buying or leasing Tesla vehicles under the state's previous clean vehicle rebate program, according to data from the California Air Resources Board.

Trump criticized Newsom on social media after the governor called for a special session, calling out the high cost of living in California and the state's homelessness crisis. Trump said Newsom was "stopping all of the GREAT things that can be done to 'Make California Great Again.'"

Newsom said on his podcast earlier this month that he reached out to Trump after the election. He said at a news conference last week that he still hadn't heard back from the president-elect.

California's defunct Clean Vehicle Rebate Program offered rebates on electric cars as high as $2,500.

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What to know about the Menendez brothers' resentencing plea

BY JAMIE DING
Associated Press

Erik and Lyle Menendez will have to wait until next year for a decision on whether they should have the possibility of freedom from prison more than 30 years after killing their parents, a judge said.

The shotgun killings of Jose and Kitty Menendez on Aug. 20, 1989, in their Beverly Hills mansion captured the public's attention. Prosecutors argued the Menendez brothers killed their parents for financial gain. The brothers' attorneys never disputed the pair killed their parents, but argued that they acted out of self-defense after years of emotional and sexual abuse by their father.

After an initial mistrial, the brothers were convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Los Angeles County prosecutors recommended the resentencing for the brothers last month, arguing that they had demonstrated good behavior and rehabilitation in prison. They have support from their family, and attorneys have presented new evidence of the sexual abuse the brothers allege they suffered at the hands of their father.

Here are some things to know about the case:

WHAT HAPPENED MONDAY?

LA County Superior Court Judge Michael Jesic held a hearing to discuss the Menendez brothers' bid for freedom.

Their lawyers first filed a habeas corpus petition — a request for a court to examine whether someone is being lawfully detained — in May 2023, asking a judge to consider new evidence of their father's alleged sexual abuse.

After renewed public interest in the case since the recent Netflix drama and documentary released, Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón asked the judge to give the brothers a new sentence of 50 years to life, which could make them immediately eligible for parole because they were less than 26 years old when they killed their parents.

On Monday, however, Jesic said he could not move forward with the hearing scheduled for Dec. 11 due to the amount of evidence he needed to go through. He postponed the hearing to Jan. 30.

WHO SUPPORTS THE BROTHERS' RELEASE?

Erik and Lyle Menendez have the support of almost their entire extended family, who gathered to call for their release last month.

The brothers' two aunts took the stand on Monday in support of their release. Joan Andersen VanderMolen, Kitty Menendez's sister who turns 93 on Tuesday, and Teresita Baralt, Jose's older sister who is 85, both said they wanted their nephews to come home. They said they had kept in contact with the brothers while they have been in prison, though they had not seen them in person for years.

Andersen VanderMolen said the abuse Erik and Lyle Menendez had to suffer was "unconscionable."

Baralt noted that she was close to Jose and lived for years across the street from him and Kitty, who Baralt described as her best friend.

"We miss those who are gone tremendously," Baralt testified through tears. "But we miss the kids too."

WHAT MIGHT THE JUDGE CONSIDER?

The judge might consider new evidence that the brothers' attorneys say corroborate their allegations that they were sexually abused by their father. Much of the evidence and testimony from family members that related to the alleged abuse was excluded during the trial that ultimately convicted them.

The brothers' attorneys said the new evidence includes a letter Erik Menendez wrote in 1988 — the year before the murders — to his uncle Andy Cano, describing the sexual abuse he had endured from his father. The brothers asked their lawyers about it after it was mentioned in a 2015 Barbara Walters television special. The lawyers hadn't known of the letter and realized it had not been introduced at their trials.

More new evidence emerged when Roy Rossello, a former member of the Latin pop group Menudo, recently came forward saying Jose Menendez drugged and raped him when Rossello was a teen in the 1980s. Menudo was signed under RCA Records, where Jose Menendez was chief operating officer. Rossello spoke about his abuse in the Peacock docuseries "Menendez + Menudo: Boys Betrayed," and provided a signed declaration to the brothers' lawyers.

The judge may also consider the brothers' prison record.

