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Mayoral transition meeting includes talk of drones and acrobats

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SMDP Staff Writer

Tuesday's City Council is a mostly light affair, but more importantly, it marks the last with Gleam Davis as Mayor, before Councilmember Phil Brock takes over for a period of one year.

Davis will remain on Council however, but she, along with Brock and Councilmembers Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra are up for re-election next year, if the city's election process remains unchanged as the outcome of the long gestating California Voting Rights Act could potentially upend the election process.

In December of last year, the Council elected Davis to serve as mayor for one year, with Brock serving the second year. One month later, in January 2023, the Council voted six to one to change the system going forward to "select the longest continuously serving Councilmember, whether initially elected or appointed, to serve as Mayor for a one-year term."

Other highlights include, in the Consent Calendar, Council will authorize the City to negotiate and execute a second modification to the agreement with Flying Lion Incorporated to provide air support services for the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD). This will result in a 5-year amended agreement with a new total amount not to exceed $1,381,000. Flying Lion is the civilian contractor that provides much of the equipment and staff needed for SMPD to operate its drone responder service, one that is widely regarded as a global leader in this new, rapidly

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Breaking ground at Will Rogers





Courtesy photo

CONSTRUCTION: The School Board, Supt. Shelton, Rogers Principal Lila Daruty, ASB students, other district leaders and Sherwin Schmeoil from Assemblymember Zbur's office helped break ground for a host of new projects at Will Rogers Elementary last week.

spcaLA animal shelters face food shortage

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A tradition of animal care dating back to the 1800s is in danger during the 2023 holiday season, as a food shortage risks serious issues arising at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA).

The nonprofit animal welfare organization has served Southern California since 1877 through a variety of services. At their offices throughout the area, spcaLA puts donations towards nutrition, health and enrichment for its host of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. The most important task, keeping the animals fed, is in increasing jeopardy as the holidays approach.

"With the increasing number of homeless and abandoned pets in our care, we find ourselves facing a critical shortage," said spcaLA President Madeline Bernstein. "We need about 33 tons of food to make it through the year."

The organization is making an "urgent appeal" to area residents to donate pet food or the funds to procure food. Food donations can be dropped off at any of the four spcaLA locations during business hours, and the group has a "wish list" webpage dedicated to needed items.

"In some of those wishlists, we indicate the type of food that we might like," said spcaLA Director of Marketing and Communications Ana Bustilloz. "But honestly, if it's unopened, decent quality food, we're super happy to take it … of course, the better quality food, the longer it goes and the better for our animals, but when we're talking about people's generosity, we are happy to take what they can offer."

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BYE-BYE REI: SANTA MONICA STORE TO CLOSE IN FEBRUARY:

REI is closing its Santa Monica store citing changing customer needs and an increase in the cost of doing business. Company officials said the store will not renew the lease on its downtown Santa Monica location and will close on Feb. 29, 2024. The store has seen significant changes to the surrounding area in recent years, as it was one of several stores looted during the riots of 2020. While two people were arrested in that case, the store's inventory was gutted, and in addition nearby Parking Structure 3 was demolished this year to make way for a supportive housing project.

LEGION BEGINS PATROLLING THE PROMENADE:

The new private security company tasked with patrolling the Promenade and Downtown areas began its official rollout on Dec. 1. Legion Corporation was awarded the contract after a request for proposals yielded submissions by over 20 companies and was narrowed down to just two. The decision came in a Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board meeting, and took place after the abrupt departure of Covered 6 only a matter of hours after the contract had been signed at the end of September.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE PREVAILS OVER VACCINE MANDATE LAWSUIT:

Santa Monica College has prevailed in a lawsuit criticizing a now expired vaccine mandate. A Santa Monica College freshman, Carter Sparks, sued SMC last year claiming the school's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for in-person learning infringed on his religious freedom and right to privacy. Sparks filed the lawsuit seeking court orders to declare the mandate unconstitutional and beyond the district's powers, along with injunctive relief and compensatory damages. The college argued that Sparks did not qualify for a religious exemption, stating that his application did not express a sincerely held religious opposition to vaccination. The college also said that being Catholic does not automatically entitle someone to a religious exemption given the church doesn't have a prohibition on vaccination.

