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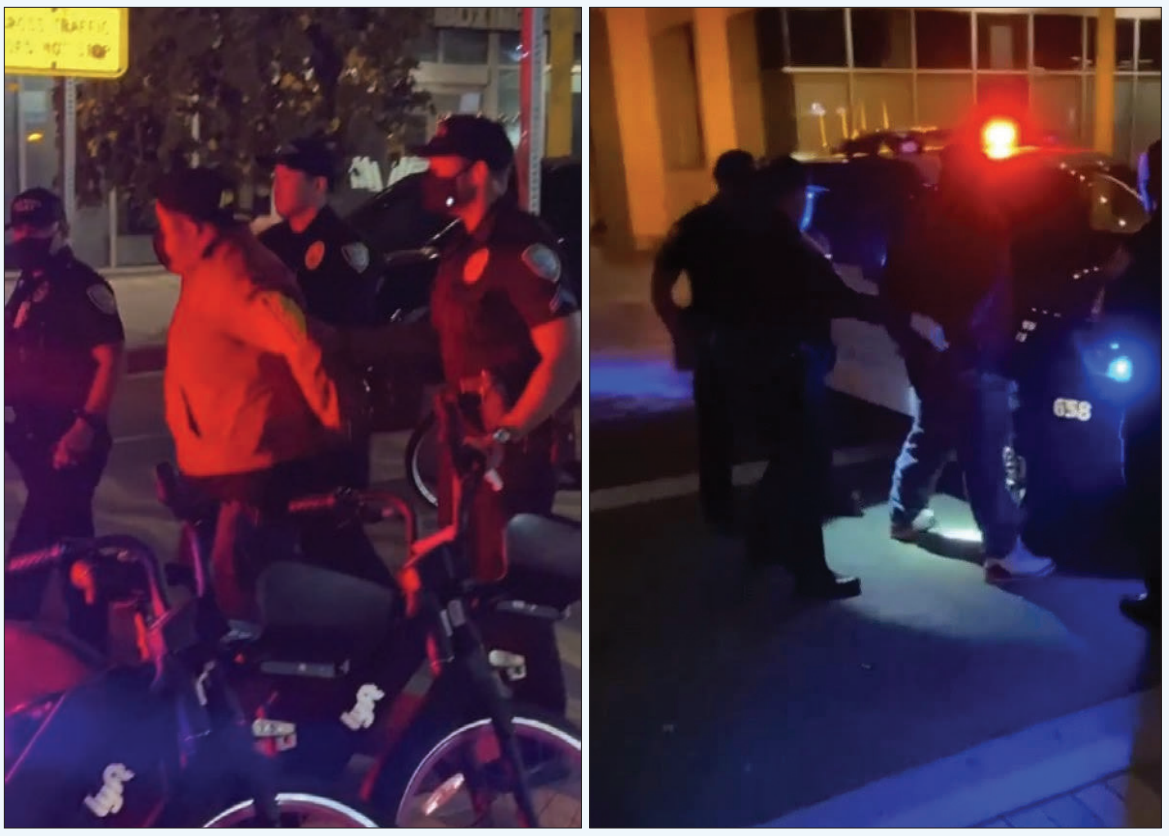
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Online sting nets child predator in Santa Monica



Courtesy photo

STING: SMPD was called after a man tried to arrange a meeting with a child on Dec. 5.

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Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department has arrested a man on suspicion of attempting a lewd act with a child after a San Diego based activist group trapped the suspect as part of an elaborate online investigation.

Fernando Dominguez a 30-year-old man from Los Angeles has been charged with contacting a minor for a sexual offense and meeting a minor for lewd purposes after a Dec. 5 arrest in Downtown Santa Monica. He is currently held on a $75,000 bail.

Dominguez was arrested as part of a sting operation organized by CC Unit, a civilian organization that works to expose child predators. Dominguez contacted CC Unit through two of their dummy accounts on social media and initiated contact with what he thought were two underage girls.

Members of the group posed as a 14-year-old girl and used online platforms to communicate with Dominguez for more than six months before arranging to meet in person. During those online chats, Dominguez described committing sexual acts with the child and the logs of those discussions were provided to police as evidence along with video.

CC Unit broadcasts their stings online and during the live stream of the Santa Monica event, Dominguez tried to leave the scene. However, viewers contacted SMPD who arrested him at 4th and Colorado. CC Unit only notifies local police agencies when they make contact with the suspect to avoid wasting police resources if the suspect doesn't show up.

The head of CC Unit (the "CC" stands for Creep Catching) said members of the organization are volunteers who work on sting operations in their free time.

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City to conservatively implement controversial housing bill SB 9

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Despite City Council's vocal opposition, the recently passed state Senate Bill 9 will nonetheless apply to Santa Monica starting January 2022, but City Manager David White says there is no cause for serious concern.

The controversial state housing bill was signed into law by Governor Newsom in November. SB 9 permits the splitting and upzoning of land parcels currently zoned for single family units.

In a Dec. 7. Council meeting, White assured residents that the City will approve housing development under the bill in a cautious and controlled manner.

Proponents of the bill believe it will help address the state's housing crisis, while detractors fear that its lack of affordability requirements will result in investors snapping up land parcels and building expensive new units that will further gentrification.

While the bill applies to all Single-Unit Residential (R1) Districts, the City has discretion in how it handles applications to split lots or build duplexes.

Staff is in the process of developing an ordinance outlining how Santa Monica will manage development applications in R1 areas, which will be presented to Council no later than March 2022. In the meantime, staff will publish an information memorandum on the City's approach to implementing SB 9 until an ordinance is approved.

"Given City Council's past discussions on SB 9, our intention is to take a conservative approach implementing SB 9," said White.

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Leaking California oil pipe's safeguards not fully working

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Associated Press

The ruptured offshore pipeline that spilled tens of thousands of gallons of crude oil off the Southern California coast this fall did not have a fully functioning leak detection system at the time, according to a report obtained by The Associated Press.

The report was compiled by pipeline operator, Beta Offshore, a subsidiary of Houston-based Amplify Energy, and filed with federal regulators. It reveals Amplify is investigating whether personnel or control room issues contributed to the accident but does not explain what was wrong with the detection system.