In a document filed by the district attorney's office recommending resentencing, prosecutors pointed to the brothers' educational achievements — both have attained several degrees — and contributions to the community. One is a GreenSpace prison beautification program Lyle Menendez started. Both brothers also received low-risk assessment scores, and the document notes that Lyle had not been in a single fight during his 30 years in prison.

WHO ELSE COULD WEIGH IN?

Prosecutors who believe the brothers should not be freed are expected to make their own arguments to the judge.

The brothers' attorneys have submitted papers requesting clemency from California Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has the power to free them. However, Newsom said last week that he won't decide until incoming Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman, who takes office on Dec. 2, has the opportunity to review the case.

Hochman, a Republican-turned-independent who unseated the progressive Gascón, said the judge's decision to delay the hearing will give him enough time to "review the extensive prison records, transcripts of two lengthy trials and voluminous exhibits, as well as consult with prosecutors, law enforcement, defense counsel and victim family members."

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NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24VECP00500 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Nasim Khonsari for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Nasim Khonsari a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Nasim Khonsari to Nasim Khonsari Neshat . The 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 12/05/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: T Room: 600 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 6230 Sylmar Ave Van Nuys, CA 91401 . 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

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice of Auction of TitleThis is notice of sale of a title. Any inquiries can be made to phone # 702-530-9812 or to email at yoshiyah1969@gmail.com. Auction to be held on December 2, 2024 at 8:00am at the steps of the county public library located at 601 W Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA

NAME CHANGE

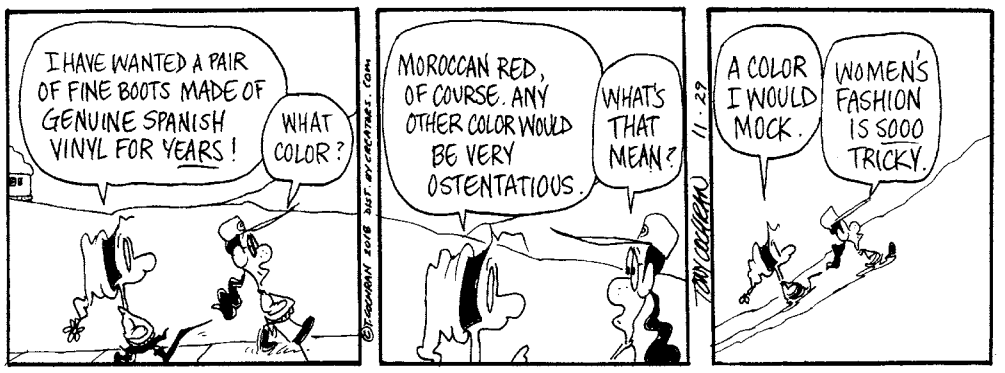
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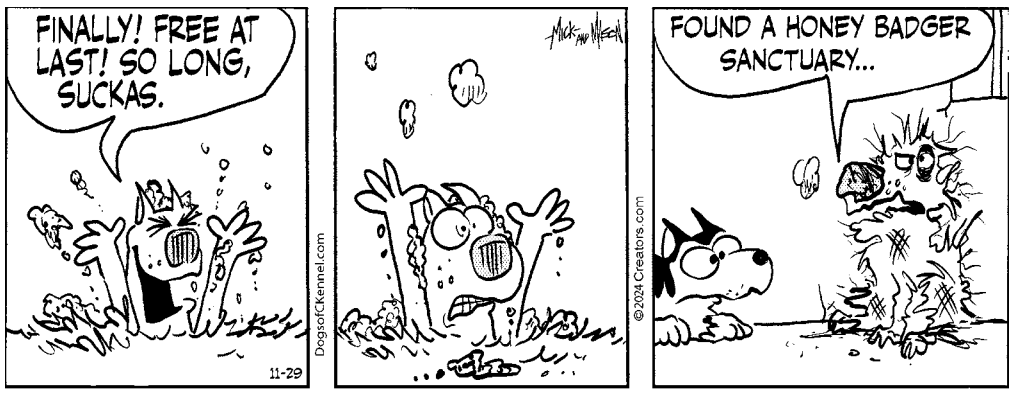
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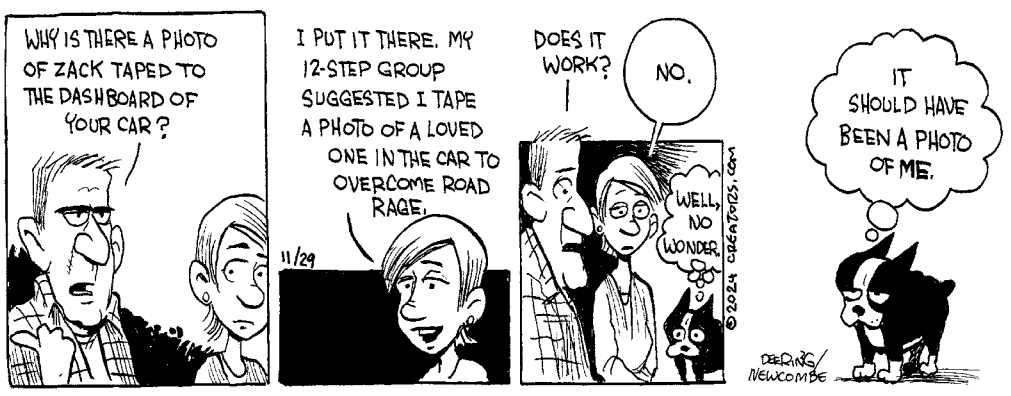
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 29)

