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Spreading the Boy Scout message, one Christmas tree at a time

The lot has changed locations again this year but the holiday spirit is as strong as ever

With Black Friday in the rearview, the hectic race to grab gifts for loved ones is officially on. From scouring local shops to pursuing deals on online markets, the seemingly joyful holiday season can turn stressful in a flash in the attempt to make everything perfect. While the pursuit of holiday perfection can be a pain, buying one mainstay holiday item provides a small sense of relaxation, comfort and camaraderie for those in Santa Monica.

For 50 years, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 2 of Santa Monica has run its own Christmas tree lot, turning the typical holiday purchase into a memorable experience helping the next generation of community stewards. The lot at 2919 Wilshire Blvd is an immaculate setup of trees in all different types and sizes, so even the pickiest of families can grab their desired plant, all while raising funds for the scout troop's yearly activities. Trees range from 3-12 feet in height, including the holiday classic Douglas Fir trees, and the lot also sells wreaths and flowers for holiday gatherings.

Starting in 1973, the scout troop has had the monthlong fundraiser take place, bringing in customers from Santa Monica and across the West Los Angeles area. Tree Lot Chair Stephan Corbel says that the troop has had customers from places like Brentwood, Bel Air, Culver City and the San Fernando Valley.

"It's a very good time to share ... to give a bit of excitement to all the community about Christmas, because we're starting like four weeks before," Corbel said. "So they're in the mood to go (here), that's something that we like to offer to the community. A bit of (warmth), a bit of happiness, and (joy). Sometimes, it's difficult days, we all have a tough time, (but) having a good time here, experiencing buying a nice tree, it's great."

The customer experience begins with a greeting from the scouts who volunteer their time after school or on the weekends. Scouts run through the entire process, from a warm welcome to picking out the tree itself, then loading the tree onto vehicles before customers exit the lot. The troop is trained during weekly meetings before tree lot season, reminding the scouts about everything from the procedural (how to tie a knot to load the tree onto a vehicle) to the moral. How to approach customers and how to be welcoming, Corbel says, is just as important for a scout as the typical practicality and workmanship typically associated with the group.

"That's important ... for them to learn, and to also be in connection with the community ... sometimes you see a young couple who just moved (to) Santa Monica, that just arrived, and we want to welcome them," Corbel said. "(They'll say) 'hey guys, welcome to our community, let's have a good time, please select a tree or wreath and enjoy the winter time.'"

Coveted merit badges for burgeoning scouts can be achieved through the fundraiser project, anything from communications, business and marketing to environment, nature and wood carving. One scout gained a wood carving badge by taking wood from Washington and turning it into three festive reindeer art pieces.

Along with walking customers through the tree-purchasing process on the lot, as well as caring for the "Class A" trees purchased from an Oregon farm during the season, scouts also take part in the tradition of tree delivery. Scouts will load up trees and ride alongside alumni volunteers to bring the merry to your door.

"That's something people love as a tradition ... we've (had) customers coming from grandparents to parents to little kids ... it's kind of a cute story when you hear that because we're talking about the holidays, (saying) merry Christmas, so everything is joyful," Corbel said of

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Medal of Honor recipients visit Pacific Palisades



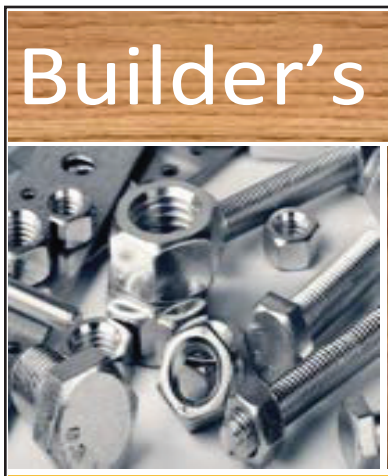
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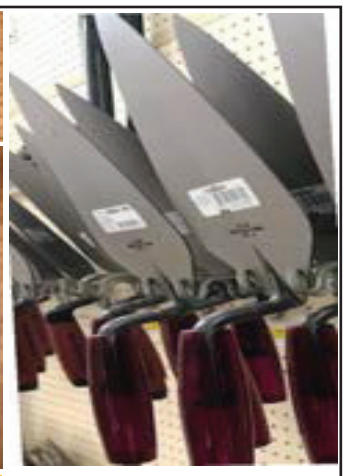
MEDAL: The American Legion Palisades Post 283 hosted five of the 65 living Medal of Honor recipients last week. About two dozen kids showed up to the first mentorship session followed by a second panel for adults.

"Hosting an event with such distinguished Medal of Honor recipients was not only an honor but a profound reminder of the bravery and sacrifice these heroes have shown. Seeing the interaction between the youngest generation and these living legends, who represent the best of American valor and spirit, was incredibly moving. It's moments like these that bridge history with the future, inspiring us all to remember and carry forward the values of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism," said Jim Cragg, American Legion Palisades Post 283 commander.