The report, filed last week and released to the AP under a public records request, gives no new details on a possible anchor strike on the pipeline from a cargo ship suspected to be the cause of the roughly 25,000-gallon spill. Coast Guard investigators have said they suspect the pipeline began leaking long after it was snagged by the drifting cargo ship during strong winds in January.

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EXPLAINER: What does an Olympic diplomatic boycott achieve?

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AP Sports Writer

Diplomatic boycotts of the Olympics aim to snub host nations while keeping athletes free to compete.

A small cascade of government boycotts hit China on Wednesday, less than two months before the Beijing Olympics open.

The impact of these political weapons on athletes at the games should be close to zero, and viewers should see no difference in their broadcast content.

Their aim is calculated to hurt the pride of host nations such as China, which often have both sports and politics mixed into their motives for staging events as big as an Olympics or soccer's World Cup.

In Australia, then the United Kingdom and Canada, governments announced their refusal to send officials to the Winter Games being held Feb. 4-20. The move against China started in the United States on Monday.

Those countries are longtime diplomatic allies that want to shine attention on China's human rights record, and especially the treatment of its Muslim-majority Uyghur people that some call genocide.

The sting will also be felt by the International Olympic Committee, whose leaders have a keen sense of its potential place in world politics even while touting the neutrality it is bound to by the Olympic Charter.

IOC leaders like to burnish the Olympic brand by saying their sports event is the only one to bring more than 200 national teams together in peace and friendship as an example to the world.

Any diversion from the message of global unity is unwelcome.

OLYMPIC MISSION

The Olympic Charter is the code of rules and bylaws that governs the IOC and "sets forth the conditions for the celebration of the Olympic Games."

Rule 2 relating to the "Mission and role of the IOC" helps explain why any boycott is treated as an affront to its principles.

It includes: "To take action to strengthen the unity of the Olympic Movement, to protect its independence, to maintain and promote its political neutrality and to preserve the autonomy of sport."

For the IOC, political neutrality should mean not calling out an Olympic host nation for its policies and conduct outside of sports or not connected to staging the games.

"We always ask for as much respect as possible from the political world and the least possible interference on our sports and Olympic world and ideals," senior IOC member Juan Antonio Samaranch said this week.

BOYCOTT HISTORY

The IOC still carries emotional scars from the peak period of more than 100 countries combined staging full boycotts of three straight Summer Games from 1976 to 1984.

The 1976 Montreal Olympics was hit mostly by African countries protesting New Zealand taking part after its rugby team toured Apartheid-era South Africa.

The 1980 Moscow Olympics went ahead without the United States and dozens of other teams protesting the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.

The Soviet bloc and some allies retaliated with a boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Thousands of athletes missed competing at an Olympic Games four decades ago. None should miss the Beijing Winter Games because of a diplomatic boycott.

VIP VISITORS

Who will stay at home instead of traveling to Beijing next February? Senior lawmakers and diplomatic officials, mostly, when the opening ceremony is held Feb. 4.

There is no diplomatic obligation on heads of state to attend an Olympic Games, and attending a Winter Games is less of a hot ticket than the summer edition.

It is, however, nice to show up for an old ally's party or build alliances with potential new friends.

Then-President George W. Bush went to Beijing for the opening of the 2008 Summer Games that was supposed to be a coming-out party for a more welcoming China.

In July, first lady Jill Biden led the American contingent to the Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Going to the games can also create diplomatic issues, as Vice President Mike Pence found at the 2018 Winter Games in South Korea.

Pence found himself in an awkward situation sitting close to North Korea's delegation at an opening ceremony at Pyeongchang that became a celebration of a relatively short-lived thaw in relations between the Korean neighbors.

The Korean accord had been warmly encouraged by the IOC, seeming to bend its definition of political neutrality to the limit.

CHINA'S REACTION

China's reaction to the spreading diplomatic boycott has ranged from "not bothered at all" to "clearly quite bothered."

The U.S. announcement Monday prompted the Chinese Embassy in Washington to publish in a tweet: "In fact, no one would care about whether these people come or not, and it has no impact whatsoever on the #Beijing2022 to be successfully held."

In Beijing, the foreign ministry said the Americans were interfering "out of ideological prejudice and based on lies and rumors."

Australia was dismissed Wednesday as "immature, arrogant and stupid to follow the US" by the Chinese state-run Global Times newspaper. "Countries with rationality would think of the interests of their own people instead of cooperating with the US'

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COVID cases spike even as US hits 200M vaccine milestone

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Associated Press

The number of Americans fully vaccinated against COVID-19 reached 200 million Wednesday amid a dispiriting holiday-season spike in cases and hospitalizations that has hit even New England, one of the most highly inoculated corners of the country.

New cases in the U.S. climbed from an average of nearly 95,000 a day on Nov. 22 to almost 119,000 a day this week, and hospitalizations are up 25% from a month ago. The increases are due almost entirely to the delta variant, though the omicron mutation has been detected in about 20 states and is sure to spread even more.

Deaths are running close to 1,600 a day on average, back up to where they were in October. And the overall U.S. death toll less than two years into the crisis could hit another heartbreaking milestone, 800,000, in a matter of days.

The situation is not as dire as last year's holiday-season surge, before the public had access to COVID-19 vaccines, but the 60% of the U.S. population that is fully vaccinated has not been enough to prevent hot spots.

The cold weather, Thanksgiving gatherings and a big rebound in holiday travel are all believed to be playing a role, along with public weariness with pandemic restrictions.

Lawrence Gostin, director of the WHO Collaborating Center on Public Health Law and Human Rights at Georgetown University, likened the virus to a wildfire.

"You can clear a forest of the shrubbery. But if you leave some shrubs and trees standing, the fire will find them," Gostin said. "The virus will find you. It is searching for hosts that are not immune. The fact that you live in New England or New York doesn't insulate you."

Demand for the vaccine — with recent approval of boosters for all adults and shots for elementary school children — has been high amid the surge and the emergence of the omicron variant, whose dangers are still not fully understood. On Wednesday, Pfizer said that the initial two shots of its vaccine appear significantly less effective against omicron but that a booster dose may offer important protection.

Nearly 48 million people have received a booster, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. White House officials noted the U.S. administered 12.5 million shots last week, the highest weekly total since May.