LINCOLN ORCHESTRAS PLAY TO PACKED HOUSE:

The Lincoln Middle School orchestras winter concert took place on Nov. 30, bringing in a sizable crowd of parents and locals to the school's auditorium. The program included performances from Lincoln's string orchestra, symphony orchestra, concert orchestra and chamber ensemble. The string orchestra performed the traditional French lullaby "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" along with two other pieces, while the concert orchestra amazed the crowd with renditions of themes from "Game of Thrones" and the "Avengers" films. The chamber ensemble ended the night with classic movie themes from "Out of Africa," "E.T. The Extra Terrestrial" and "Home Alone."

ICE HOSTS FIRESIDE CHAT:

The final Culture Collective conversation event of 2023 took place on Nov. 28, a fireside chat at the Santa Monica Ice Rink hosted by Santa Monica Arts Commissioner Michelle Edgar and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. Director of Operations & Placemaking Jeremy Ferguson. The event, titled "How Art Can Shape a Cityscape," included a panel with Edgar, Santa Monica Family YMCA CEO Hodge Patterson, artist Vida Rodriguez and contemporary artist RETNA. The panel discussed their individual connections to the arts world, how arts can transform a community like Santa Monica, and their own successes.

SAFETY KEY IN HAVING A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON:

'Tis the season in Santa Monica, as the calendar flip to December has residents ready for the holidays, and local officials offered tips for having a safe season. Santa Monica Police Department's main retail messaging for the holidays is "take it, lock it, keep it," telling shoppers to stay alert, be aware, park in well-lighted areas and lock car windows and doors. Safe practices can also be applied in the homestead, particularly when it comes to fire hazards, and the Santa Monica Fire Department's safety protocol list includes items like choosing decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant, and keeping lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.

SECURITY GUARD STABBED ON 5TH STREET:

A homeless man was arrested outside the Daily Press office on Dec. 4 after stabbing the building's security guard. At about 1:50 p.m., the suspect was seen spreading blankets and debris inside a stairwell on the property. The security guard asked the suspect to leave and after the suspect became aggressive, the verbal altercation turned physical. Daily Press staff heard the commotion near the entrance to the building and after exiting the front door, staff saw the building's security guard using a chair and a traffic cone to defend himself from the suspect who was threatening him with a knife. The suspect fled towards the train station where he was stopped by officers and arrested. The victim reported being stabbed and was seen entering an ambulance with small blood stains on his shirt.

SPIRITS PUT A SPIN ON PINE PURCHASING PROCESS:

A partnership sprung by the entertainment industry has added a unique boozy flavor to the holiday shopping experience. Locals Dan Pellar and Paul Helling, both veterans of film and television, aim to transform the Christmas tree picking process into a seasonal sip and shop adventure with their Wines & Pines endeavor. The pair transformed their respective lots at 1802 Santa Monica Blvd and 2307 Lincoln Ave into the haunt for holiday hangouts, obtaining permits from the local Alcohol Beverage Control board to sell beer, wine and canned cocktails while customers shop for the finest firs.

CEREMONY COMPLETES SAFE BIKING PROJECT:

A Dec. 2 ceremony in Santa Monica celebrated the completion of the 17th Street and Michigan Ave bike lane project, a project that constructed a protected bikeway, pedestrian scale lighting, curb extensions and upgraded ADA ramps, restriped crosswalks and protected intersections for bikers from Wilshire Blvd to Pico Blvd on 17th St. On Michigan Ave from 14th St to 19th St., the project enhanced streets to be more conducive for pedestrian and bicycle

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Some Californians released from prison will receive $2,400 under new state re-entry program

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Hundreds of Californians released from prisons could receive direct cash payments of $2,400 — along with counseling, job search assistance and other support — under a first-in-the-nation program aimed at easing the transition out of incarceration and reducing recidivism.

Recipients will get the money over a series of payments after meeting certain milestones such as showing progress in finding places to live and work, according to the Center for Employment Opportunities, which runs the program announced this week.

The goal is to give people a chance "to cover their most essential needs" like bus fare and food during the crucial early days after exiting incarceration, said Samuel Schaeffer, CEO of the national nonprofit that helps those leaving lockups find jobs and achieve financial security.

"The first three to six months are the riskiest, when many people end up back in prison," Schaeffer said Thursday. "We want to take advantage of this moment to immediately connect people with services, with financial support, to avoid recidivism."