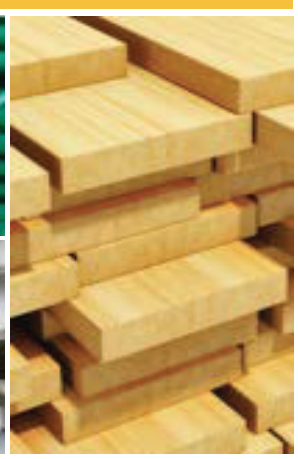
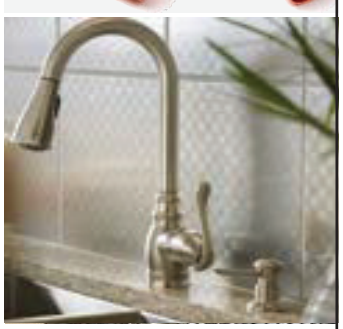
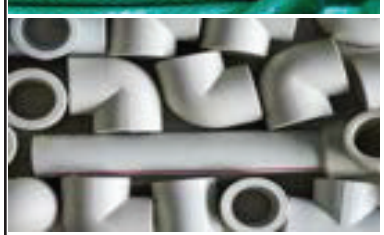
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Editor:

I read the opinion piece printed in the November 27th edition of the SMDP. The piece was written by the former wife of a recent bike accident victim who was rear-ended by a car on Pico Blvd. The author made some very good points. The piece caught my attention for two reasons: (1) my law firm happens to represent the injured bicyclist, and (2) is everyone seeing what I'm seeing – an uptick in bicycle accidents in Santa Monica?

I want to point out something not mentioned in the story: the driver who rear-ended the bicyclist was uninsured. My client, who suffered very serious injuries, was fortunate to have uninsured motorist coverage on his own auto insurance policy. Had he not had this coverage, he would have no recourse for his injuries.

The important takeaway for everyone out there: I recommend that you have uninsured motorist ("UM") coverage on your auto insurance policy. I recommend UM coverage of at least $100,000 per person/$300,000 per accident. I implore you: stop what you're doing. Go check your auto insurance coverages right now, before you forget. And check the coverages of your parents, your children, your siblings – anyone you care about. If you don't have this coverage, call your insurance carrier right now and get it.

Why is uninsured motorist coverage so critically important? Because most accidents are caused by drivers who have no auto insurance, not enough auto insurance, or involve hit-and-run accidents in which the other party is never identified. Having uninsured motorist coverage is the only way to protect yourself. Most people don't realize that uninsured motorist coverage applies not to just car v. car accidents, but also to bike accidents. As long as a motor vehicle was involved in the accident, whether you were a bicyclist, pedestrian, or driving a car, your UM coverage may apply.

My second piece of advice for bicyclists out there: wear a helmet! My client, thank goodness, was wearing a helmet. It cracked on impact and he sustained a brain injury. But his brain injury would have been much worse had he not been wearing a helmet.

Catherine Lerer, Esq., McGEE LERER

Editor:

Response to Wendy Paris Opinion Piece dated November 27,2023 titled "Opinion: Santa Monica needs better public transportation, not more rules"

Hearing about your ex-husband's crash was devastating. I'm truly sorry that your family had to suffer through that and glad that he survived. The crash that he experienced was not an accident and could have been prevented. It was a direct consequence of unsafe road design and prioritizing vehicle speeds over everyone's safety.

You rightly pointed out that the bike lane on 16th Street abruptly ends at Pico Boulevard. Due to this gap in the network, users of the bike lane are forced to go from a low traffic street with designated space for cyclists into a high speed, high traffic road with no space for cyclists or room for error for drivers.

The solution is not to make it easier to drive, or put everyone in tiny on-demand buses, it is to fix the bike network. In Los Angeles, nearly 50% of all car trips are 3 miles or less. Every person that walks or rides a bike on a short trip is one less person driving and causing traffic and pollution. Shouldn't we encourage this?

As you pointed out, biking and walking is not safe. Traffic violence is an epidemic in this country and it is getting worse. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for children in Los Angeles, exceeding gun violence. In 2022 more than 300 people were killed by cars on LA streets. This was an increase of 28% over historical averages. The United States ranks dead last in high income countries when it comes to protecting its citizens from traffic deaths. You are at least 5 times more likely to die from car violence in the US than you are in the safest high income countries.

Poor road design and unsafe speed is what sets us apart. In the United States we have been prioritizing the speed and throughput of vehicles above all else for going on 75 years. In Santa Monica, we have begun the hard and complicated process of fixing this. We are using international best practices to redesign our street environment to reduce car speeds and conflicts. Santa Monica is taking all road users into account to make this a safer place to walk, bike, and drive.

In your opinion piece, you stated that "The narrowing of roads further complicates commuting and creates delays" and that it's "Absolutely maddening if you need to use your car to get somewhere on time." These minor inconveniences you experience are by design and absolutely necessary.

The speed limits and road designs in our city need to change if we actually care about protecting the lives of our children, friends, and neighbors. The research is clear, cars need to slow down.

Eli Gill, Santa Monica

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Surf report — WATER TEMP: 62.1

FRIDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Continued WNW/NW swell joined by a rise in shorter period NW swell. Blow through of WNW/NW winds looking likely with sheltered breaks the only real option for fun surf.

SATURDAY *POOR*
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh

Offshore flow could return for the AM. Steep NW swell provides marginally rideable surf. Just note the high tide by late morning.

Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. West northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 66. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

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Entertainment consultant was targeted by shooter who had been stalking his friend

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

A high-profile entertainment marketing consultant was targeted by a woman who had been stalking one of his friends before she fatally shot him after her forcing her way inside his Los Angeles home, prosecutors said Thursday.

This week's slaying of Michael Latt sent shockwaves through Hollywood as the suspect faces charges of murder and burglary. Latt, 33, had worked on projects with filmmakers including Ryan Coogler and Ava DuVernay, as well as rap artist Common.

He was pronounced dead Monday in the hospital. Prosecutors allege that Jameelah Elena Michl, 36, knocked on his home's door and forced herself inside once it was open.

She had sought out Latt's home "after she targeted him for being friends with a woman she had been stalking," the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said in a news release Thursday. She allegedly fired at him with a semi-automatic handgun.

Authorities haven't named the woman but said she was not inside Latt's home when he was shot.

