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Santa Monica mirrors county increase in hate crimes

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Shocking statistics from Los Angeles County are highlighting a disturbing trend: a surge in hate crimes.

This past week, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations shared its annual analysis of hate crimes reported throughout the county in 2022, with disappointing results.

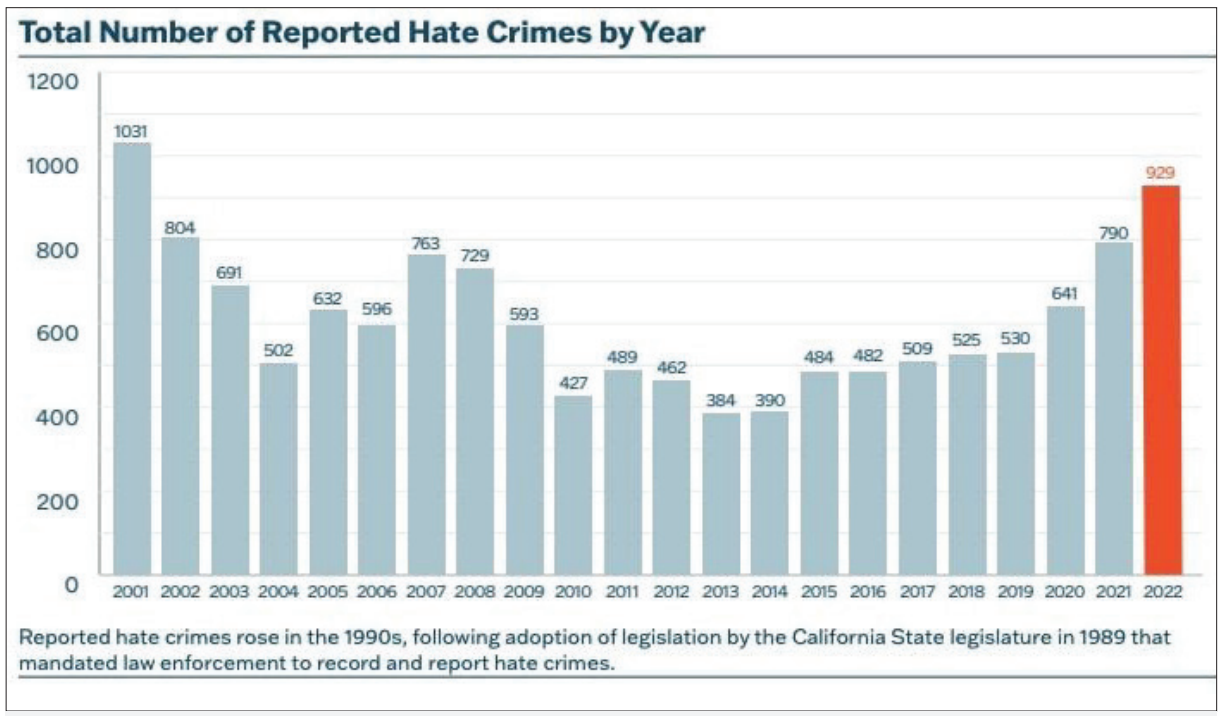
Throughout last year, a total of 929 hate crimes were reported, the highest total since 2001, and the number of victims increased from 1,763 in 2021 to 2,120 in 2022. The total number has risen each year since 2013, representing a 143% jump.

As the name suggests, California state law defines a hate crime as any crime “against a person, group, or property motivated by the victim’s real or perceived protected social group,” with targeted social groups under six main categories: Disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. It is separate from a “hate incident,” which is a non-criminal action or behavior motivated by hate.

Examples of a “hate incident” that do not expand into criminal violations due to free speech protections in the U.S. Constitution are insults, displaying hate material on one’s own property and the distribution of materials with hate messages in public places. However, California state laws via the Ralph Act allow for civil violations on incidents of hate violence or the threat of violence.

The report also states that 72% of reported hate crimes were violent, the second-highest rate in at least 20 years. Race was the most common motivation, with African-Americans making up 53% of racial hate crime victims, and Anti-Latino crimes having the highest rate of

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HATE CRIMES: A graphic provided by the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations shows that 2022’s reported hate crimes in the county is the highest total since 2001.

Smash and grab robbery nets $50,000 worth of goods

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A group of hammer-wielding thieves stole about $50,000 worth of merchandise from a local store last week in a smash-and-grab style robbery reminiscent of other retail thefts in the region.

According to SMPD, officers were called to the The Real Real located near the 200 block of 26th Street on Nov. 27 at about 10:55 a.m. after four masked suspects entered the luxury resale location and forced their way past the front door security. Once inside, they used hammers to smash multiple display cases containing brand-name purses worth over $50,000. The suspects then fled the scene in a waiting vehicle.

The crime is similar to a rash of other robberies throughout Los Angeles and but SMPD said this style of crime tends to have a similar pattern and the recent local case may not be connected to other robberies. However, it’s the job of the newly formed county task force to make that determination.

In August 2023, a rise in organized retail thefts prompted the Santa Monica Police Department to join the Los Angeles Police Department in the formation of the

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Homeless man arrested for trying to strangle a man in the park

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A homeless man is being charged with attempted murder after trying to kill a homeless victim in Palisades Park.

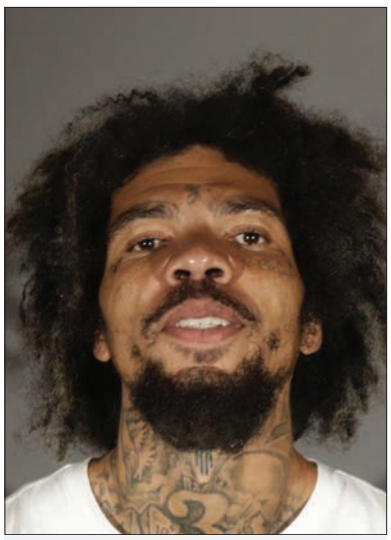
According to the Santa Monica Police Department, officers were called to the 200 block of the park at about 8:55 a.m. on Dec. 1 for an assault in progress.