"And that's critical progress as we head into the winter and confront the new omicron variant," White House coronavirus adviser Jeffrey Zients said.

At the same time, some states, notably in highly vaccinated New England, but also in the Midwest, are grappling with some of the worst surges since the start of the pandemic. Hospitals are filling up and reacting by canceling non-urgent surgeries or taking other crisis measures, while states are strongly promoting boosters.

Despite one of the highest vaccination levels in the country — over 74% of the population fully vaccinated — Vermont is coping with its biggest surge yet. In the last week, new cases per day are up 54%, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 has climbed 18%.

The virus is preying on those who haven't gotten their shots: As of Tuesday, 90% of the COVID-19 patients in intensive care were unvaccinated.

"Obviously, it's not where we want to be," Gov. Phil Scott said Tuesday, calling the situation "extremely frustrating."

More than 400 people were in the hospital with COVID-19 in New Hampshire at the start of the week, breaking the record set last winter.

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu directed hospitals to set up COVID-19 "surge centers" using space normally reserved for such things as outpatient care.

"Every day for the next several weeks, we're likely to see a new high in COVID hospitalizations in New Hampshire," said Steve Ahnen, president of the New Hampshire Hospital Association. "With over 1,000 new cases a day, that number's not going to do anything but continue to go up."

Maine likewise is struggling with record-breaking COVID-19 hospitalizations. Gov. Janet Mills on Wednesday activated as many as 75 members of the National Guard to help out.

"The vast majority of patients in our hospitals are unvaccinated. That's especially true of critical care patients," said Andy Mueller, CEO of MaineHealth, the state's biggest health network. "It requires a tremendous amount of our resources to provide care."

Rhode Island's largest hospital system, Lifespan, said staffing shortages are at never-before-seen crisis levels, while Kent Hospital said it is near capacity and is considering delaying non-urgent procedures.

Dr. Paari Gopalakrishnan, Kent's interim president and chief operating officer, said the spike is probably due to "people letting their guards down" during the holidays, and flu season could complicate things further.

New Hampshire plans to hold a "booster blitz" on Saturday at 15 locations. Most appointments were booked.

In Berlin, Vermont, Mike Labounty got his booster Tuesday.

"I have friends that are in their 20s that are getting sick and friends that are 60 that are getting sick," he said. "The thing you see on Facebook and stuff like that is, 'I just want this to be over. I'm very sick,' so I'm just trying to avoid that."

Elsewhere around the country, Indiana has seen COVID-19 hospital admissions double in the last month and is approaching levels not seen since this time a year ago, before vaccines were widely available.

The number of people in intensive care in Minnesota has reached the highest level yet during the pandemic, with 98% of ICU beds occupied. Teams of military medics have been sent into Michigan and New Mexico.

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Party Complaint 1000Blk Ocean Ave 12:02 a.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 12:49 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:08 a.m.
Grand Theft 2600Blk 34th St 2:18 a.m.
Loud Music 500Blk Colorado Ave 3:24 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1000Blk Pico Blvd 6:52 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 7:05 a.m.
Encampment 800Blk Palisades Park 7:06 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:21 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 17th St 7:57 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 17th St 8:19 a.m.
Death Investigation 2500Blk Pico Blvd 8:25 a.m.
Vandalism 1400Blk 2nd St 9:05 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:13 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 19th St 9:13 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1000Blk 14th St 9:22 a.m.
Vandalism Now 700Blk Arizona Ave 9:25 a.m.
Vandalism 800Blk Arizona Ave 9:27 a.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft In Progress 600Blk Arizona Ave 9:34 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700Blk Kensington rd 9:35 a.m.
Vandalism 1300Blk 7th St 9:37 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700Blk Marine St 9:47 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1000Blk Pearl St 9:49 a.m.
Vandalism 300Blk Bay St 10:02 a.m.
Grand Theft 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 900Blk 14th St 10:31 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk 9th St 10:37 a.m.
Lewd Activity 2200Blk Pico Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Panic Alarm 800Blk 7th St 11:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1300Blk 2nd St 11:05 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2nd St / Broadway 11:22 a.m.
Identity Theft 1200Blk Washington Ave 11:25 a.m.
Vandalism 600Blk Arizona Ave 11:26 a.m.
Identity Theft 1400Blk 17th St 11:42 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk 7th St 11:46 a.m.
Petty Theft 5th St / Arizona Ave 11:56 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 20th St / Arizona Ave 12:05 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:09 p.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 12:11 p.m.
Burglary Now 1800Blk Main St 12:36 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000Blk Navy St 12:41 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 1:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk 24th St 1:04 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000Blk Marine St 1:08 p.m.
Fraud 800Blk 19th St 1:16 p.m.
Vandalism 1400Blk 2nd St 1:32 p.m.
Encampment 1300Blk Arizona Ave 1:34 p.m.
Person Down 9th St / Pico Blvd 1:36 p.m.
Panhandling 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:55 p.m.
Person With A Gun 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 2:06 p.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 2:10 p.m.
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Encampment 3000Blk The Beach 2:28 p.m.
Grand Theft 700Blk Ashland Ave 2:30 p.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 2:34 p.m.
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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Assault Now 2800Blk The Beach 3:00 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 700Blk Pico Blvd 3:01 p.m.
Petty Theft 600Blk San Vicente Blvd 3:03 p.m.
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Drunk Driving Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 9:25 p.m.
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EMS 1500Blk Berkeley St 4:15 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 700Blk 21st Pl 4:20 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pico Blvd 6:01 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Delaware Ave 6:31 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 6:40 p.m.
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EMS 1100Blk 12th St 7:54 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Olympic Blvd 7:57 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:09 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:58 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800Blk Broadway 9:24 p.m.

OIL

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It's not clear why it took so long for the 1/2-inch thick steel line to leak, or whether another anchor strike or other incident led to the rupture and spill. But experts say that a properly functioning leak detection system might have been able to catch that things were amiss before an oil sheen spotted on the surface led to the leak's discovery.

"The fact that they did not have the leak detection system working is surprising," University of Houston pipeline expert Ramanan Krishnamoorti said, noting that the company's accounting of the accident appeared inconsistent. "For experienced hands at this, when you've got a leak like this, you'd have seen signatures of it with pressure drops and flow rates."