As curiosity and wonder guide your every move, knowledge turns your world into a playground. You'll act on your strong instinct to protect and care for others and become a powerful leader in the moments that matter. More highlights: an elite invitation validates your work, a health victory, and a financial boost you pay forward that boomerangs back. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 16, 34, 49, and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When the world cranks up the intensity, don't seek escape; seek perspective. With a vantage and a clear view, it will be easier to decide where to best lend your energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because your heart is big, you move past the wrong someone did you. You will wipe the slate clean. You'll get your pitch together, suit up, go where there might be opportunity and make friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Demanding the impossible sets striving as your standard, reaching as your resting posture and dreaming as your waking duty. It's not a very relaxing way to live, but it seems to suit you on days like today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Wanting something badly makes us minimize the negatives and glorify the gains. Take the wanting out of the equation, and suddenly the risk calculation becomes much more accurate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your ideas are strong. You can revisit, reinterpret and reinvent them, and they'll continue to breathe life. The proof of this comes today when you take something you've been thinking about and apply it to brilliant effect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The concepts you find simple are challenging to others. Your discretion and patience are signs of your generous spirit. The best teachers never talk down to their students; rather, they invest full attention helping others learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Romantic comedy characters are a fantasy, but sometimes people actually seem to spring from the movies and behave as an on-screen rom-com character. Your charm activates, and you are such a person to someone else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When your options are abundant, each choice you make is more significant. For instance, how you amuse yourself will say something about who you are. Someone is paying attention as they try to know you better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are creative, funny, classy and genuinely good people out there - people who match your energy and outlook. One of them will be drawn to your sense of kindness and fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Acquired tastes, like coffee or wine, often have a bitterness to them. People can be the same way, and you've come to an appreciation for individuals with strident tendencies. They help you appreciate the occasional sweetness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most people do what they believe is best at the time, though sometimes poor outcomes come from having nothing better to choose. To provide better choices, in any form, is saintly work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone new will be intrigued by you and want to learn about you, sending you the signals and possibly texts that light you up. The possibilities are completely open with people ready to meet you on your level.