“Upon arrival, officers found a transient male later identified as Tamarquis Burke actively strangling another male,” said SMPD in a statement. “The officers immediately intervened. The victim, who is also experiencing homelessness, could be heard pleading for help as officers ran towards him. Burke quickly responded to officers’ commands to release the victim and was handcuffed without further incident. During the investigation, several witnesses told officers that the attack appeared to be unprovoked.”

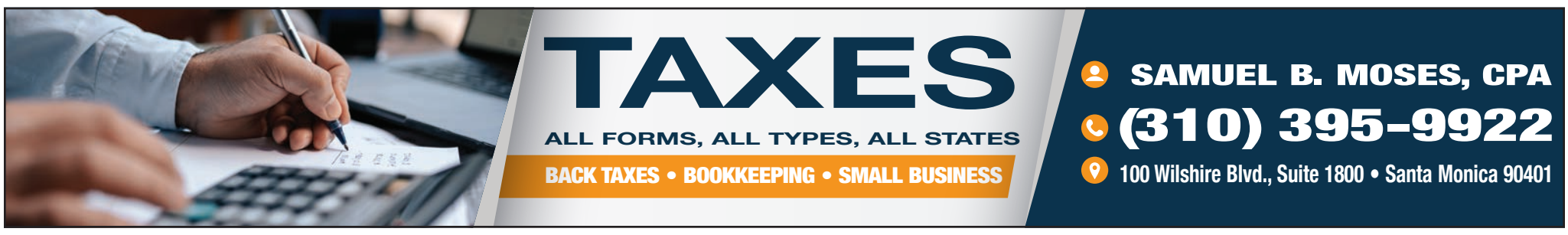
Burke, 31-years-old, was arrested and booked into the Santa Monica Jail for Attempted Homicide. He is being held on $2,025,000 bail.

Anyone with information related to this individual or incident is encouraged to contact Detective McCoy at James.McCoy@santamonica.gov, Detective Sergeant Goodwin at Chad.Goodwin@santamonica.gov, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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YMCA out to prove its worth beyond 'swim and gym'



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WEST COAST WELLNESS: Santa Monica Family YMCA CEO Hodge Patterson has honed in on the location's community engagement abilities six months into the job.

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A location typically known for its ample exercise equipment and sporting opportunities holds more than meets the eye throughout its 85,000 square foot facility.

The Santa Monica Family YMCA has been around since the 1920s, and has remained a premier spot for youth and adults alike to improve their physical fitness regimen. However, physical health is just one part of the YMCA package, as the space at 1332 6th Street has expanded throughout the years to include flexing intellectual and community-building muscles, along with the ones in your body.

Community involvement and encouraging locals to experience a wide range of YMCA programs is the vision of the Santa Monica location's CEO, Hodge Patterson, who took the position six months ago after spending time with the organization in San Diego. Experienced primarily in sports marketing, Patterson was initially invested in the YMCA due to its wellness and fitness programs, but quickly fell in love with everything outside of the "swim and gym" parameters.

Calling his position an "impactful career path," the nonprofit end of the location that allows for partnerships, expanded access and opportunities has kept Patterson enthusiastic each day. The local support for the YMCA has echoed Patteron's feelings, as participation at the spot is back to 92% of pre-pandemic levels.

"We're blessed that the community has supported us," Patterson said. "We had members that stayed with us during COVID … that's the strength of the community, that's a really healthy number for (the YMCA) … we're excited that the community has come back and shows our recovery."

Part of the healthy recovery period has been showcasing what else the location has to offer, particularly in youth development. The YMCA currently has over 60 children partaking in a fully-licensed preschool on the premises, and other children's programs are strengthening as well, such as child drop-off services while adults are working out, and after-school programs where kids are taken via bus from their school sites to the YMCA.

The location also has a designed parent-child playroom on the first floor that works for events like "parents' night out," a series that included a recent Halloween event where the room was transformed into a spooky obstacle course.

"We turned it into a maze … kids were able to walk right here in kind of a haunted house," Patterson noted. "This is one of our best-kept secret spaces for parent-child classes."

The location's third floor holds a Youth Development Department with several classrooms for children's learning and fun activities, with Youth Enrichment Coordinator Yuliana Gomez noting that the rooms have been used for things like ballet, yoga, painting and other arts projects.

"They just tell me 'we want this, we want that,' and I say … alright, let's see what we can do," Gomez said.

Of course, physical activity still plays a crucial role in the YMCA's past legacy and future goals, with staff saying that many kids from Santa Monica High School come in groups to support each other's workout plans. The location holds several weight rooms, cardio spaces and basketball courts for a

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica Teens Give Back To Local Heroes

A group of Santa Monica teenagers from CTeen Jr. took community engagement to a new level by baking and delivering homemade pumpkin cupcakes to local firefighters and first responders. This initiative, held at Chabad on 17th Street, is part of a series of community-oriented activities that these teens have committed to, demonstrating their dedication to public service.

Bracha, the coordinator of CTeen Jr., outlines the teenagers' journey of giving back. "They've been involved in diverse projects: from creating blankets for foster children to sending letters to soldiers overseas and organizing gift drives for sick children. Each activity is a step towards greater community involvement and leadership development."

A parent of one of the participants noted, "These activities don't just instill a sense of Jewish identity and heritage in our kids; they're shaping them into proactive community leaders."

Meeting every three weeks, CTeen Jr. is more than just a group; it's a movement fostering a sense of responsibility and kindness among Jewish teenagers. With each project, these teens are setting new standards for youth engagement in Santa Monica. It's an opportunity for teens to grow, contribute, and make a tangible difference in their community.

"We can't underestimate the power of the youth to make a real positive difference in the world," says Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky, Chairman of CTeen International at Chabad Headquarters, "especially today, their sincerity, passion, and idealism should be an inspiration for us adults."

CTeen is the world's fastest-growing network of Jewish teens, with 720 chapters in 58 countries and six continents. CTeen focuses on encouraging Jewish teenagers to engage in community service and leadership, fostering a strong sense of social responsibility and Jewish values.