The governor's Workforce Development Board, devoted to improving the state's labor pool, is providing a $6.9 million grant to boost community-based organizations and expand so-called re-entry services for the formerly incarcerated.

About $2 million of that will go directly to ex-inmates in the form of cash payments totaling about $2,400 each. The center said the money will be paid incrementally upon reaching milestones including: engaging in employment interview preparation meetings with a jobs coach; making progress toward earning an industry credential or certificate; and creating a budget and opening a bank account.

Schaeffer said the new program is a "game changer" and the first of its kind in the nation, one he hopes other states will copy.

He said his group distributes money and coordinates services along with local groups that provide services including career training and mental health counseling. The program got a sort of test run at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the Center for Employment Opportunities was tasked with distributing direct payments to about 10,000 people struggling with financial difficulties.

Schaeffer said to promote equitable access to the funds, the center is recommending its partners impose limited eligibility criteria for receiving payments. Aside from meeting the agreed-upon milestones, there are no rules for how the money can be spent.

> If we are going to issue stipends without parameters for accountability I worry about the return on our investment as it relates to outcomes and community safety
>
> - Tom Lackey, Assemblyman

Advocates say people returning from incarceration often struggle to find places to live and work as they try to reintegrate back into their communities. Around 60% of formerly incarcerated individuals remain unemployed within the first year of being home, the center estimates.

Assemblyman Tom Lackey, a Republican from Palmdale who often focuses on justice system issues, said he applauds any attempt to reduce recidivism. But he worries this new program lacks a way to track progress and make sure taxpayers are getting their money's worth.

"If we are going to issue stipends without parameters for accountability I worry about the return on our investment as it relates to outcomes and community safety," Lackey said in a statement Thursday.

Schaeffer said he expects his organization will be flexible as the program rolls out, "to keep on refining it and keep on getting smarter on how to use it" and make sure every dollar counts.

"I wish this partnership had existed while I was in re-entry," said Carmen Garcia, who was formerly incarcerated himself and is now director of the Root & Rebound, a nonprofit offering legal advocacy for people leaving prison.

He said the expanded program will allow groups like his to "offer these expanded services to more people who are working to rebuild their lives after incarceration."

City of Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Thursday, December 14, 2023

Public hearing on the following topic will be conducted during the Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at City Hall, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.:

1) Consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 8 regulations, Administrative Remedies for Rent Overcharges or Nonregistration.

The agenda and staff report are available on the Board's website at:
www.santamonica.gov/rentcontrol.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.1**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh
Should be a small but rideable day of waves off blend of WNW swell and small new SW swell. Looking clean with offshore flow in the AM.

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh
Surf due to taper off as WNW and SW swell slowly ease. Morning winds likely favorable, but the deep early AM high tide won't be.

Weather

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

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Jackpot: 395 M

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Name Change

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Cannabis dangers

Editor:

Your recent article on permitting recreational cannabis sales mentions that a second pot store will be allowed to open a block from Lincoln Middle School.

There is an epidemic of cannabis abuse by children, - 44% of 12 graders have tried marijuana, 22.5% used it in the past month and 6% use it daily - (Univ. Of Michigan) - lowering kids' academic and life achievements, and increasing levels of mental illness and unhappiness. (CDC, NIH, Columbia Univ., etc.)

City staff seem to have made little mention of the health risks, and seem to have made little outreach to concerned parents. However staff might have had many interactions with the pot industry – which parents deserve to know about.

The California House and Senate both recently passed AB1207 - "The Children's Bill" to ban candy-style pot edibles, and the Senate passed SB1097, "The Warning Label Bill", to impose strong, science-proven, health warnings for pot. They came very close, but furious pot-industry lobbying stopped them becoming law. However, it shows serious, state-level concerns.

Many consumers of candy-style cannabis edibles may be under 21, i.e. not of legal age. Such products, which may have widespread illegal use, should be banned.

The battle against tobacco was fought using warning labels and education. Without health warnings we would still be in the 1950's, when cigarettes were macho and harmless. To avoid liability for harms, the tobacco industry accepted warning labels. Regarding cannabis we are stuck in the 1960s when pot was harmless and cool. But it never was harmless. And today's cannabis can be an order of magnitude stronger and an order of magnitude more harmful. And it's everywhere. To avoid city liability there must be clear health warnings at point of sale.