Michl's arraignment has been continued to Dec. 15, so she has not yet entered a plea, and prosecutors are seeking $3 million bail. If convicted, she could face a sentence of life in prison. Michl will be represented by a public defender, though one had not yet been assigned to her case, the public defender's office said.

Detectives seized Michl's vehicle, which she had been living in, as evidence. She stayed at the scene and was taken into custody. Officials have not released details about the alleged stalking.

Latt's marketing firm, Lead with Love, focused on social impact, and he was inspired to start the business after working on Coogler's film "Fruitvale Station," about the 2009 fatal police shooting of Oscar Grant in Oakland, California, that starred Michael B. Jordan, and wanted to direct his efforts toward social justice movements.

He was born into a show business family: His mother, Michelle Satter, is one of the founding directors of the Sundance Institute's artists programs, where she has helped filmmakers such as Coogler and Quentin Tarantino early in their careers. His father, David Latt, is a film producer, and his brother is an agent.

Latt had also worked at the Sundance Institute, which issued a statement on behalf of his family.

"He dedicated his career to serving others, employing storytelling, art, and various mediums to create enduring change and galvanizing communities with hope, love, and inspiration," the statement said. "Michael will never be forgotten and his legacy and work will carry on through his family, his friends, and his colleagues."

Latt also worked with Common, on the Oscars campaign for the song "Letter to the Free," and with DuVernay. Together, they launched a concert prison tour and helped developed Common's nonprofit Imagine Justice.

"The moment I realized that I could use my skill set for social good, I decided to dedicate the rest of my career to helping others, empowering storytellers of color, and fighting injustice wherever it stands," Latt told Forbes in 2019. "Through stories and art, we can showcase incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men and women's humanity, shine a light on injustices in the system and shift the narrative about how we talk about the issues."

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison for Crime Spree

A Los Angeles man has been sentenced to 120 months in federal prison for committing a carjacking and used a BB gun to commit eight armed robberies of gas stations and convenience stores in Los Angeles County earlier this year.

Namir Malik Ali Greene, 23, was sentenced by United States District Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett, who also ordered him to pay $17,084 in restitution. Greene pleaded guilty on September 23 to one count of Hobbs Act robbery.

On the morning of April 4, Greene robbed a gas station in Marina del Rey. Greene made a purchase and remained inside of the store until all other customers left the business. After all the customers inside of the business left, Greene placed a brown paper bag on the counter and told the clerk, "Put everything in there," according to his plea agreement.

Greene pointed what appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun, but what in fact was a BB gun, at the clerk while demanding the money. In fear, the clerk emptied the cash register and placed $700 into the brown paper bag. Greene then fled the store.

Greene committed seven additional armed robberies from April 4 to April 8 of gas stations and convenience stores in Long Beach, Whittier, South Los Angeles, Pomona, and Culver City.

On April 15, Greene – while armed with a BB gun – carjacked the owner of a 2010 Honda Accord. On April 17, while driving the car that he had carjacked, Greene led officers on a pursuit during which he drove over 90 miles per hour, almost crashed into a bystander motorist, drove against oncoming traffic, and crashed into a curb, according to court documents.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' Orange County Violent Crime Task Force (OCVCTF) investigated this matter, with assistance from the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery Homicide Division and the Ontario Police Department.

SUBMITTED BY CIARAN MCEVOY, US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sacramento

Governor Newsom Announces New Legislation to Prevent Illicit Use and Trafficking of Xylazine

As part of the state's multi-pronged plan to address the opioid and overdose epidemic, Governor Gavin Newsom has announced proposed new legislation to increase penalties for the illicit trafficking of the drug xylazine, also known as "tranq." Xylazine – an animal tranquilizer with no approved human use – is increasingly being found in the illicit drug supply, and has been linked to rising overdose deaths across the country.

The legislation would make xylazine a controlled substance, but exempt legitimate veterinary use, making illicit trafficking of xylazine subject to increased criminal penalties while maintaining veterinarians' access to the drug for approved use in animals.

"Tranq poses a unique and devastating challenge in our fight against the overdose epidemic," Newsom said. "Although California is not yet seeing tranq at the same rates as other parts of the country, this legislation will help the state stay ahead and curb dealers and traffickers, while we work to provide treatment and resources for those struggling with addiction and substance abuse."

Xylazine-related deaths are increasing drastically in every region in the nation, more than tripling from 2020 to 2021, with the northeast seeing deaths jump from 631 to 1,281, and the west seeing them jump from 4 to 34. Xylazine can cause severe wounds and necrosis, and can lead to amputation. Xylazine alone is not an opioid, but it is often mixed with fentanyl. When a xylazine overdose is suspected, health experts recommend administering the opioid reversal agent naloxone.

In addition to the new legislation, the California Department of Public Health sent an All Facilities Letter notifying facilities and clinicians of the emergence of xylazine in the U.S. illicit drug supply, and what actions clinicians should take to keep patients safe.

The California State Board of Pharmacy and the California Veterinary Medical Board also issued an alert and reminder to licensees that xylazine is subject to dangerous drugs laws, including highlighting that Board of Pharmacy licensees must keep records of dangerous drugs for at least three years.

Newsom's office said these actions build on the Governor's Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis, which includes an expansion of CalGuard-supported operations that last year led to a 594% increase in seized fentanyl and historic levels of funding — $1 billion statewide — to crack down on the crisis, assist those struggling with substance use and increase prevention efforts. Specifically on xylazine, the state has been working with the public, and with health care partners, clinicians, and veterinarians, to proactively raise awareness of the issue and the threat it poses.