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TEENS: The local students recognized Santa Monica Firefighters.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Bike Lanes

Editor:

I've read the recent dialogue on biking around here, and agree with Ms. Paris. As a daily cyclist, here's my additional insight.

In my opinion, the cement barriers were and continue to be a bad idea:

They take up too much real estate on already cramped roads, adding to our frustration, not easing it.

They narrow the bike lanes, so it's not possible to pass slow riders, e.g., parents with kids in their electric wheelbarrows; also the elderly. More importantly, they leave no escape route if a cyclist encounters an additional obstacle or aggressor (yes, I meant that).

They trap and keep falling leaves, a serious hazard to braking, and broken glass….because the lanes aren't kept clean. This is especially dangerous in shade created by the trees dropping those leaves; you can neither see the hazards, nor avoid them, including wet pavement (see previous).

They make turns much more dangerous, especially at corners; bikes entering intersections are not as visible as without those barriers. And, you can't get to the left turn lane at all.

And, lastly, they are somewhat permanent, expensive, and difficult to change or remove.

In my opinion, the white plastic pylons are a much better solution. The point of their being there is obvious, they leave room to maneuver in a pinch or just to get to the left turn lane, and they're much cheaper.

It certainly seems the designers didn't bother consulting experienced cyclists, doesn't it…? You know, it's not too late. I see more construction lines drawn on these streets.

Creating these concrete barriers contributes to the growing frustration we all feel in trying to get around. I'm against creating even slower auto traffic. There's already enough road rage to go around.

Matt Aschkynazo, Santa Monica



Surf report WATER TEMP: **61.9**

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Small but up a bit more. Small S swell pulses up slightly. Steep NW swell fills in through the day, largest in the afternoon.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Small to fun size - likely the biggest day of the work week for most spots. NW swell fills in further and peaks - not tons of size getting into North LA, but rideable. SSW swell also continues. Wind looks ok at this point, especially in AM.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 4am. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 52.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

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2023/12/08	Fri	11:45 PM	1.74	L
2023/12/09	Sat	06:20 AM	5.56	H
2023/12/09	Sat	1:24 PM	0.17	L
2023/12/09	Sat	7:34 PM	3.51	H
2023/12/10	Sun	12:17 AM	1.92	L
2023/12/10	Sun	06:47 AM	5.93	H
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MIDDAY: 2 8 5

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Economic reality bites as Newsom faces a big California budget problem

DAN WALTERS

During his much ballyhooed, nationally televised debate with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis last week, California Gov. Gavin Newsom boasted that the state's economy is "booming" and leads the nation.

"California has no peers," Newsom declared. "California dominates."

About 18 hours later, reality reared its ugly head. The Legislative Analyst's Office revealed that state tax revenues are running tens of billions of dollars behind expectations due to a slowing economy, creating a monumental budget headache.

The dilemma became apparent when the November income tax filing deadline – seven months later than the original date – passed, and tax receipts for 2022 could finally be counted.

"With the recent receipt of various postponed tax payments, the impact of recent economic weakness and last year's financial market distress on state revenues has become clearer," the LAO authors said in a preliminary report on the state's fiscal situation. "The postponed payments came in much weaker than anticipated."

LAO analysts Brian Uhler, Chas Alamo and economist Seth Kerstein estimated that 2022-23 revenues are $26 billion under projections and "our updated revenue outlook anticipates collections to come in $58 billion below Budget Act projections across 2022-23 to 2024-25."

California, they said, started seeing an economic downturn in 2022 as the Federal Reserve System raised interest rates to tame inflation.

"The number of unemployed workers in California has risen nearly 200,000 since the summer of 2022," they added. "This has resulted in a jump in the state's unemployment rate from 3.8 percent to 4.8 percent. Similarly, inflation-adjusted incomes posted five straight quarters of year-over-year declines from the first quarter of 2022 to the first quarter 2023."

When Newsom and legislators finalized a 2023-24 budget in June, they knew that revenue estimates were shaky due to the postponed filing deadline, but assumed that they had a $30-plus billion gap to bridge. They now know that the hole was much larger. As Newsom finalizes his proposed 2024-25 budget to be unveiled in January, it must account for the current shortfall plus one of similar proportions for the next fiscal year.

Automatic spending reductions triggered by a slowing economy, such as a lower mandatory levels of K-12 education support, would – on paper at least – cover some of the gap. But they do little to solve the political dilemma confronting Newsom and legislators as they face pressure to maintain school spending and billions of dollars in other commitments made when the state treasury seemed to be overflowing.



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NEWSOM: Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his revised budget proposal for 2023-24 during a press briefing at the state Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento on May 12, 2023.

They could tap the state's reserves, currently more than $30 billion. That's what the so-called "rainy day fund" is supposed to do when revenues flatten. However, the two-year problem is likely in the $40-50 billion range, which would quickly absorb reserves and still leave a big problem.

They could do what the state has done in decades past when periodic recessions have hammered revenues, particularly income taxes: run deficits and cover them with on- and off-the-books loans, such as temporarily cutting school aid or draining special funds.

Finally, they could do what those in the Democratic Party's left wing have wanted to do for years: jack up personal and corporate income tax rates or impose new taxes on personal wealth.

Newsom is the political figure caught in the middle. By word and deed, he wants to concentrate on becoming a major figure in national politics, starting with being an effective surrogate for President Joe Biden's re-election campaign.

"I'm here to tell the truth about the Biden-Harris record," Newsom declared early in the debate.

Now, however, Newsom faces what could be a budget deficit of historic proportions because the economy he touted as "booming" is faltering. How he performs could define his political future.

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Ticket resellers have upended live music. California must restore power for artists and fans



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SHOW: Atmosphere at Bill Graham Civic on October 17, 2023 in San Francisco, California.

In the ever-evolving world of live entertainment, being able to attend or put on a concert is a cherished privilege for fans and artists alike. Unfortunately, the ticketing ecosystem in California is riddled with issues like bots, deceptive websites and speculative ticketing.

Industrialized, third-party resellers have upended the live entertainment ecosystem. In California, the live music and entertainment industry has a total economic impact of $12.3 billion, generating over 83,456 jobs and $675 million in total state and local tax revenues. Yet bad actors repeatedly take money out of the hands of fans – as well as the artists and venues that make concerts happen.