The spill came ashore at Huntington Beach and forced about a weeklong closure of that city's beaches and others along the Orange County coast. Fishing in the affected area resumed only last week after testing confirmed fish did not have unsafe levels of oil toxins.

In its report, Beta said the pipeline's leak detection system, while not fully functional, still helped to detect and confirm the leak. Federal investigators have previously said a low-pressure alarm went off at 2:30 a.m. on Oct 2, indicating a possible failure.

But in its report the company says the leak wasn't discovered until 8 a.m. that day, by a third-party contractor who reported an offshore slick and notified personnel on a nearby Beta oil platform. The spill wasn't reported to authorities until more than an hour later.

Spokesperson Amy Conway with Amplify Energy declined to answer questions from AP about the leak detection system, citing the ongoing investigation.

"Amplify continues to remain committed to working with the regulatory agencies investigating this event," she said.

Accident reports filed with the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration require companies to disclose the pressure of pipelines that fail. Beta said the line did not exceed maximum pressure but declined to answer what the pressure was when the line leaked. It said it would supplement its response when it determines the exact time the accident occurred.

The break in the pipe that runs along the sea floor 100 feet under water was less than one-hundredth of an inch wide and more than 20 inches long, the report said. That means the line could have been leaking for hours or days, according to Krishnamoorti and a second expert, pipeline accident consultant Richard Kuprewicz.

"It isn't like a rupture that's wide open, but it's going to move some oil," Kuprewicz said. He added that the report leaves unresolved questions about the spill and the company's response.

"We don't know how their leak detection system is set up. People think we ought to be able to see a pressure loss, but sometimes pressure loss wouldn't show up even when you have big pipeline ruptures," he said.

As of Nov. 11, the cleanup from the spill had cost the company more than $17 million. It also lost up to about $45,000 in oil, based on an estimated 588 barrels lost at a price of $76 each.

The damaged section of pipeline was expected to be removed under an order from pipeline safety officials that required a metallurgical analysis of why the line failed within 45 days of receiving the Oct. 4 order. However, that hasn't happened.

Amplify attorneys said in a civil lawsuit related to the spill that it is awaiting approval of a repair plan the company submitted to federal officials on Nov. 19.

Because a dive team that was to perform the work was called away by the U.S. Navy to the Persian Gulf, the earliest the repairs would happen would be Dec. 15, and next February is more likely, the company's attorneys said in a report to the federal court filed last week.

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California plans to be abortion sanctuary if Roe overturned

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

With more than two dozen states poised to ban abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court gives them the OK next year, California clinics and their allies in the state Legislature on Wednesday revealed a plan to make the state a "sanctuary" for those seeking reproductive care, including possibly paying for travel, lodging and procedures for people from other states.

The California Future of Abortion Council, made up of more than 40 abortion providers and advocacy groups, released a list of 45 recommendations for the state to consider if the high court overturns Roe v. Wade — the 48-year-old decision that forbids states from outlawing abortion.

The recommendations are not just a liberal fantasy. Some of the state's most important policymakers helped write them, including Toni Atkins, the San Diego Democrat who leads the state Senate and attended multiple meetings.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom started the group himself and in an interview last week with The Associated Press said some of the report's details will be included in his budget proposal in January.

"We'll be a sanctuary," Newsom said, adding he's aware patients will likely travel to California from other states to seek abortions. "We are looking at ways to support that inevitability and looking at ways to expand our protections."

Abortion, perhaps more than any other issue, has divided the country for decades along mostly traditional partisan lines. A new decision overturning Roe v. Wade, which could come next summer, would be the culmination of more than 40 years of conservative activism. But Wednesday's report offers a first glimpse of how Democratic-dominated states could respond and how the debate over abortion access would change.

California already pays for abortions for many low-income residents through the state's Medicaid program. And California is one of six states that require private insurance companies to cover abortions, although many patients still end up paying deductibles and co-payments.

But money won't be a problem for state-funded abortion services for patients from other states. California's coffers have soared throughout the pandemic, fueling a record budget surplus this year. Next year, the state's independent Legislative Analyst's Office predicts California will have a surplus of about $31 billion.

California's affiliates of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, got a sneak preview of how people might seek abortions outside their home states this year when a Texas law that outlawed abortion after six weeks of pregnancy was allowed to take effect. California clinics reported a slight increase in patients from Texas.

Now, California abortion providers are asking California to make it easier for those people to get to the state.

The report recommends funding — including public spending — to support patients seeking abortion for travel expenses such as gas, lodging, transportation and child care. It asks lawmakers to reimburse abortion providers for services to those who can't afford to pay — including those who travel to California from other states whose income is low enough that they would qualify for state-funded abortions under Medicaid if they lived there.

It's unclear about how many people would come to California for abortions if Roe v. Wade is overturned. California does not collect or report abortion statistics. The Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights, said 132,680 abortions were performed in California in 2017, or about 15% of all abortions nationally. That number includes people from out of state as well as teenagers, who are not required to have their parents' permission for an abortion in California.

Planned Parenthood, which accounts for about half of California's abortion clinics, said it served 7,000 people from other states last year.

A huge influx of people from other states "will definitely destabilize the abortion provider network," said Fabiola Carrion, interim director for reproductive and sexual health at the national Health Law Program. She said out-of-state abortions would also likely be later term procedures, which are more complicated and expensive.

The report asks lawmakers to help clinics increase their workforce to prepare for more patients by giving scholarships to medical students who pledge to offer abortion services in rural areas, help them pay off their student loans and assist with their monthly liability insurance premiums.

"We're looking at how to build capacity and build workforce," said Jodi Hicks, CEO of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California. "It will take a partnership and investment with the state."

Abortion opponents in California, meanwhile, are also preparing for a potential surge of patients from other states seeking the procedure — only they hope to convince them not to do it.

Jonathan Keller, president and CEO of the California Family Council, said California has about 160 pregnancy resource centers whose aim is to convince women not to get abortions. He said about half of those centers are medical clinics, while the rest are faith-based counseling centers.