Santa Monica city council largely avoided discussing the health harms of cannabis before allowing recreational sales- why?

Some might say that pot is harmless. But science proves that heavy use increases the risk of schizophrenia more than 4 times (npr.org) (schizophrenia greatly increases the risk of homelessness and suicide), permanently lowers I.Q. (NIH), that many find it difficult to stop using it, and many other harms (CDC, New York Times, LA Times, etc.).

Council members might have been lobbied by pot or related industries. And now a recreational pot store (no prescription needed) will be allowed to open a block from Lincoln Middle School, against vocal parental opposition. This is absolutely shameful. (A study proved that stores within 1 mile of schools increases underage use by 11th graders, - NIH.)

It may be argued that since Ralphs sells liquor a block from Lincoln middle school, then it is okay to sell pot close by as well. However, teen cannabis abuse has increased by 245% since 2000, as alcohol abuse has steadily declined. (OHSU). Allowing a city-approved pot store one block from school, perhaps dressed up to entice, and with no prominent health warnings, sends the absolute worst message - that pot is harmless fun, when it is anything but. Our city is not playing with parking meters here, but with children's minds.

Some may claim that Santa Monica needs cannabis (and its pitiful 3% tax) to compete with more exciting cities nearby. If so, then would they also like strip clubs on Third Street? Cannabis is a federally illegal, historically cash-based industry, where "corruption is widespread" (LA Times). Is our council inciting residents to violate federal law? There must be clear warnings at point of sale that buying or using pot is a federal crime with potentially serious penalties.

Some might suppose that by passing the pot-tax ballot residents want large scale pot retailing, irrespective of health concerns. But the ballot did not say a recreational pot store would open a block from Lincoln Middle school. If it had, it might well have failed.

And finally, some council members may be going along out of loyalty with their fellow council members. I say to them - leave a legacy to be proud of, and kick start a movement that will slow the tide of mental illness that appears to be washing over our state.

These are not fringe concerns. The near enactment of AB1207 (to ban candy-style edibles) and SB1097 (for strong warning labels) shows that at the highest levels of our state there is serious alarm about what the pot industry might be doing to our families.

Even if the council does not explicitly ask staff to consider locally enforcing AB1207 and SB1097, there is a clear moral imperative upon staff that they should. This letter has barely touched on the numerous, alarming science studies.

The council and staff must prioritize children's health, above deep-pocketed outside special interests.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Borresen, Santa Monica

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Recent exhibit shines spotlight on Samohi artists

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

With so many extracurricular choices at Santa Monica High School, the campus' robust visual arts department can sometimes stay under the radar as students hone a variety of craft skills. Going into the winter season, the department is undetected no longer, as locals flocked to the Samohi Roberts Art Gallery on Dec. 7 for the Samohi Spotlight Exhibit.

Given a blessing by the arts department, Samohi senior Flynn Latta was able to adorn the gallery with selected pieces from Samohi advanced art students in art forms like photography, digital art, ceramics, acrylics and sculptures, along with more traditional paintings. Latta and the gallery's student-led installation team were inspired by the works of Vincent Van Gogh, filling the otherwise-white room with the artist's signature dark blue and gold color palette. Latta herself got into the Van Gogh spirit, creating a mirror inspired by "The Starry Night."

Sometimes an underutilized part of Samohi's campus, the gallery added the Spotlight Exhibit event for the winter after a Dia De Los Muertos celebration in the fall. Latta said it's both a chance for students to show off for the community and a chance for the department to make itself more known in the Samohi landscape.

"I feel like our arts program is so amazing here, but nobody knows about it, so we have to broadcast it (somehow) … a lot of people (here) graduate and go onto art school," Latta said.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

SAMOHI SPOTLIGHT: Student-artists from Santa Monica High School, such as this work from Grace Cao, submitted pieces for a Spotlight Exhibit at the campus' Roberts Art Gallery.

The senior hopes to be an art teacher in the future, gaining crucial experience as project manager for the exhibit. Along with just showing off their works, Samohi students had the option to sell art pieces to gallery visitors, of which there were many during the two-hour showcase. Some items are staying within the department, however, such as quilt squares created from the question "how do you perceive love?," which Latta says will be sewn together into a bigger quilt.

Student-artists submitted information about their pieces along with the work itself, displaying their thought processes to the infatuated public.