No one cares more about music fans and creating a great live experience than artists. Lawmakers in California need to protect these relationships and communities they create and take action to stop harmful resale practices.

One of the most critical reforms would enshrine the right for artists to control ticket resale. In practice, this means allowing artists to have a say on the terms of ticket resale – like engaging in "fan-to-fan" face-value exchanges without the interference of bots or scalpers looking to inflate ticket prices.

Artists can already use these exchanges in California, but industrial resellers are flying state-to-state and spending big money on lobbying efforts to ban face-value exchanges. The California Legislature should instead protect the rights of artists to use technology to keep ticket prices down for legitimate fans.

Resellers often criticize the notion of an artist's right to control ticket sales or resales by arguing that it eliminates "fan freedom," but reseller pricing practices undermine the very essence of the ticket-buying experience. A recent study by the National Independent Talent Organization found that ticket resellers earned an average cumulative profit of $41,000 per show by charging an average of two times the original ticket price. The study also found that in states where artists cannot control resale, fans paid an average of 396% above face value.

Resellers also use harmful tactics like deploying deceptive websites that trick concertgoers into paying more than they need to. The practice of speculative ticketing, where resellers list tickets that they do not actually have, at exorbitant prices, allows them to use a fan's money to fund bots to try to fulfill the order.

Deceptive websites should be banned, and resellers should be required to have possession of a ticket before trying to sell it in California.

Various other states, including Nevada, have already passed legislation to ban speculative ticketing and improve the ticket-buying experience. California should follow suit.

The balance of power needs to shift back to artists and fans and away from industrial resellers. Fortunately, state Sen. Anna Caballero showed leadership and real support for the artist community when she introduced Senate Bill 785 to enshrine artist rights and ban the deceptive practice of speculative ticketing.

Next year, the legislature should advance SB 785 and send it to the

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Federal officials on Tuesday recommended increasing the distance from undersea pipelines that vessels are allowed to anchor in Southern California, citing a 2021 oil spill they said was caused by ships whose anchors were dragged across a pipeline after a storm.

The leak occurred in a ruptured pipeline owned by Houston-based Amplify Energy. National Transportation Safety Board officials concluded damage to the pipeline had been caused months earlier when a cold front brought high winds and seas to the Southern California coast, causing two container vessels that were anchored offshore to drag their anchors across the area where the pipeline was located.

The October 2021 spill of 25,000 gallons (94,600 liters) sent blobs of crude washing ashore in Huntington Beach and nearby communities, shuttered beaches and fisheries, coated birds with oil and threatened area wetlands.

The Beijing and MSC Danit — each measuring more than 1,100 feet (335 meters) long — had displaced and damaged the pipeline in January 2021, while a strike from the Danit's anchor caused the eventual crude release, officials said.

The NTSB concluded that the pipeline rupture was likely caused by the proximity of anchored shipping vessels. The agency's board members recommended that authorities increase the safety margin between ships anchored on their way to and from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and undersea pipelines in the area.

They also urged vessel traffic services across the country to provide audible and visual alarms to those tasked with keeping watch when anchored vessels near pipelines. Procedures are also needed to notify pipeline operators when a potential incursion occurs, they said.

The recommendations as well as several others followed a nearly four-hour hearing on the spill, one of the largest in Southern California in recent years.

Andrew Ehlers, the NTSB's lead investigator, said the pipeline that ferried crude from offshore platforms to the coast was located at a distance of about 1,500 feet (457 meters) from vessel anchorages in the area.

Amplify, which pleaded guilty to a federal charge of negligently discharging crude after the spill, said the pipeline strike was not reported to the company or to U.S. authorities. "Had either international shipping company notified us of this anchor drag event, this event would not have occurred," the company said in a statement.

A spokesman for the Port of Los Angeles referred questions about anchorages to the Marine Exchange of Southern California, a non-profit that monitors port traffic and operations in Los Angeles and Long Beach and other locations.

Messages seeking comment were left for the exchange and the U.S. Coast Guard, which jointly manage vessel traffic in the two ports. A message was also left for the Port of Long Beach.

Since the spill, Amplify agreed to install new leak-detection technology and also reached a civil settlement with local residents and businesses that provide surf lessons and leisure cruises in Huntington Beach — a city of nearly 200,000 people known as "Surf City USA" — which claimed to have been adversely affected by the spill.

Meanwhile, Amplify and local businesses sued shipping companies associated with the Beijing and Danit. Those suits were settled earlier this year.

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YMCA

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steady mix of training.

"Making sure they're having fun, that's the most important thing," said Healthy Living Coordinator Maurkice Palmore. "Just engaging with the youth, (letting) them know that we're here to support them if they need us."

Palmore stated that training varies from member to member, and that working with youth can sometimes be difficult because "everyone wants to be Hercules," necessitating advice in tailoring age-appropriate workouts.

"You got to kind of adapt to their age, and you kind of gradually progress things to a certain point, because they're so young ... teaching them the basics are very important, safety is our number one thing," Palmore said.

Another piece of Patterson's vision is increased partnership with community groups, welcoming in board meetings, youth civic engagement teams and more into a second-floor community room. The room also acted as a destination for Beverly Hills-based nonprofit Ping Pong for Good, which supports seniors experiencing Parkinson's Disease, as well as a homestead for group Safe Space for Youth, which raises awareness for youth homelessness.

For Patterson, welcoming community meetings helps "tell our story about our history," and shows visitors what "we can do in here ... and where we're going." Becoming a host for good, he said, aligns with the YMCA's core values.

"We want to make sure everybody has access and opportunity to come in, but when you're here, we're really focused more on building skills and confidence ... in everybody at all levels," Patterson said. "We can program so many different classes, but as long as it's developing a skill or building somebody's confidence, that's the role of the (YMCA) ... our areas of focus are youth development, healthy living and social responsibility."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

Horvath Becomes Youngest Chair of the Board of Supervisors

One year after being sworn in to serve as Supervisor for Los Angeles County's Third District, Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath became the youngest-ever Chair of the Board of Supervisors. As she took the gavel for her first meeting as Chair, she shared:

"In listening to young people, I am clear that the crisis of the moment is homelessness. From the threat of falling into homelessness because of the rising costs of rent and just living, to the reality of being unhoused while trying to go to school, and never being able to recover from the debt that piles up, the pervasiveness of homelessness in our region is a daily attack on our dream for a better future."