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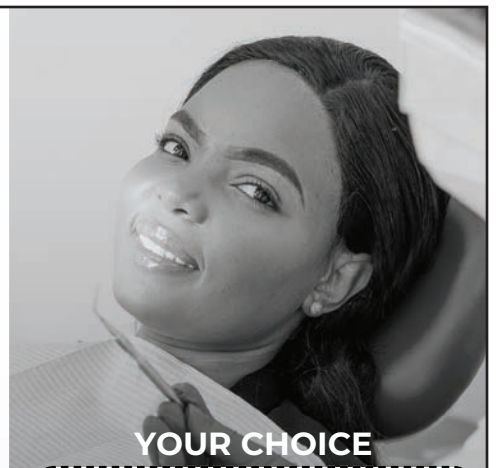
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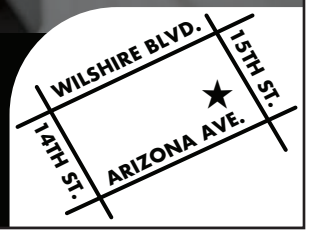
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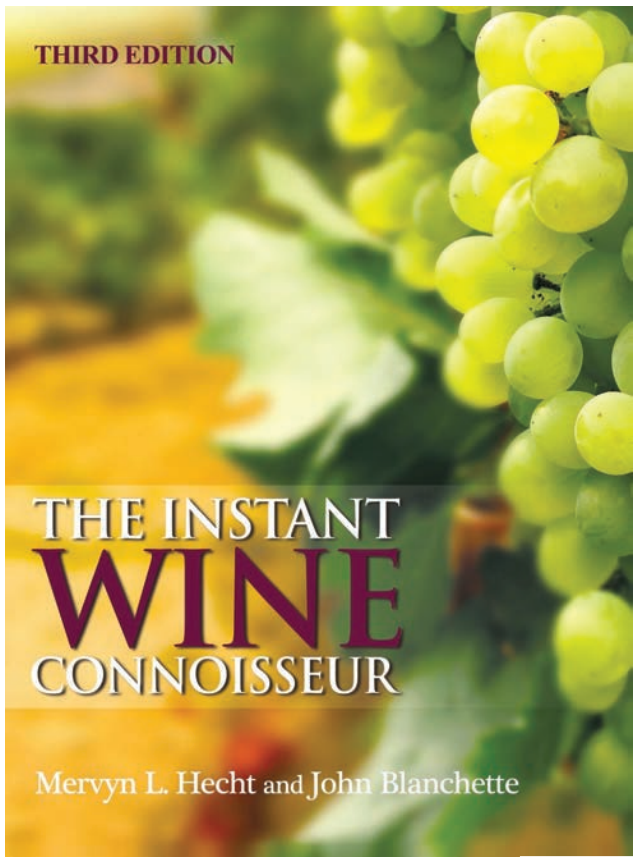
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Symphony, Blues, Zep and "Dead"

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

CELSO SALIM & DARRYL CARRIERE — Remember that blues duo I raved about for months that you could have enjoyed every Sunday afternoon, outdoors, in the warm sun with ocean breezes on Main Street, free concerts? Well, you get one more chance but you will be indoors, at night, and there is a modest cover charge. Go, whether you caught them or missed them before.. Fri 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, DTSM, $10.

JOHN MAYALL, WALTER TROUT — A dream double bill of blues masters. Mayall's history is the history of British blues. Everybody passed through his bands. And went on to form Cream, Fleetwood Mac, Blind Faith, Mark-Almond (the duo), Colosseum, join the Rolling Stones (a teen Mick Taylor). Clapton left The Yardbirds and went straight to Mayall's Bluesbreakers. Harvey Mandel followed Peter Green in a long line of superb guitarists. Walter Trout may not be a name you know but he is on my short bucket list of musicians to see, because he is a simply phenomenal guitar player, a powerful vocalist, and always carries a great band. Yeah, long dang drive to Montclair but musically worth it. Sun 8 p.m., Saban Montclair, $25-78.

LA OPERA presents ROSSINI's "CINDERELLA" — Did you go last night? No?! Hmpf. Well, you have one last chance to take in this big production, often with 20 singers on stage, magnificent costumes, from the perspective of otherwise minor characters, like the prince's unctuous valet, pulling all the strings. I love it! This is a deeper tale, but with lots of comic opera levity and shenanigans. But it's not Rossini's tale: he lifted the book from another Italian "Cinderella" opera — he had to! The French story he wanted to use was deemed too "naughty" by the papal censor. That still left him only three weeks to write an entirely new score, and he knocked it out of the piazza. Full of the great melodies and staccato vocal gymnastics he's known for. Make this your early Christmas present. Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, DTLA, $18-282.



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MUSIC: HB, BILLY GIBBONS!

EM THE MASTER — I've been giving EM's show a HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for months now and still do. She sings, dances, has dancers. She crawls across the floor like a reptile, gripping the mic and never missing a beat. She doesn't play the piano, she attacks it. Uses her voice as an instrument in creative ways. Her energy is nonstop and seemingly limitless. Writes terrific songs perfect for her act. More talent than anyone has a right to. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, DTSM, $10.

TAKE 6 CHRISTMAS — I'm not big on "holiday concerts" but this is my idea of a perfect one. Take 6 is one jaw-droppingly great a cappella sextet who met at Oakwood College in Huntsville, AL but really came straight out of church. A quartet was formed in 1980, expanded to a sextet, they started working in R&B, jazz and doo-wop, and now 33 years after their first album, they will be making many Christmases merry out in Malibu. Amazingly, they have changed only two singers over the decades. Wed 8 p.m., Lisa Wengler Center,, Pepperdine, $25-50.

BILLY GIBBONS Birthday Jam with Robby Kreiger, Joe Bonamassa, others — I

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SB 9

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"The City's approach will be cautious and deliberative, not rushed."

SB 9 allows for duplexes to be built on a single unit lot and it allows lot owners to divide their lot in two. If an owner pursues both a lot split and a duplex they can build a total of four units on a former single unit lot.

One example of how the City will potentially manage development in this scenario is by placing restrictions on building Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs).

ADUs are small attached or unattached dwelling units within a single family parcel. A common example is a detached guest house. JADUs are units created out of a space within the family home that have an independent entrance and kitchen to the main home.