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LOS ANGELES

NYC Man Sentenced to Nearly 26 Years in Prison for Abducting Elderly Woman with Dementia and Obstructing FBI Investigation

A New York City man has been sentenced to 310 months in federal prison for kidnapping a 68-year-old woman with dementia at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center in July 2021, then obstructing an FBI investigation into the abduction.

Johnny Ray Gasca, 53, of Bronx, New York, was sentenced by United States District Judge André Birotte Jr.

At the conclusion of a six-day bench trial, Judge Birotte on June 13 found Gasca guilty of one count of kidnapping, two counts of attempted obstruction of justice, and one count of attempted witness tampering.

"[Gasca] financially exploited [the] victim's mental fragility – describing his supposed 'girlfriend' as 'senile'... – to steal tens of thousands of dollars from her," prosecutors argued in a sentencing memorandum. "After the victim managed to get away from [Gasca], he abducted her from the grounds of a hospital where she had sought care for her dementia, in order to steal even more of her money. Immediately after the abduction, he attempted to indoctrinate her to parrot back a version of events favorable to him."

Gasca kidnapped the victim at approximately 8:30 a.m. on July 19, 2021, after the victim attempted to obtain a medical appointment at the VA facility.

The victim was accompanied by a long-time friend, and as the two of them "approached their car, Gasca appeared unexpectedly," according to court documents. "Gasca put his arms around [the victim] and pushed her toward a gold-colored pickup truck that was parked nearby. Gasca then picked [the victim] up and threw her into the rear portion of the truck's passenger compartment."

After the Department of Veteran Affairs Police Department contacted the FBI later in the morning, the victim's friend told agents she recognized Gasca, believed he previously was in some kind of relationship with the victim, and suspected Gasca may have taken some of [the victim's] money from her bank and retirement accounts.

The witness also reported that the victim previously noted she was missing some of her credit cards, and when the two went to the victim's bank to review her accounts, bank records showed a $35,000 withdrawal from the victim's retirement account, followed by several Venmo, MoneyGram and PayPal transactions that the friend believed the victim did not have "the knowledge or wherewithal" to conduct, court documents state.

Within hours of beginning its investigation, the FBI located the victim's phone at a hotel on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles, where agents converged. Soon after, Gasca and the victim exited the hotel, leading to Gasca's arrest.

During an interview recounted in court documents, Gasca described the victim as his girlfriend and told agents that, after leaving the VA facility, they stopped at a bank where the victim made a $15,000 withdrawal.

After his arrest and while in pre-trial custody, Gasca made several jail calls to a friend in New York asking him to destroy evidence of his wrongdoing with the victim, according to evidence presented at the trial. Gasca urged the friend to erase all his messages on the Facebook Messenger app, including messages describing the victim as a "Golden goose."

In August 2021, Gasca made another jailhouse phone call to his friend and told him to collect his hard drives from his apartment before the FBI could seize them and learn of his financial exploitation of the victim.

The FBI investigated this matter and received substantial assistance from the VA Police.

Assistant United States Attorneys Kevin B. Reidy of the Major Frauds Section and Kathy Yu of the Violent and Organized Crime Section prosecuted this case.

THOM MROZEK, US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

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SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, December 4, 2023, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
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- **1434 14th Street - 23ARB-0106: Multi-Unit Residential**
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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. 5547#).

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.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

LCP AMENDMENT NO. LCP5SNM2200411
ITEM NO: W18a

AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION: Public hearing and action on the request by the City of Santa Monica to amend the certified Land Use Plan (LUP) to increase the permissible height and floortoarea ratio for development on five parcels located at 101 Santa Monica Boulevard, 129 Santa Monica Boulevard, 1327 Ocean Avenue, 1333 Ocean Avenue and 1337 Ocean Avenue in downtown Santa Monica and allow approval of the Ocean Avenue MixedUse Development Project. (CSLB)

CDP NO. 5-22-0799
ITEM NO: W20b

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Application of Ocean Avenue Partners, LLC and Belle Vue Plaza for demolition of 4 mixeduse structures and 2 private parking lots and construction of a new, 130ft. tall, 248,570 sq. ft. mixeduse development, including 120 hotel rooms, 100 dwelling units, and 318 parking spaces, with 108,000 c.y. of cut and no fill proposed, at 101 and 129 Santa Monica Boulevard and 1327, 1333, and 1337 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, Los Angeles County. (CSLB)

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION
HEARING DATE AND LOCATION
DATE: 12/13/2023
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Virtual and In-Person, Dream Inn, 175 W. Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060
PHONE: (415) 4073211

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING, WITH BOTH VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON PARTICIPATION ALLOWED. Please see the Coastal Commission's Hybrid Hearing Procedures posted on the Coastal Commission's webpage at www.coastal.ca.gov for details on the procedures of this hearing. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Coastal Commission's Hybrid Hearing Procedures, please call 415-904-5202.

The in-person hearing will be held at the Dream Inn, 175 W. Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060. The Commission strongly encourages continued participation virtually through video and teleconferencing due to changing Covid-19 conditions. A single hearing and presentation will be held for both items.

These items have been scheduled for a public hearing and vote. People wishing to testify on these matters may appear at the hearing or may present their concerns by letter to the Commission on or before the hearing date.

FARMERS MARKET

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Greetings! Hello December! Hard to believe that 2023 is coming to an end with the holidays on the horizon. We want to thank you all for an amazing year. We are grateful for your support as we continue to grow our markets. We know that we have our work cut out for us but, with gratitude for you, our devoted community and so many dedicated farmers bringing the very best fresh picked, California produce to the market every week, rain or shine, we know that together, we can do anything.