"While homelessness is the crisis of the moment, climate change remains the crisis of our time. No one makes that clearer than our young people, whose commitment to a cleaner, more sustainable future is unwavering."

"But, the most insidious, sinister crisis we face today is the crisis of despair. The rate of suicide is unprecedented, especially among women and girls who face increasingly complicated mental health challenges. Anxiety, depression, and substance use are pervasive."

Furthermore, she concluded with a call to action, sharing that:

"This is a moment for urgency. This is a moment for impatience. This is a moment for profound change. We must march forward together and take bold steps to bridge generations and create the change that we so urgently need."

At the reorganization meeting, Supervisor Kathryn Barger was selected as Board Chair Pro Tempore.

Among Horvath's accomplishments, Supervisor Horvath:

Introduced the emergency declaration on homelessness, the foundation for expedited results across the County, and appointed herself to LAHSA where she now sits as Chair.

Introduced protections for renters as essential homelessness prevention, including extending a 4% cap on rent increases for unincorporated Los Angeles County, along with other actions to strengthen the Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections Ordinance.

Championed environmental action through motions to create a cleaner Santa Monica Bay and to protect our coast from sea level rise and erosion; opened improvements to the Marvin Braude Bike Trail; and today introduced implementation steps for the first comprehensive water plan for the region.

Stood for working Angelenos by authoring motions to strengthen hotel worker protections and created an entertainment business interruption fund. She also supported the WGA and SAG/AFTRA strikes.

Advanced a more inclusive and just LA County by initiating a Jewish Community Safety Plan; rooted out hate and antisemitism in all its forms; and recognized LA County's unofficial "gay beach".

Focused on care for system impacted young people and families by authoring a motion regarding Mandated Supporters, and co-authored a motion to create a Prevention framework for LA County.

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, THIRD DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Citywide

Two Providence L.A.-Area hospitals ranked high performing for maternity care

U.S. News & World Report recognized Providence Saint John's Health Center and Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance for high performance in maternity care.

The annual evaluation, among the publication's newer specialty performance ratings, is designed to assist expectant parents and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive maternity care.

"There's nothing that touches the heart of a joyful new mom heading home, holding her brand new baby close as they leave the hospital," said Dan Kelly, chief nursing officer for Providence South Division, which encompasses California operations. "At Providence we strive to provide the best care possible for our mother and newborns and are honored to be recognized among the best for exceptional maternity care."

The U.S. News Best Hospitals for Maternity Care methodology is based entirely on objective measures of quality, such as Cesarean-section rates in lower-risk pregnancies, newborn complication rates, exclusive breast milk feeding rates, early elective delivery rates, birthing-friendly practices and transparency on racial/ethnic disparities, among other measures.

U.S. News evaluated hospitals from across the nation that provide labor and delivery services, and submitted detailed data to the publication for analysis; 680 hospitals, an all-time high, participated in this year's 3-year-old U.S. News maternity survey. Fewer than half – 46% – of all hospitals that offer maternity care and participated in the survey received a High Performing designation.

"Hospitals that receive a High Performing designation as part of Best Hospitals for Maternity Care meet a high standard in caring for parents with uncomplicated pregnancies," said Jennifer Winston, health data scientist at U.S. News. "These hospitals have C-section rates that are 26% lower, and newborn complication rates that are 37% lower than unrecognized hospitals. Parents-to-be can research their local hospitals' performance metrics for free at health.usnews.com to help them choose where to have their baby."

Earlier this year, Providence Little Company of Mary earned similar honors from Newsweek.

Also recognized by U.S. News were Providence St. Jude Medical Center, Fullerton; Providence St. Joseph Hospital, Orange; and Providence Mission Hospital with campuses in Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach.

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"Our customers approach our stall with big smiles for our breads," Jack Bezian wrote in a message to the community. "Their votes show genuine love returned for all our hard work, endless research for a more wholesome future and the Santa Monica city community is seriously knowledgeable and therefore a real joy to work for!"





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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Tania Takoohie Avakian Mooser 1954-2023

Tania Takoohie Avakian Mooser, beloved mother, sister, aunt, and friend, left this world suddenly on Friday, October 27 after being hit by a car while cycling in Santa Monica, CA.

Tania was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 6, 1954 to James and Mara Avakian. She was the youngest of three siblings. She grew up in California and worked in education for 40 years. She married the love of her life, Gregory Mooser on September 28, 1990. They had one child together, Zoe Lucille Mooser. Gregory passed away in 2003 after a long and brutal battle with Alzheimer's. Tania cared for him until the very end, ensuring his comfort and dignity throughout the process.

Aside from her commitment to her family and career, Tania was an athlete, artist, and adventurer. She enjoyed long walks and running to the beach, as well as rowing, and cycling. She was an avid painter, musician, and lover of the arts. She also traveled the world, and as recently as two months ago returned from a cycling expedition in Ireland.

Tania's impact on those around her, her family, friends, and students, cannot be overstated. She was and always will live in our hearts and in our memories.

She is survived by her daughter, Zoe; stepson, Jonathan; sister, Margaret Mason; niece, Tanya Akopoff; and nephew, Timothy Akopoff.

SUBMITTED BY TANYA AKOPOFF

Citywide

Santa Monica Offers 'Extra Bedrooms' for Locals and Visiting Family and Friends

Back by popular demand, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism (SMTT) is proud to announce its highly anticipated and helpful I Wish I had an Extra Bedroom program has returned with over 20 participating hotels. The annual offer was thoughtfully designed to benefit residents and provides a unique solution for hosting visiting family and friends during the holiday season, in addition to allowing the Santa Monica community the opportunity to experience their seaside city through the eyes of a traveler.