"In the case of an applicant that exercises both a lot split and a duplex, it will be our intention at the staff level to limit the development of ADUs and JADUs under this scenario until City Council takes formal action (in approving an ordinance)," said White.

Such a measure may help limit the densification of R1 neighborhoods. R1 zones include the North of Montana, Sunset Park and North of Wilshire areas as well as a section of the Pico neighborhood.

Under SB 9, a proposed housing development containing two residential units within a single family zone will be approved administratively and not require a public hearing. The proposed development will still be subject to all normal construction requirements and code reviews.

"I want to assure the Council and the community that any project group review will be thorough and deliberate," said White. "This is definitely not an over the counter or same day review and approval process."

Councilmember Gleam Davis was the sole proponent of SB 9 when it was discussed by Council in February. The other five Councilmembers present voted to send a letter to the bill's author, Senator Toni Atkins, formerly opposing the bill.

Davis supports the bill on the basis that it creates the option to build more affordable housing on existing lots and addresses a community need for more housing. In Tuesday's Council meeting she requested that the staff report on the proposed ordinance include sample development plans that show how multifamily housing could be created.

"I just want to make sure that as we go through this process… that we're aware that whatever limitations we're imposing are promoting the idea of a family housing, you know, i.e. two, three bedroom units… and that we're not so constraining the ability to do duplexes that you end up with two one-bedroom duplexes," said Davis.

While some cities have adopted emergency ordinances to regulate new developments under SB 9, White said this is not necessary in Santa Monica as the City's R1 zoning restrictions are very comprehensive and were recently updated in January 2020.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON NOV. 28 AT ABOUT NOON

The suspect, Jovani Bustamante, entered the Independence Restaurant , ordered food in excess of $50 and proceeded to exit without paying. Staff at the restaurant provided officers with a photo of Bustamante who was later located a few blocks away. Bustamante, 29 years old from Pomona was arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail.

CRIME

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Their efforts have secured convictions in several jurisdictions throughout California and the group operates statewide. He said the frequency and location of the operations is entirely dependent on the "creep." In last week's incident, the confrontation occurred in Santa Monica because the suspect expressed a fantasy of meeting a minor for sex on the Ferris wheel.

More information on CC unit can be found online at https://www.facebook.com/ccunitsd or https://www.youtube.com/c/CCUnit.

OLYMPICS

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futile stunt."

FUTURE REPRISALS

Adding piquancy to the current boycott is that it's being done by reliable recent and future Olympic host nations.

The U.S. and Australia hosting the Summer Games, in 2028 at Los Angeles and 2032 in Brisbane, could provoke Chinese reprisals.

American Olympic officials are also likely to seek IOC support for staging the Winter Games again at Salt Lake City, which was also the 2002 host.

Canada hosted the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games and when London staged the 2012 Olympics, the mayor of the city was Boris Johnson. He announced the U.K.'s diplomatic boycott in its parliament Wednesday as prime minister.



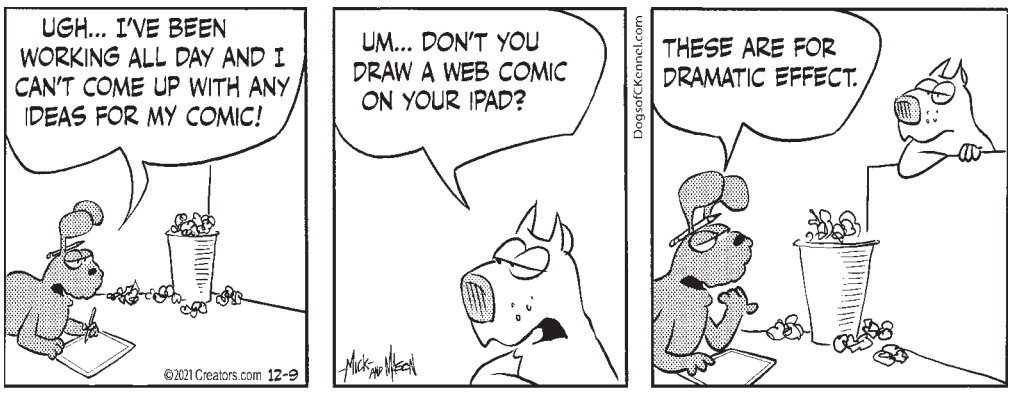
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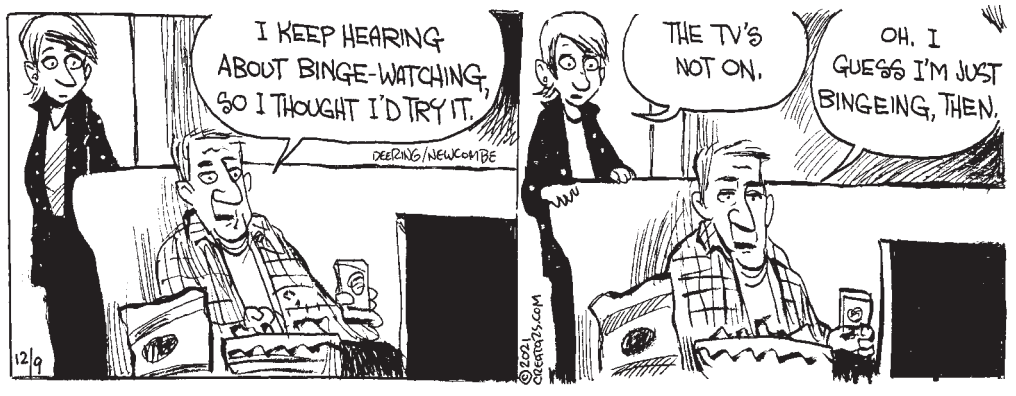
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"THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS HAM WHISKEY."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.9°

THURSDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Weak blend of NW energy early builds through the day along with onshore flow.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high occ. 4 ft
NW swell mix likely to ease through the day as conditions improve. Small SSW swell in the mix as well.