Over the years, it has been a pleasure to visit farms across the state. There is a lot to learn from these passionate farmers about their growing practices, their wins and their losses, challenges, and successes. When asked why they work so hard, most farmers will tell you that they are invested in feeding their communities. Their generosity is overwhelming.

So, when you are thinking about gifting during this holiday season, consider shopping farmers markets to fill holiday baskets and boxes. Show friends and family how much you care by giving them the freshest most amazing farmers market produce and farm-based products.



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WINTER: December at the market.

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Carla Rosin

SCOUTS

FROM PAGE 1

the delivery process.

Open until Christmas Eve, funds from the tree lot go towards the troop's various trips throughout the year, including a monthly campout in California, an annual ski trip in February and a two-week summer camp adventure that puts scouts in canoes in Minnesota and backpacking through Wyoming.

The funds not only provide the trips, it provides the chance for families to send their scouts on the trips with expenses paid for, with Corbel noting that they make sure "everybody has a chance" to learn and grow with their friends.

"That's also a Boy Scout," he said. "It's also learning about life and also learning what is (in) the communities, making sure everybody gets a chance in this life. We want to be sure when you start, especially when you're 12 years old, that you get the same chance as any other kids in your life."

The lot is open daily, available from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. Each customer also receives a free ornament, complete with seeds inside that when grown, gives families a batch of mixed herbs for the holidays.

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Thomas Leffler

TREES: Scouts in Troop 2 Santa Monica will help you find your perfect tree and load it onto your car as part of their the monthlong fundraiser.

LIONS ROAR

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The innovations and challenges in the US over the past 100 years are memorable. From solo flights over the Atlantic to men landing on the moon, the completion of the Empire State Building to the fall of the World Trade Towers, the advent of television to the introduction of personal computers and the internet, discovering the structure of DNA to developing mNRA vaccines for Covid, change has defined the century.

One hundred years ago the Santa Monica Lions Club was formed by a small group of businessmen hoping to make a difference in their community. In that time the Club has funded scholarships, planted trees, funded meals and food for those in need, and helped screen for sight-threatening eye diseases and provided access to treatments. The Club evolved, welcoming women and most recently joining forces with the Pacific Palisades Lions to become the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades (SMPP) Lions Club.

Last month we celebrated our centennial with a Roaring Twenties-themed gala, complete with art deco décor, period costumes and live jazz music by the Jazz Cliffhangers. After a heartfelt and humorous Santa Monica Lions history presented by Past District Governor and Santa Monica Lion, Carol Ann Emmitt, guests enjoyed dancing, a specially selected buffet dinner, beautiful raffle baskets and silent auction filled with unique Santa Monica experiences.

To kick off our next 100 years, Susan DeRemer passed the gavel to Kingsley Fife as the next president in out tri-presidency, at our November meeting. This was followed by our newest member, Derrick Beerensteyn, sharing his journey as a small child in Suriname to becoming a Lion and then moving his family to California. It was very engaging and included a slide show documenting his life. Since he has brought our social media to a whole new level, this was not surprising. Kathy Boole led a lively discussion about our successful gala, with new ideas for next year's fundraising event.

Next for the SMPP Lions is bell ringing for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Day on Friday, December 1st, from 10 am – 4 pm at the Santa Monica Bristol Farms. This will be followed by the annual counting party that evening.

Our annual Holiday Party follows on Sunday, December 10th from 3 – 6 pm at Tony P's Dockside Grill in Marina del Rey. An we will close out December and 2023 with our dinner meeting on Wednesday, December 13 at the Elks Lodge from 6 - 7:30 p.m., when the Salvation Army Band will lead us in singing Christmas and Hannukah songs.

If you are interested in joining us for any of these fun activities, or are considering becoming a SMPP Lion, please reach out to Kingsley at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. You can also learn more about us from our Facebook, Instagram and website.

Susan DeRemer



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LIONS: Rae Kameny, Kingsley Fife, Yorkio Fisher, Kathy Boole, Addie Lane, Gail Litvack, Carol Ann Emmitt, Diane Gelvin, Pam Andrews, Derrick Beerensteyn, Susan DeRemer, Bruce Gelvin.

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Hospitality Santa Monica

JOEL DIXON
Chief People & Culture Officer at Rustic Canyon Family

I am a resident of Santa Monica and have proudly worked in this city since January 16th, 2009.

While the pandemic aftermath and worry seem personally behind most of us in our day-to-day lives, I can tell you with certainty, that it is not the case for your favorite local restaurants. After the most challenging few years in recent history, we are still on the long road to recovery. It is a battle to break even.

We've had six smash-and-grabs in the last year. The cost to repair the broken windows and equipment costs more than what is actually taken. Mentally unwell people circle in front of our restaurants, screaming, and creating an unsafe, unpredictable environment for our guests. Oftentimes, they sleep near the entrances to our restaurants or patios and we have to clean up after them. We have seen mentally unwell people defecating on the sidewalk in front our guests, throw open cans of soda and wield knives at guests. It's becoming a constant battle to create a warm and positive environment for our guests.

The cost of keeping our doors open has exploded.

You'll hear the same generic complaints from residents and businesses alike. There are more and more unwell homeless people taking over our parks and sidewalks. We are experiencing more petty theft and break-ins. But there isn't enough police response to our calls for help. If perpetrators are captured, there are fewer consequences for violent, illegal acts. We have very little recourse as victims, and there is even less to deter people from committing crimes in the first place.

I see the investments into expanding housing. I see the push to bring the lost tourism back to our city. All of this seems out of sequence. Shouldn't we first solve the homelessness and mental crisis issue?