"I like to see both color and darkness in the world," stated Samohi artist Adessa Rigg about her black-and-white piece depicting a crying female holding various flowers. "The balance of good and evil, hope and hurt, joy and pain. I try my best to achieve this through my artwork, incorporating delicate and soft details coupled with harsh and foreboding feelings … my goal as an artist is to resonate with people, spark emotion, and to put a piece of myself out into the world for others to see."

Another standout project came from Samohi artist Grace Cao, with a piece showing two hands from opposite sides coming together in front of a blue backdrop.

"In my art pieces, I like to play with the idea of dulls mixed with vibrancy," Cao stated. "While there are many details that go into my art piece, I like the idea of someone looking over it, and seeing the bigger picture, with all aspects coming together … to me, art is really just one big experimental process, with no destined end goal."

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Eric Uller at Police Activities League (PAL) sexually abused hundreds of children in the late 1980s – early 2000s

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Santa Monica Arrests

For the week of Nov 30th to Dec 6th

Crime	Arrests
Violation of Stay-away Order	5
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	3
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	3
Possession of Methamphetamines	3
Shoplifting	3
Burglary	2
Corporal Injury To Spouse	2
Elder Abuse	2
Vandalism	2
Warrant	2
Assault & Battery	1
Attempted Murder	1
DUI causing bodily injury	1
Failure of Transient Sex Offender to Inform of Move	1
False Identification to a Police Officer	1
Grand Theft	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Parole Violation	1
Possession of Burglary Tools	1
Trespassing	1
TOTAL	**37**



COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Councilwoman Traci Park Hosts Veterans Resource Fair, Helping Hundreds of Veterans

In a continued commitment to community and the welfare of veterans, Councilwoman Traci Park partnered with New Directions for Veterans and City Departments to host a veterans resource fair at the West LA VA Thursday morning.

"As the daughter of a Veteran, I know that when veterans get the support they need, they are able to greatly contribute to their communities," said Councilwoman Park. "We can and must do better at uplifting and connecting our veterans to housing, services and other essential resources.

More than 150 veterans received groceries, grocery store gift cards, clothes, and other essential items. Village for Vets, a nonprofit that provides services to Veterans, provided hundreds of articles of clothing for donation. City Departments were also on-site to connect veterans with City career opportunities; expungement clinics for homeless veterans; legal assistance; and other services.

"The VA, community partners and government offices each have their strengths and unique resources, but when we come together to provide the necessary support to our unhoused and at risk veterans we are unstoppable," said Rebecca Richie Director of Village for Vets.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude and deepest thanks to Councilwoman Traci Park and her dedicated team for organizing the Resource event," expressed Larry Williams, co-founder, and alumni of New Directions for Veterans and a Vietnam combat veteran. "This gathering was important, not only in providing assistance to our veterans but also in extending support to our homeless veterans who have served our country."

SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN DAVILA, COUNCIL DEPUTY



Courtesy photo

PARK: The Los Angeles Councilwoman held the veteran event last week.

Downtown

Chanukah celebration

Chabad in S. Monica (Chabad on 17th), kicked off the Chanukah holiday celebration with a giant Menorah lighting on Third street Promenade last week.

Nearly 1000 participants gathered in the celebration.

The world renowned Chassidic rock band "8th Day" entertained the crowd with classic Chanukah songs, and their hit songs.

Rabbi Eli Levitansky (Chabad at SMC) shared the Chanukah message of spreading light, and how even one small flame can brighten a large dark space.

Joining the festivities was councilmember and incoming Mayor Phil Brock. Brock stressed his unwavering support for the Jewish community and for Israel in these challenging times.

The children in attendance led the crowd in prayers for peace and security in Israel.

Participants were also treated to Latkes, donuts, chocolate Gelt, Dreidels, as well as Menorahs and candles for those who needed.

For more information about other Chanukah activities, please visit jewishsmonica.com, or 310-453-3011.

SUBMITTED BY RABBI ELI LEVITANSKY



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PROMENADE: The Menorah will be lit on the Promenade throughout the holiday.

NEWS

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traffic, adding curb extensions and new curb ramps at 14th and 15th St, mini traffic circles on 16th and 18th St for a more predictable flow of traffic, and upgraded curb ramps throughout the area.