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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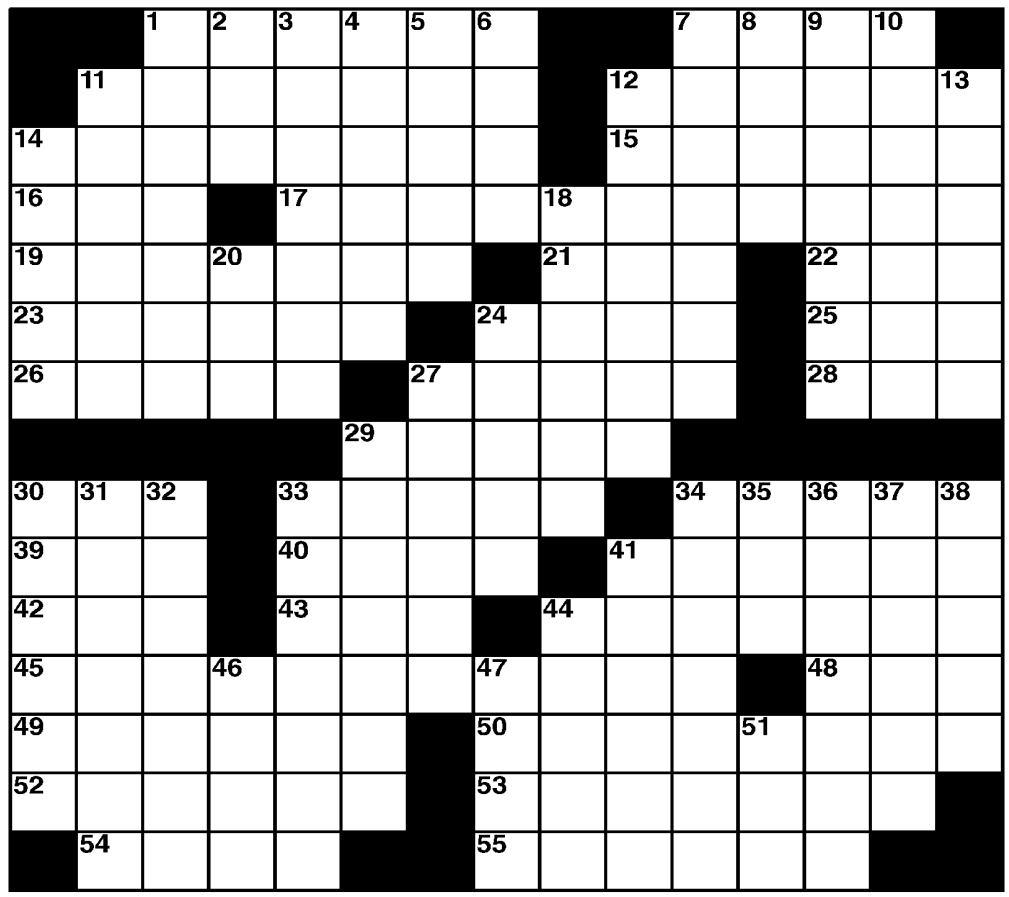
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16 Sashimi serving
17 *The Millennials
19 Pure bliss
21 Argentine article
22 NASA establisher
23 Environmentalists
24 Large-scale work
25 Election ender
26 Is entitled to
27 Calf comment
28 Many profs.
29 **Lord of the Rings* half-elf
30 Brief vogue
33 Clamorous comments
34 They play the piano
39 "__ eaten"
40 Many HS seniors take them
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42 Traveling through
43 Sulu in the *Star Trek* reboot
44 Concealment
45 *Clay collectibles
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50 **Back to the Future* power measure
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54 Votes for
55 Graduate's distinction

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13 Salon lineup
14 Freight carrier
18 Printed Gandhi portraiture
20 Crab leg complement
24 *Princess Bride* pirate portrayer
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

CHASE BURKE RELEASE PARTY:
8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Canary, 1301 5th St. A night filled with music, dancing and celebration. Come out and support Chase as he releases his latest work. Tickets $14, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chase-burke-release-party-2-tickets-1023040420437.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

COZY BEACH PILATES & JOURNALING:
9 - 10:30 a.m. Lifeguard Tower 28, Santa Monica Beach. Flow into Festive with a 45 minute Pilates holiday workout on the beach led by Flow Pilates Club. Grab your comfiest workout set or sweats and be ready to work your core and connect with an amazing community. Also includes journaling and mindfulness activities. Tickets $35, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cozy-beach-pilates-journaling-tickets-1074890258699.

TCHAIKOVSKY'S THE NUTCRACKER BALLET:
1 - 3 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. The SMC Nutcracker Symphony and SMC student dancers partner with the Westside Ballet for its annual holiday Nutcracker extravaganza. Produced with support from SMC, SMC Public Policy Institute and City of Santa Monica. Tickets $66, to purchase visit: https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/WestsideBallet/4547.