I know there is hope for a better Santa Monica, and the Rustic Canyon Family isn't alone.

We will no longer stand by and watch our beautiful city fall further into disarray. My determination goes beyond business for me; I have been a part of this community for almost 15 years, and I am personally invested in our community.

I'm proud to announce that the Rustic Canyon Family has joined other local hotels, restaurants, and community leaders under the leadership of the California Restaurant Association to form the Hospitality Santa Monica coalition. We aim to affect positive policy changes from Santa Monica City Hall that we believe residents, neighborhoods, and all businesses will benefit from.

We hope to grow a diverse network of community members like you, as well as businesses and other organizations to act as a unified voice at City Council, with everyone pushing for better policies to revive our city as the California destination. We will fight to stay in business here, and we hope you'll join us.

Joel Dixon is the Chief People & Culture Officer of the Rustic Canyon Family of restaurants in Santa Monica, including Rustic Canyon, Huckleberry Bakery & Café, Sweet Rose Creamery, Milo + Olive, Cassia, Esters Wine Shop & Bar, Birdie G's and Ojai's The Duchess. Visit hospitalitysantamonica.com to learn more and join us to affect positive change in our city.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor:

As a longtime Santa Monica resident, I welcome CRA Hospitality Santa Monica's initiative. It's time we take our city back from an inept, ideological council and city hall that are privileging crime and homelessness over the safety and well-being of local businesses and residents, i.e. taxpayers. We've lived in Santa Monica for 22 years, and since about 2018 have faced increased crime, harassment and pointless destruction, with no end to it, and no police action. It's out of control, we stopped visiting DTSM years ago, and now the plague has crept into our neighborhoods. Once a lovely city, Santa Monica has turned into an overpriced hellzone. It's high time for major change, and I welcome businesses taking action, as their voice always has more impact with local government than that of residents. We need to stop the downwards spiral our beloved city is engulfed in, before it's too late for a comeback. Time for major policy change.

Marianne O'Donnell, Santa Monica

GET IT DAILY...



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SATURDAY | DECEMBER 2

PICO HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
Kick off the holiday season at the Pico Holiday Celebration! The event will feature tree lighting, complementary sweets and hot chocolate, gingerbread cookie decorating and opportunity to add a wish to the Gratitude Tree. In addition, local non-profit agencies will be sharing health and wellness information as well several artisans will be selling their wares. And a surprise visitor bearing seasonal treats will be stopping by! Be sure to come check it out! Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

17TH STREET & MICHIGAN AVENUE RIBBON CUTTING
Please join organizers in celebrating the completion of the Safe Streets for 17th Street and Michigan Avenue project on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9 a.m. at 1610 Colorado Avenue (Metro E line parking lot). Enjoy donuts, local musicians and performers, remarks from the Mayor, giveaways, and bike rides along the project. Hope to see you there! 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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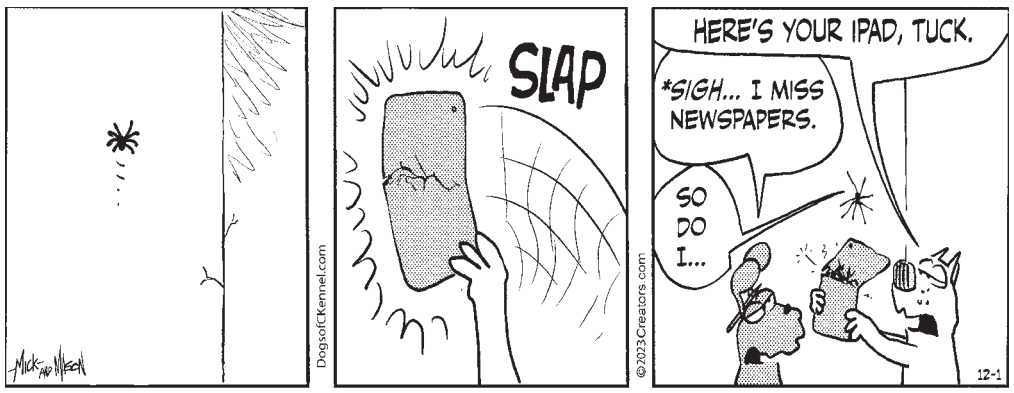
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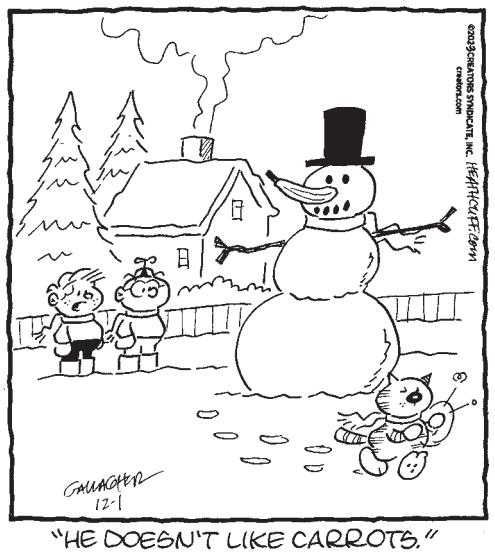
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By PETER GALLAGHER



"HE DOESN'T LIKE CARROTS."