Now through January 29, 2024, locals have the chance to explore Santa Monica through the lens of a visitor by staying at one of the several participating Santa Monica hotels at a deeply discounted rate. After checking in to your 'Extra Bedroom,' hit the town and begin your reprieve with a yoga session on the beach, taking a long bike ride, hitting the surf, and of course, taking time to stroll through our eight unique neighborhoods.

As a bonus your loved ones can also join you for the holidays this year-at the sea- as these offers extend to them as well – this is especially useful when finding extra space can be a challenge. To participate, call the hotel directly to reserve and simply show a valid proof of ID at check-in at one of more than 20 hotels to activate the offer. Please note that rates are subject to availability and blackout dates may apply.

"We're so fortunate in Santa Monica to have the opportunity to enjoy the holidays in our beautiful beachside city that offers stunning Pacific Ocean views, a booming dining scene – including 18 Michelin-recognized restaurants, premier and unique shopping opportunities, and world-class hotels, all of which play a factor in why many current and future residents call Santa Monica home," said Misti Kerns, President and CEO of SMTT. "I Wish I had an Extra Bedroom is not only one of our most popular programs each year, but it provides residents the exclusive opportunity to experience their community from a traveler's point-of-view, so we encourage locals to celebrate themselves or gift an overnight experience this holiday season and take advantage of these incredible offers."

For more information, please visit santamonica.com/extra-bedroom/ or visit one of SMTT's three Visitor Information Centers.

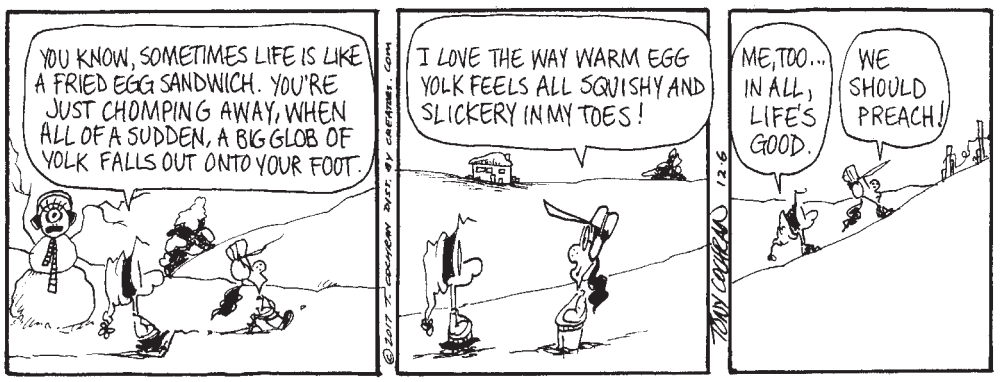
2023/24 Extra Bedroom Rates
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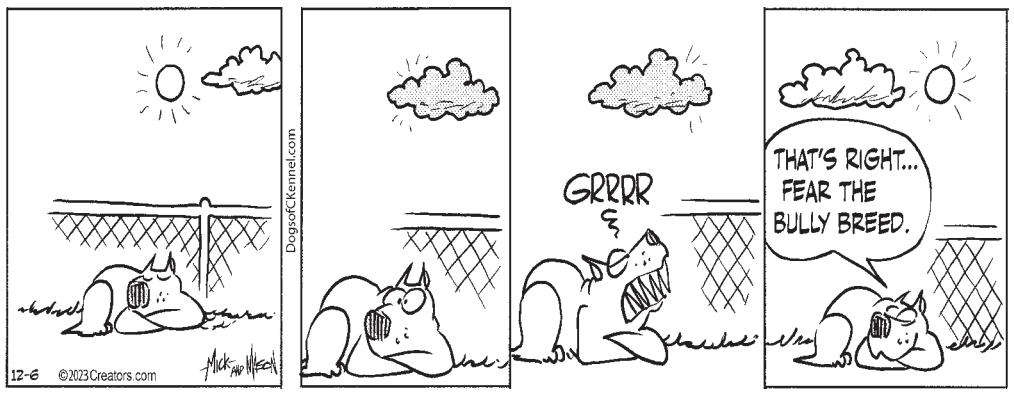
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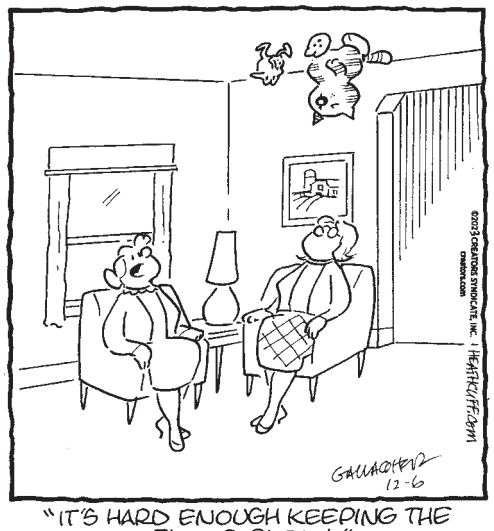
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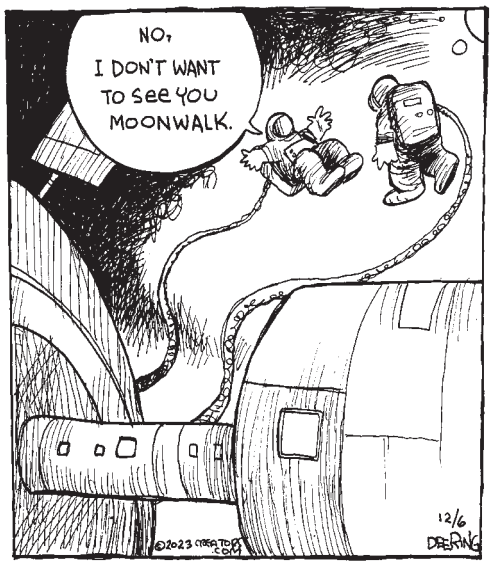
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"IT'S HARD ENOUGH KEEPING THE FLOOR CLEAN."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 6)