MARINERS STOPPED SHORT OF STATE TITLE APPEARANCE:

Already CIF Southern Section Division 13 champions for the first time since 1998, the St. Monica Mariners attempt to reach the Division 6-A State Championship fell one game short on Dec. 2, dropping the Regional Finals to Sweetwater by a score of 47-27. The Mariners finished the 2023 campaign with an overall record of 11-4, going 7-3 in the regular season and 4-1 in playoff action.

SANTA MONICA MIRRORS COUNTY INCREASE IN HATE CRIMES:

Recently, 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 2022, 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 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.

SMASH AND GRAB ROBBERY NETS $50,000 WORTH OF GOODS:

A group of hammer-wielding thieves stole about $50,000 worth of merchandise from a local store on Nov. 27 in a smash-and-grab style robbery reminiscent of other retail thefts in the region. According to the Santa Monica Police Department, 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.

HOMELESS MAN ARRESTED FOR TRYING TO STRANGLE A MAN IN THE PARK:

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. An SMPD statement said that upon arrival, officers found a transient male later identified as Tamarquis Burke actively strangling another male. Officers immediately intervened, and Burke quickly responded to officers' commands to release the victim and was handcuffed without further incident. Burke, 31-years-old, was arrested and booked into the Santa Monica Jail for Attempted Homicide, and is being held on $2,025,000 bail.

YMCA OUT TO PROVE ITS WORTH BEYOND 'SWIM AND GYM':

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 throughout the years the location at 1332 6th Street has expanded 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.

DISABLED LONGTIME RESIDENT ON PRECIPICE OF HOMELESSNESS AS EVICTION TRIAL APPROACHES:

A longtime Santa Monica resident is facing what he calls a "Death sentence" if he is evicted from his current housing accommodations on Dec. 11. Scott Brutzman is fighting to stay at 3301 Ocean Park Blvd but his situation is complicated by the nature of the building (its commercial not residential), his own health challenges (Brutzman is severely disabled) and a lack of available resources (both financial and legal).

SEVEN VIKINGS SELECTED TO BAY LEAGUE HONORS:

A resounding run through the CIF Southern Section playoffs for the Samohi Vikings caught the attention of Bay League all-league team voters, with seven of the team's football standouts selected to either first or second-team offensive and defensive squads. First-team offensive honors went to senior running back Caden McCallum, senior wide receiver Griffin Seals and senior offensive lineman Jayden Montanez. Junior defensive back Charles Cravings made first-team all defense, senior defensive lineman Paco Vandenbrook made second-team all defense, and both quarterback Wyatt Brown and offensive lineman Mason Oliva made second-team all offense.

SEASONAL EVENTS ENGULF ENTIRE AREA:

Holiday cheer is already alive and well in Santa Monica, with several events this past weekend spreading the spirit of the season. The "Miracle on Main Street" event took over the California Heritage Museum on Saturday, and the date also held the Annual Holiday Book Sale at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library. On Sunday, the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows hosted its annual "Meet Me Under the Fig Tree" event, a celebration with complimentary festive drinks, food and activities.

METRO MAKES MOVE TO INCREASE EXPO LINE FREQUENCY:

Officials with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) continue to tinker with various improvements to light rails, including the Expo Line that has several stops in Santa Monica. During "weekday peak" hours, the Expo Line will begin to operate every eight minutes instead of every 10 minutes beginning on Dec. 10. Another new endeavor is a change in train operation during weekday midday hours from every 12 minutes to every 10 minutes, along with a 40-minute extension in late night service for the rail.

SALE OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS IN SANTA MONICA SET TO START ON DECEMBER 14:

Seven weeks and two days after City Council voted to approve changes to the City's zoning code, recreational marijuana will be available for the very first time in the city of Santa Monica this week. The first cannabis dispensary, Local Cannabis Company at 925 Wilshire Blvd, opened in the city of Santa Monica back in June, more than a year and a half after the permit was granted in October 2021 and six years after the application was requested in December 2017.