Strange Brew

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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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6045

Names of the game

F	N	E	C	R	A	E	P	S	P	O	R	T	S	S
M	A	O	R	A	K	E	N	N	Y	T	U	G	O	B
E	M	R	T	B	M	A	S	N	O	M	M	I	S	N
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E	O	G	H	E	A	L	L	S	E	R	I	A	O	W
P	N	U	S	T	R	U	S	K	Y	K	H	S	A	C
R	G	A	L	T	R	O	I	K	U	I	A	C	C	O
O	A	W	E	D	P	P	K	L	L	F	U	R	U	M
H	S	A	W	L	N	C	E	L	L	I	S	O	R	B
T	N	U	H	A	I	E	S	E	E	R	T	F	R	E
I	I	I	G	N	C	A	W	R	N	E	I	T	Y	E
M	E	E	G	I	X	I	S	S	T	T	N	H	K	L
S	R	A	R	B	S	M	I	A	O	F	D	E	N	G
G	Z	P	Y	R	O	C	H	E	N	A	R	A	R	A
E	N	O	B	E	E	N	K	S	I	R	E	P	E	N

Ablett	Farmer	Lukin	Rafter
Aims	Gasnier	Mossop	Roche
Austin	Gaze	Nagle	Saxby
Bogut	Gould	Newcombe	Simmons
Cahill	Gregan	Nick	Smith
Cash	Heal	Kyrgios	Sports
Croft	Hunt	Norman	Thorpe
Curry	Kenny	Pearce	Waugh
Deng	Kerr	Peris	Welsh
Elias	Klim	Kneebone	
Ellis	Lenton	Pike	
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1)

You are destined to transform the mundane into the extraordinary. Everyday moments become memorable experiences because of your humor, treasured by many, and because of your astonishing attention to detail. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 5, 8, 12 and 40.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're participating in something like a game, though many things about it are more important than the win. For instance, you'll love who you meet, the skills you hone and the feeling of being on a team.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). With the right frame of mind, all can feel centered and settled. Work on it. Turn your scene around a few times in your head so you can get the perspective right. When you're powerful in your mind, you're powerful in the world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It feels good to be needed, but the feeling comes after the fact. Moments of service seem like a blur. Later, when you note your sense of fulfillment and miss the satisfaction of problem-solving, you'll sign up for more.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The truth is deeply layered, with pockets of mystery sewn into it. This leaves room for your interpretation. You'll assemble a lovely, empowering, if incomplete story and get comfortable carrying a question.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're well aware that having access to something doesn't make it yours. There are entitled and discourteous folks around, but don't waste time worrying about them. Rest easy knowing you contribute to a respectful society.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your awareness of others is heightened today, and you'll lean into the team spirit. You'll notice who needs the assist before they ask for it. And when it's your turn, you'll take the help and carry the project on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have plenty of room in your life for good influences. New people enter your realm. Those who are already in your life may need to adjust. Be prepared to give extra care and assurances as needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't always have to know what a thing means right away to know that it's significant. You collect the "signs" to be interpreted later. The important thing is that you're observant. Insights will come at the perfect moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your intentions are pure, and you're just not getting the reaction you desire. It's possible you're giving the right thing to the wrong people. Find a different audience and test out the theory.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People make mistakes. You have no problem issuing an apology when you're in the wrong. But this time, you're not. You're the one due an apology and you'll eventually get it. If given another chance, they'll treat you better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When the ego thinks something is essential, it can produce cravings beyond the physical. Gratitude inoculates you from false need. Differentiating between need and want will save you money and trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is always someone worse off than you, and better off too. Thanks to recent associations, you now have a fresh perspective and a rare sense of objectivity for your own experience and position.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

■	R	A	J	■	A	P	P	A	L	L	■	V	O	W
N	O	G	O	■	B	A	A	B	A	A	■	E	W	E
B	O	O	S	T	E	R	C	L	U	B	■	R	I	B
A	M	B	E	R	■	■	S	O	R	E	E	Y	E	S
■	■	■	P	I	S	A	■	O	I	L	S	■	■	■
■	■	C	H	A	N	C	E	M	E	E	T	I	N	G
W	O	O	■	D	A	R	N	■	■	R	E	N	E	E
A	M	M	O	■	P	O	D	I	A	■	E	T	O	N
S	N	I	P	S	■	■	O	K	R	A	■	O	N	E
P	I	C	T	U	R	E	W	I	N	D	O	W	■	■
■	■	■	E	T	A	L	■	D	O	H	A	■	■	■
H	O	N	D	U	R	A	S	■	■	O	X	I	D	E
A	L	I	■	R	E	P	O	R	T	C	A	R	D	S
H	A	N	■	E	S	S	A	Y	S	■	C	O	A	T
A	Y	E	■	S	T	E	R	E	O	■	A	N	Y	■