A cosmic pendulum swing gives your year rhythm and flow. First, you enjoy comfort, then excitement. Projects thrill, then work gives you the stability you can build on. More highlights: There's a favorable end to negotiations and legal matters. Joint ventures will provide more than monetary riches. Your driving motivation is to help others achieve their aims, and through your service you get your own needs met many times over. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 1, 3, 33 and 38.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll gravitate to like minds and pool together like water droplets that find and join one another. You'll bond and prevail. Together you will flow past and spill over everything in your path.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Other creatures think, but do they contemplate and ruminate? Your profound reflections are the seeds of a new connection, endeavor or adventure, waiting to bloom in the garden of possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Humans have an instinct to imitate the influences around them, which is why full-grown adults who move to foreign countries sometimes pick up accents. You'll be around worthy role models and pick up the habits of success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While being focused can have positive results, there's also the danger of focusing so narrowly that you limit your awareness and miss the chance to express your many dimensions. Stay open to developing interests outside your main goal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Friendships are a pay-as-you-go plan, voluntary commitments without lasting obligation. You'll give and get value from a relationship as you keep building it together, with stable routines and with whimsical fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Happiness is a jaguar. You can chase it if you want, but it will always be faster than you. Mine the treasures of your current circumstance in whatever mood you happen to be in and the jaguar will come around when it wants to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The usual problem-solving techniques won't work, which is a blessing and an invitation. You're ready to get unconventional. Learning what's new in the world will help more than just this effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be there for a special friend in a time of need, but what makes you special is that you don't wait for that time to do something nice. It's the unexpected things you do for no apparent reason that will have impact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You encourage people to tell you their ideas no matter how off-beat or silly they may be. It never fails; a brilliant solution always falls accidentally into the mix. The input you receive will invigorate a tired scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Something you learned long ago will be reiterated: Love isn't a barter system. Trade affection for favors and you'll lose every time. Today, you'll give from the heart, and the giving will be its own reward... then comes the bonus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Doubt is helpful in the early stages of a project, as it prompts you to make sure you're going the right way before you commit. But now you're too late in the game to waiver. Keep the faith and continue the work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As great composers know, a well-timed silence rings out loud with a quiet more beautiful than sound. You will use this principle to make sweet music wherever you go today.

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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1 Bring up
6 Tiny bit
10 Nile snakes
14 Farmland measures
15 Verdi opera set in Egypt
16 "Scat!"
17 Childhood malady
19 Legacy recipient
20 Response to a king
21 Polygraph's purpose
23 Boston's state: Abbr.
25 Lassos
26 Cantina chips
30 Short putts
33 Double-reed instruments
34 A Great Lake
35 Sandwich meat
38 Wields a needle
39 Two-Oscar winner Foster
40 Long skirt
41 And more, for short
42 Trifled (with)
43 Group of experts
44 *The Joy Luck Club* writer
46 Burger topping
47 Misbehave
49 "Take __!"
51 Milk sugar
54 Not for free
59 Employee safety agcy.
60 Car engine stat
62 Yardstick measures
63 __ instant (very fast)
64 Indoor sports venue
65 Radial on a Rolls
66 Furtive "Hey!"
67 Stuffed bear

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1 Slightly improper
2 Need a rubdown
3 Part of the eye
4 Parts of mins.
5 Native Alaskans, historically
6 Subsides
7 In fashion, informally
8 Person on a pedestal
9 Auto with a meter
10 Actor Kutcher
11 Line-shortening knot
12 Presence of mind
13 Puts into piles
18 Historical times
22 Green land
24 One with homework
26 Wine's aroma
27 Aid in crime
28 Locomotive's front
29 "For __ a jolly . . ."
31 Extremely dry
32 "The Raven" writer
34 Georgetown athlete
36 Skater's leap
37 Denver's altitude
39 Scribble (down)
40 __ & cheese (kid's lunch)
42 Keyboarding error
43 Rain-on-roof sound
45 Change genetically
46 Noggin
47 High up
48 Deejay Kasem
50 __ a clue (is confused)
52 Ocean liner
53 Ages and ages
55 Center of the earth
56 Was indebted
57 Mail off
58 Airline seat part
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HATE CRIMES

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violence at 93%.

County Commission President, Ilan Davidson, noted that the group is "troubled" by the high amount of hate crimes, adding they are "especially concerned" with both increases in crimes across the African-American and Jewish communities. Officials from across Los Angeles shared the concern, including Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who said that the report "comes at a somber time" as violence upticks.

"It is also a reminder that we are not immune, and hate and violence continue to impact the lives of Angelenos," Solis added.

The trend impacts Santa Monica as well, as the Santa Monica Police Department reported six hate crimes in 2022, and from January through September of this year has already reported seven more. In 2022, the SMPD recorded two hate crimes motivated by Anti-Jewish sentiment with three total victims, two Anti-Black motivated with three total victims, one sole-victim Anti-Arab crime and one sole Anti-Gay crime.

Three of the 2022 Santa Monica crimes ended in injury, including one described in the county's report. On Sept. 9, 2022, the victim, a White male who was experiencing homelessness reported that he walked past the suspect, another White male smoking methamphetamine. The suspect stabbed the victim in the back with a knife while calling him a gay slur, and the victim sustained a 2-inch wound requiring hospitalization.

Out of the 2023 reported hate crimes, the seven crimes had a total of 11 victims, with injuries sustained in separate Anti-Black motivated attacks in March and May. Three of the crimes were Anti-Black motivated with a total of six victims, two were Anti-Gay crimes affecting three victims and two were sole-victim, Anti-Jewish motivated.

Commission Executive Director Robin Tome said that the anti-hate program LA vs Hate has provided a "more complete map of hate crime for our county" and enabled officials to "carry out more effective hate prevention strategies" since the program began accepting calls and reports of crimes in September 2019. The initiative partners with all five Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors districts to address normalization of hate, build understanding about what constitutes a hate act and how to report it, and support individuals and communities in the healing process from hate-related trauma.

At a recent meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, the board approved a resolution recognizing Nov. 13-17 as "United Against Hate Week 2023," supporting the LA vs Hate program. SMMUSD curriculum currently includes social justice standards from preschool through 12th grade, providing lessons for students to share their cultural experiences "so students may be best served to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally."