WEATHER

Thursday: Rain. High near 58. West southwest wind around 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. North wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. North wind around 10 mph.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 9)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). To execute your task with great style, it helps to get rid of every unnecessary element. Think of each addition as optional until it is proven essential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can't tell how real a thing is until it's on the outside of you. What stays in your head cannot get enough oxygen to be alive. Test things on paper.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'd like to make an important discovery. It's been said that part of discovery is determining what's worth discovering. Maybe. Or maybe that's all of it. Either way, it will happen close to home today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you talk to yourself. You've also been known to stage conversations in your head. You've been annoyed by this habit at times, but it will be a real asset today, helping you work things out and sharpen your thinking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Confidence comes from trusting yourself. Not trusting yourself to be perfect; like every human, you'll make mistakes. But you can trust yourself to rise, learn and keep doing your best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll present an idea. Just as you want a pair of jeans that suits your proportions, use a flattering format on which to serve your idea up. Consider the desires of your audience and work backward from there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Why say what you can imply? To imply is to invite interpretation. Every interpretation is a thread of energy. The more threads woven between you and your audience, the greater the connection will be between you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As long as you're thinking about the "what-ifs," you may as well throw in a full range, from the terrible to the ridiculous and of course the outrageously fantastic. Because what if you succeed wildly?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to be embroiled in a scandal to offer "no comment." It's always an option, especially when no one (other than your own brain) is commanding you to speak. By not weighing in, you leave your options open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avid readers are better writers. Admirers of style are more stylish. Great athletes are first and foremost avid sports fans. Whatever you want to become, you get there through appreciation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's moving day. Whether you're moving furniture, your body, your address — a new you takes over and life quickly snaps to fit the fresh identity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who are too proud to ask for directions are at a disadvantage. And you don't have to wait until you are lost either. Sidle up to an expert and you'll learn more than you asked for.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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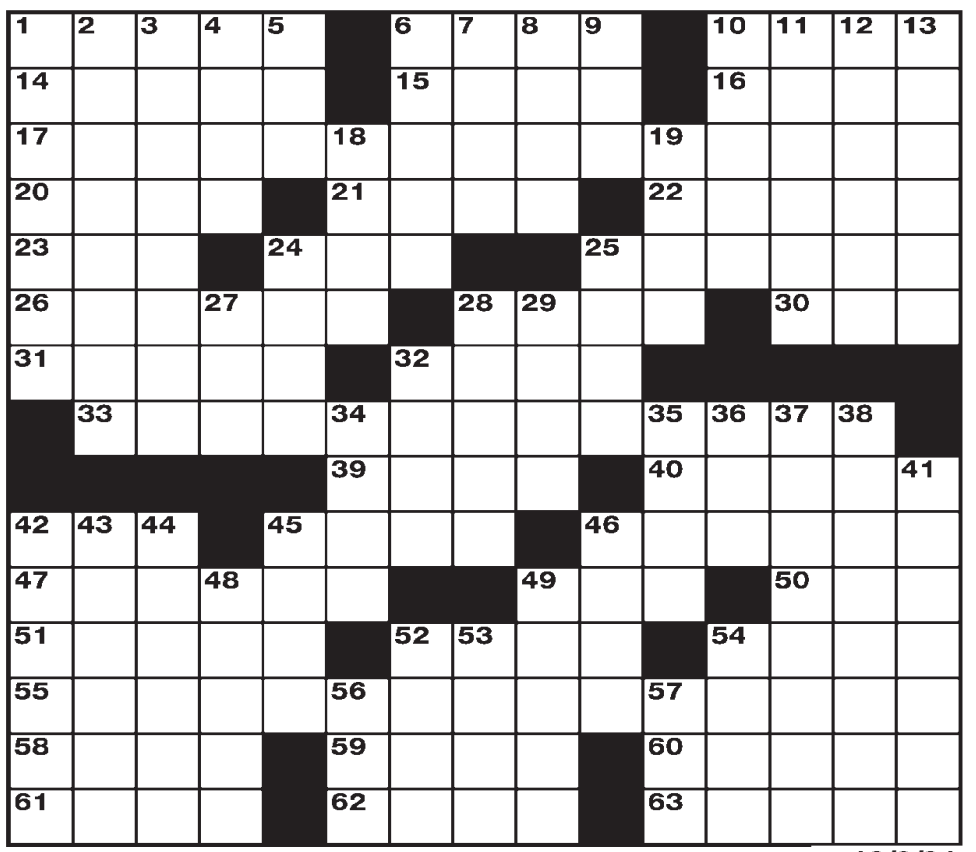
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Monks' hoods
6 On-bulb, symbolically
10 Latch (on to)
14 Lend __ (listen)
15 Roll call count
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17 Something to do in idle hours
20 Stovetop array
21 Unfriendly
22 Herr Schindler
23 Personal connections
24 This minute
25 Rip off
26 Espouses
28 In the thick of
30 Payslip abbr.
31 *Frasier* brother
32 Spanish love
33 Something to do in idle hours
39 Musher's transport
40 Colonel symbol
42 GPS lines
45 Does and stags
46 Mideast capital
47 Added, with "on"
49 Tour book illustration
50 List-ending letters
51 Of hearing
52 Reputed (to)
54 Ballpark beverage
55 Something to do in idle hours
58 Presidential caucus state
59 "Vamoose!"
60 Take pleasure in
61 Brood
62 Crayonlike
63 10/31 costume

DOWN
1 Largest inland sea
2 Party preparation
3 Left the group, maybe
4 Falls behind
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12 Without an intermission
13 Scratched up
18 Some PX patrons
19 Grasp
24 Accident investigation agcy.
25 Ancient discovery
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28 Traffic light color
29 Gelatin shaper
32 Up to it
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35 "Read 'em" partner
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37 Abided by
38 Reaches one's limit
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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | DEC 9

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m. Visit https://www.smgov.net/rentcontrol for more information.

ARTOPIA
Weary Livers presents Artopia. Hosted by KTG and GOLDNBROWN. Featuring: Chris Cuseo, Dave Van Patten, Alison Oksen, Melinda Love Dean. Live acoustic set by Thomas Furr. 11:30 p.m. Weary Livers. 2819 Pico Blvd.

FRIDAY | DEC 10

WINDOWS OF ENCHANTMENT
The historic Merry Go-Round windows come to life with a one-of-a-kind festive, iconic and nostalgic holiday installation by the Santa Monica Pier Corporation. Santa Monica Pier Merry Go-Round Building, 200 Santa Monica Pier.