COMEDY NIGHT AT WEARY LIVERS:
7:30 - 9 p.m. Weary Livers, 2819 Pico Blvd. Check out the funniest comedians at the spookiest bar in Santa Monica, hosted by Sean O'Boyle. Headliner Jake Dill can be heard on the Klein/Ally Show every morning on KROQ. Stick around after the show for karaoke. Tickets $10, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-night-at-weary-livers-tickets-1072005861389.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1:

FESTIVE COOKIE DECORATING EXPERIENCE:
4 - 5:30 p.m. Viceroy Santa Monica, 1819 Ocean Ave. Experience the holiday spirit at a festive cookie decorating event. One ticket covers one adult and two children, making it a perfect way to celebrate together. Each ticket includes a seasonal cocktail for the adult and a fun cookie decorating kit for up to two children. Indulge in a cozy hot chocolate station and light bites for parents, featuring a delectable cheese board and mezzo platters. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/festive-cookie-decorating-experience-tickets-1069236377789.

MARINA LIGHTS AT BURTON CHACE PARK:
4 - 10 p.m. Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. There's nothing more festive than holiday lights throughout the 10-acre Burton Chace Park. The spectacular display of sparkling lights and decor will take place every night throughout December. Enjoy a seaside stroll under the holiday lights.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2:

DISABILITIES COMMISSION:
6:30 p.m. SMI Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality."

KRS-ONE MASTER CLASS LECTURE:
8 p.m. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. KRS-One, known as "The Teacher," is a legendary figure in Hip Hop with a career spanning over four decades. In this master class, KRS-One will share his unique insights on the evolution of Hip Hop, the importance of conscious artistry, and the role of the artist as an agent of social transformation. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/krs-one-master-class-lecture-the-venice-west-tickets/13654934.

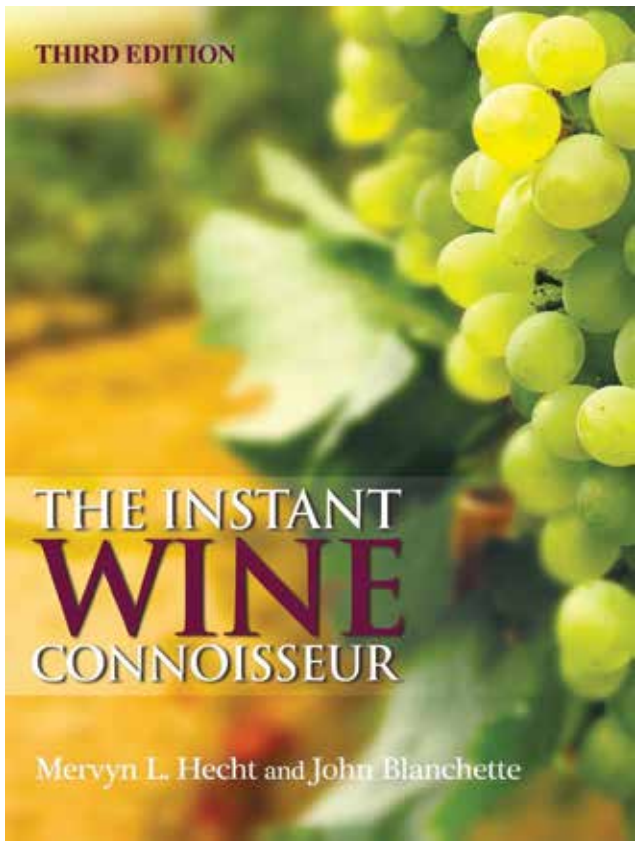
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3:

TEEN DECODEN DESIGN:
4 - 5 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Personalize a compact, trinket box, or barrette in Decoden, a Japanese style of decorating with faux frosting and kawaii charms. All materials will be provided. For ages 12-18.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR:
4 - 6:30 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. The Library's holiday book fair returns! Kids and teens (under 18) are invited to "shop" for free gift books for their parents, siblings or someone special, then wrap them up to share this holiday season.

PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING:
6 - 9:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, 1685 Main St. On January 26, 2021, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to create a new Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission to promote, in partnership with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), the best practices in community-oriented policing for the fair treatment, safety, and wellbeing of all, and provide a body to work with SMPD and experts to develop, recommend, and help implement proposed reforms for handling complaints regarding SMPD conduct.

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