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

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

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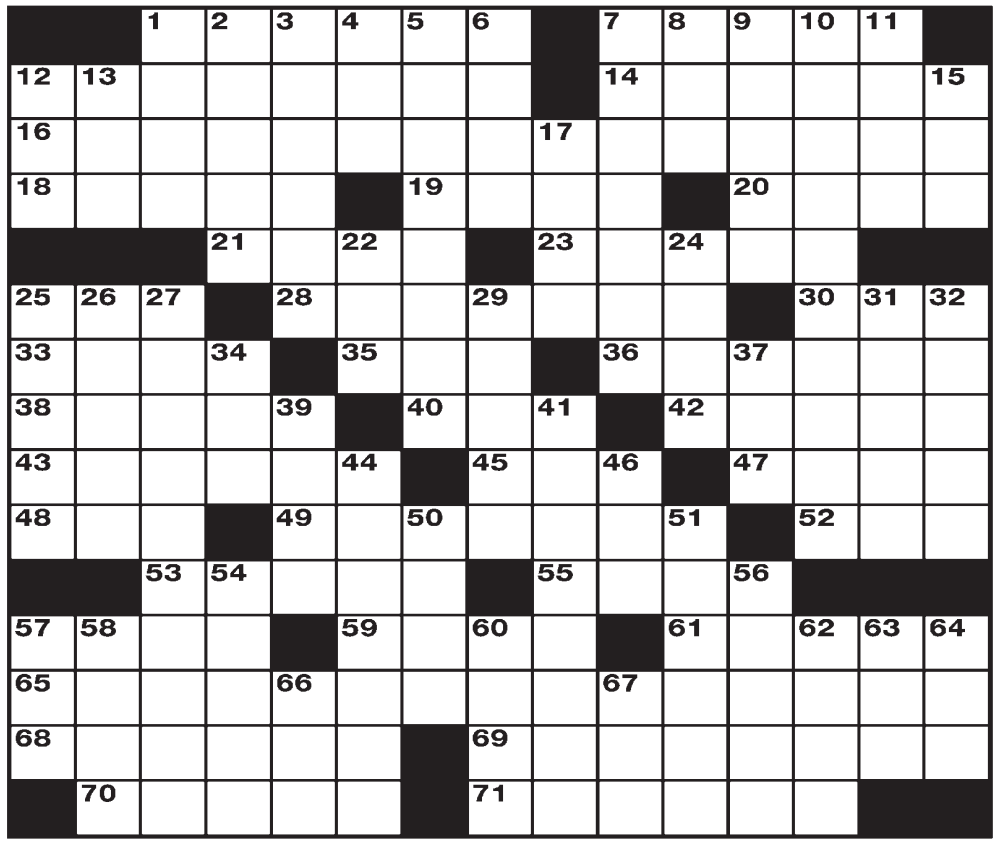
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ACROSS

1 Ancient Mideast siege site
7 Round projections
12 Stems (from)
14 Roku Channel chef
16 Start of a comment that 7 Down/18 Across claimed to have heard "a million times"
18 See 7 Down
19 __ Capital (firm cofounded by Mitt Romney)
20 Nailed down
21 Promising
23 Poke fun at
25 Where 48 Across meet
28 Soap operas
30 "Not a chance!"
33 "Not a chance!"
35 Color page of an almanac
36 Bold challenge
38 Presented to for feedback
40 Middle of comment
42 Hue and cry
43 Cookie-flavored cereal
45 Certain NCO
47 Great Fire of Rome witness
48 GPS displays
49 Matched office accessories
52 Secluded spot
53 Had in mind
55 Uttered
57 Poke fun at
59 Obligation
61 More than odd
65 End of comment
68 Beneficial
69 Solar system mobiles
70 Oceanic topography
71 Not going straight

DOWN

1 Impair
2 Choice words
3 Some DVD players
4 JD holder
5 Time for an annual Louisville event
6 ". . . against __ of troubles": *Hamlet*
7 With 18 Across, recipient of the comment
8 Texter's gasp
9 West African nation
10 10th-century explorer
11 Shoe seller's question
12 Article in Austria
13 16th-century starter
15 Went first
17 Honorably mention
22 Aggregate
24 Thunderbirds' org.
25 Art show official
26 Beet's close kin
27 Composers and lyricists
29 Role referred to by the comment
31 Strong *emozione*
32 Wetland predator
34 One of cable's oldest networks
37 Flow like water
39 Small sci-fi sage
41 FedEx Office competitor
44 Parodies
46 What clover might cover
50 Editorial notation
51 Stadiumlike
54 Joe Kennedy III's grandma
56 Big name in balers
57 Early afternoon
58 Airport amenity
60 Invitation advisory
62 Police work
63 Indignation
64 Serpentine shape
66 Encouraging word
67 Large vase



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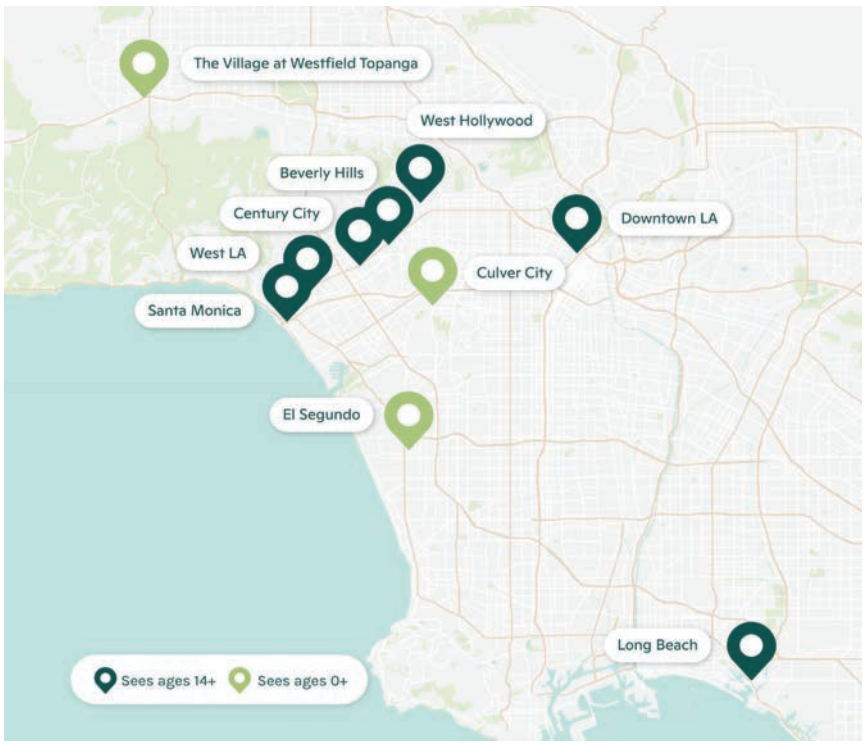
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