SANTA MONICA MYSTERY QUEST
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. in partnership with Santa Monica Mystery Quest have launched a free scavenger hunt series on the Third Street Promenade. Lovers of mystery and adventure will enjoy this real-world, immersive experience to solve the case of the missing Promenade dinosaur. Participants will follow clues, collaborate with teammates, collect points and win prizes. 1351 3rd Street Promenade. 7 p.m.

MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 – 2 p.m. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, call (310) 458-4904 to confirm dates and hours.

SATURDAY | DEC 11

18TH STREET COMMUNITY WINTER OPEN HOUSE
Stop by 18th Street Arts Center and join staff, artists-in-residence, friends, and community members in a festive gathering to mark the end of a year and the beginning of another. Join them outside for a warm drink, friendly catch up, some fun tunes, and pick up a special postcard with images made by artists.

MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET
Kids activities starting at 1 p.m., followed by Santa and the tree lighting at 4 p.m. at the Heritage Museum lawn. The holidays are all about tradition, which is why the 40-foot tall Shopping Cart Tree inside the Frank Gehry designed Edgemar building, will be lit up for the 27th year in a row. 84 shopping carts will be staged in the shape of a Christmas tree and lit up with 1,500 lightbulbs, held together with 4,000 zip ties.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Visit https://www.smgov.net/portals/farmers_market/market_days/saturdays_virginia_ave/saturday_pico.aspx for more information on Santa Monica Farmers Markets. Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | DEC 12

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. 2640 Main Street. 8:30 - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | DEC 13

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
Classes are taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. 12 - 2:30 p.m.

WINTERLIT LIGHTS
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) brings the holidays to the Third Street Promenade with the return of Winterlit, transforming the downtown district into an immersive, festive experience. Tens of thousands of colorful lights, decor and garland will deck the Third Street Promenade, 2nd and 4th Streets, illuminating convenient shopping and cozy outdoor dining experiences.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

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 5323

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NOTEWORTHY

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have to report they say it is sold out because who worth their rock and toll salt wouldn't stand one more time in front of the beyond-legendary ZZ Top guitar slinger to hear whatever explodes out of his axe, especially now that Dusty Hill has passed over that hill and the Z is no more, so this is for those determined souls who view "sold out!" as a sign to bring cash, cunning, charisma and charm. Next Thurs 9 p.m., Troubadour, W Hollywood, $$$?

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - "HAMILTON" — 'Nuff said. Tonight - Thurs, Fri, Sat, Tues, Wed, next Thurs 8 p.m., Sun 1 p.m., 6:30 p.m., also Sat 2 p.m., Pantages Theater, Hollywood, $49-3000+, depending on date/time.

...AND YOU WILL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF DEAD — Founders Keely and Rese are guiding new members through an artistic minefield, as this 26-year-old Austin band, just back from six years of soul searching in Cambodia, with a new album out, "X: The Godless Void and Other Stories" (their first release in seven years), seem charged up. But what will we get? Dreamy synth? Screaming punk? Guitar wizardry? Industrial noise? Lyrical melody?The uncertainty is worth the gamble for this most interesting group. Sat 9 p.m., Lodge Room, Highland Park, $22.

LED ZEPAGAIN — close your eyes, down another shot, and you just might think you've time travelled. Sat 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, DTSM, $20.

SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY — What a sad and meaningful loss when SMSO music director and conductor Guido Lamell died unexpectedly of a heart attack July 13. His warmth, enthusiasm and passion for music are painfully missed. But you know he would want the Symphony to carry on and they are, with a full schedule, each concert helmed by a different guest conductor. The winter concert, featuring Mendelssohn's lyrical Violin Concerto and Tchaikovsky's magnificent Symphony No. 5, will come to life under the baton of a remarkable local third-generation classical conductor and composer. David Avshalomov has lived in Ocean Park for many years now. In 1980 he founded the Santa Monica Chamber Orchestra. He studied conducting at the Peabody and Tanglewood, and has guest conducted more than 50 ensembles, worldwide. Among his long list of distinguished teachers are Herbert Blomstedt, Seiji Ozawa and Leonard Bernstein. He is very involved in social issues, and has an opera he wrote debuting in the spring. I don't know if he is interested in taking this position permanently, but it would be great to have another local light leading our fabled symphony. Sat 7:30 p.m., JAMS Performing Arts Center, SM, free (bu a ticket must be reserved online).

THE YOUNG DUBLINERS — Don't expect those charmin' Irish folk tunes, no, expect a near punk explosion from a long lived, most hard rockin' band. Sat 9 p.m., Venice West, $20.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — Have you gone to catch his unique show yet, every Sunday night at Harvelle's, here in SM? I've been recommending him for... decades. Trust me. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, DTM, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: JOSE FELICIANO, Saban Theatre, Beverly Hills, 12/17; LA SANTA CECILIA, Novo, 12/17; DON CARLOS, Dub Club/Echo, 12/17; ONCE UPON A TIME N LA with Snoop Dogg, Al Green, YG, George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, 50 Cent, Ice Cube, Isley Brothers, The Game, War and on and on, Banc of CA stadium, 12/18; STEVIE WONDER'S 23rd HOUSE FULL OF TOYS BENEFIT CONCERT, Microsoft Theater, 12/18; SARAH SILVERMAN & Friends, Largo, 12/22; FISHBONE, Venice West, 12/31; ORIANTHI, Venice West, 1/7; RACHAEL & VILRAY, Troubadour, 1/16; RAUL MALO, The Canyon Agoura Hills 1/28, The Canyon Santa Clarita 1/30; MUSICARES honors JONI MITCHELL, LA Convention Center, 1/29; FEE WAYBILL, Troubadour, 1/29.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

ABORTION

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Many of the centers are located near abortion clinics in an attempt to entice people to seek their counseling before opting to end pregnancies. Keller said many are already planning on increasing their staffing if California gets an increase of patients.

"Even if we are not facing any immediate legislative opportunities or legislative victories, it's a reminder that the work of changing hearts and minds and also providing real support and resources to women facing unplanned pregnancies — that work will always continue," Keller said.

He added: "In many ways, that work is going to be even more important, both in light of the Supreme Court's decision and in light of whatever Sacramento decides they are going to do in response."

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