"We are proud to support this program to build upon our diversity, equity and inclusion practices, by fostering a sense of belonging at our schools," SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton said of supporting the LA vs Hate program. "Our goal is to provide safe school environments where our students and staff can be authentic, respected and feel at home. This program supports our current efforts."

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ROBBERY

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Los Angeles County Organized Retail Crime Taskforce (ORCT). This taskforce combines resources from various agencies to investigate and prosecute the organized retail theft rings that are frequently behind these crimes.

This theft incident is being investigated by the taskforce, which has arrested over 90 individuals for similar crimes.

SMPD has also received a $6.125 million state grant to combat organized retail theft in the city. The funding, part of the Organized Retail Theft prevention grant program, aims to support SMPD's targeted and technology-driven efforts to enhance safety for residents and businesses. At the time of the grant, Police Chief Ramon Batista emphasized the impact of retail theft on small businesses and community safety. The grant complements ongoing initiatives, including increased deployments in shopping areas and collaboration with the Los Angeles County Retail Theft Task Force. The funding will contribute to the establishment of the Santa Monica Analytical Real-Time Center (SMART Center), utilizing technology such as CCTV cameras, license plate readers, unmanned aircraft systems, and the Live911 program.

While the SMPD is making progress in hiring officers, the grant provides an opportunity to establish a state-of-the-art crime information center. The SMART Center aims to aggregate and analyze real-time data to strategically allocate police resources and improve overall city safety.

Anyone with additional information on the Santa Monica robbery is encouraged to contact Santa Monica's ORCT representative, Detective M. Castruita at Michael.Castruita@santamonica.gov. Reference DR# 23-111503

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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governor's desk.

California fans deserve price protection. With artists more empowered, we can foster an environment where genuine fans enjoy live events without the risk of falling victim to exploitative resale practices. We urge lawmakers in California to protect consumers and artists by enacting safe ticketing measures now.

Jordan Bromley is a board member for the Music Artists Coalition. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 6

PLANNING COMMISSION
City Hall, 1685 Main St. 6 p.m. Agenda is posted online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/

BABY & TODDLER STORYTIME
For participation details, please e-mail akagan@lapl.org or gkim@lapl.org. Lap-sit (or not!) storytime for babies and toddlers and their grown-ups to share together. One child, one lap, please. For ages under 36 months accompanied by a grown-up. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, 10:15 a.m.

UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER | WEDNESDAYS ON ICE
Over the river and through the sand, to grandmother's house we go! Where else do you think we'd find an ugly sweater to wear to the ice rink? If Grandma doesn't have any she can spare, head to the thrift store or dig out that vest Aunt Millie knitted for you, and embrace sweater weather. 5th and Arizona, $22. https://iceatsantamonica.com/

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 7

JOB HUNTING WITH CHRYSALIS
Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

NOMA MEETING
The spirit of the holiday season will be front and center at the North of Montana Avenue Neighborhood Association's meeting this Thursday, December 7 at 7pm, as local non-profits helping those most in need in our community are scheduled to discuss their good works and how residents can participate. The meeting is via Zoom at smnoma.org and the public is invited.

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR WINTER CONCERT
Lincoln Middle School at 1501 California Ave. presents the Lincoln Middle School Choir Concert in the Lincoln auditorium at 7 p.m. The concert will feature performances by the Lincoln Middle School Chorus, Chorale, Concert Choir, and Camber Choir. Tickets are free, but a $5 donation per ticket is suggested.

CARD AND BOOKMARK MAKING WORKSHOPS
Up-cycle old cards into bookmarks or turn them into new holiday cards. Drop-in for fun crafting and a cozy atmosphere. The Library provides additional craft materials to all. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 8

WILL ROGERS GROUNDBREAKING
Join Will Rogers Learning Community, 2401 14th St., for a school-wide assembly and groundbreaking ceremony at 9:45 a.m. on the big yard. Parents and community members invited. In preparation for Phase 1 of construction, which is set to begin during winter break, more temporary fencing was installed around the trailers to indicate the area is off limits. Students will be directed to play away from this area.

MOVIE FRIDAYS
Join the Third Street Promenade for a showing of the movie "Die Hard" starting at 7:30 p.m. on the 1200 block of the Promenade between Arizona Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. No advanced registration is required and all ages are welcome. Picnicking is allowed, but alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Dogs are welcome, tall chairs are not allowed. Public restrooms are available in the nearby Parking Structure 4.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 9

COMPOST GIVEAWAY AT CITY YARDS
Join Resource Recovery and Recycling's quarterly compost giveaway on December, 9th, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue. Please bring gloves and containers if you're picking up compost - a limited supply of bags are available. This is a self-service event so please be prepared to load your own compost. Also giving away FREE food scrap pails. One per household while supplies last. This event is open to all Santa Monica residents with proof of residency.

RECIPES IN THE GARDENS - MAIN STREET OPEN HOUSE
Main Street Community Garden is celebrating the Holidays with an Open House and Recipe Swap. Bring your favorite recipe (Holiday or not) to share and pick up some new ideas from our gardeners. Complete with a cooking demonstration by one of our own! Grab a cup of coffee, enjoy a stroll through the winter gardens, revel in the cool weather crops and get ready to make that Chard Shuffle, Rhubarb Pie or Fava Bean Salad. Hope to see y'all at Main Street Community Garden., 9 - 11 am, Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main Street, https://santamonica.gov/

SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT
Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with free performances by world-class artists. Started in 2016 by librarian, author, and musician Jeff Schwartz with composer Daniel Rothman, and funded by the Santa Monica Public Library, Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, and the Amphion Foundation. Cathy Milliken with Daniel Rothman and Jeff Schwartz. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY CONCERT: 'TIS THE SEASON FOR 'UKULELE!
The friendly 'ukulele invites all to engage in traditional winter holiday songs from around the world. Bring the family and sing along with Heidi Swedberg and Daniel Ward, who love to share their irrepressible energy and mad musical skills. After the concert, decorate a festive musical ornament. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

December 9th | 3:30pm - 7pm
California Heritage Museum Lawn

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