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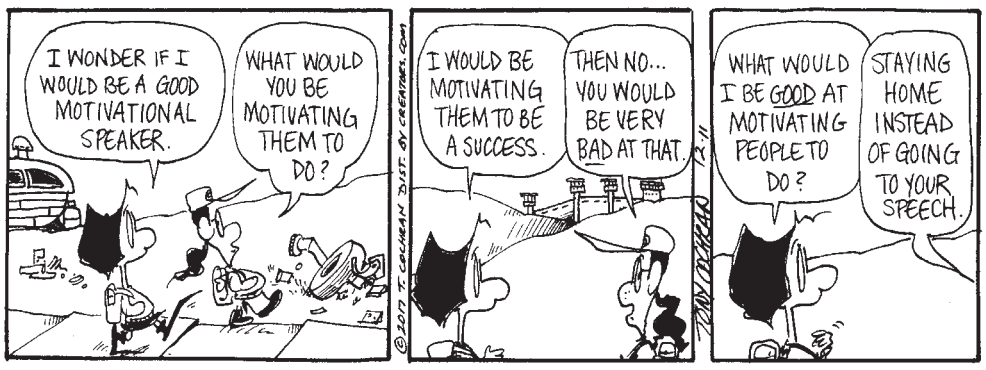
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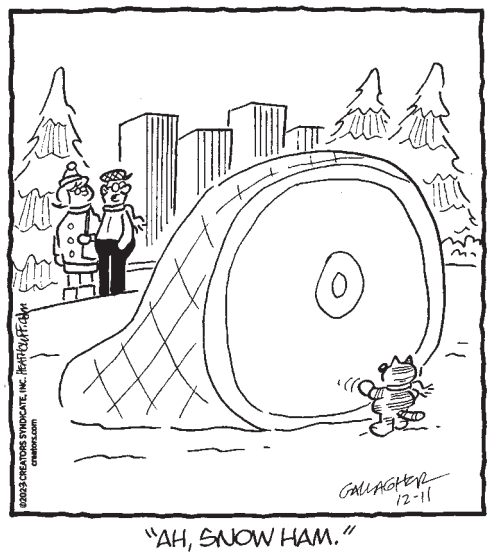
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Stings and things

D	E	V	I	L	S	S	G	T	E	E	T	H	G	U
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Anaconda	Daddy long legs	Hurt	Ouch	Spots
Ant nest		Immobilise	Pain	Swat
Aphis	Dark	Insect	Pale	Teeth
Bats	Devil	Itch	Panic	Tick
Bees	Eggs	King	Pets	Tides
Blowfish	Fire	Leech	Predator	Toads
Blue bottles	Gnat	Lice	Rat	Toxin
	Grass	Mako	Rips	Tree
Bugs	Grub	Midge	Scare	Venom
Burn	Hazard	Mite	Smell	Wasp
Coma	Hornet	Moth	Snake	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 11)

A contrast of excitements is in store; formalities that thrill juxtaposed with joyful, if unbridled experiences. And because you're a self-starter who doesn't depend on others for your well-being, your relationships are infused with fun and freedom. More highlights: a windfall and the sweetness of a loyal companion. Also, your chosen charity will help along a miracle. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 4, 40, 7 and 42.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will be so busy taking care of business, you won't rest until the main work is finished. The activity gives you a welcome break from mental states like self-consciousness, nervousness, fear or overthinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your attractive energy brings in new people seeking the warmth and fun of your presence. Loved ones won't mind sharing your attention, as long as it doesn't leave them for long.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even when the task is technically finished, there's a sense of incompletion. Consider that the resolution may not be in the work at hand or may come to you much later. Can you get comfortable with the tension?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're at the helm of a group mission and the role couldn't be cast any better. You'll get everyone on the same page. You'll hold up the vision and keep it in everyone's mind, a constant reminder of what you can do together and why.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Try to remember your dreams. They will be stuffed with information about how you're really feeling about all that's happening, and there will be tips, tricks and clues in there, too, provided by your subconscious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because you do a thing well, you assume everyone does. It's just not true. Appreciate your uniqueness. Fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) give you a better sense of how exceptional your abilities are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be working in a group, which will have its moments — moments that click, moments that clash and moments that drag, too. Hang in there because, ultimately, progress will come from tenacity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's fresh interest in what you're doing. You embody your strengths, so there's no reason to talk up anything you're working on. What you don't say will speak volumes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will have an easier time if you go in with fewer expectations. Wonderful things will happen, but you don't know which wonderful things they will be. By clearing your expectations, you make your energy right for observation and quick action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll come to a sticking point in a relationship. The issue must be worked out before you can go forward. There's value in silliness and nonsense because it doesn't try. Levity makes room for wisdom to drop in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Communication is to relationships as water is to plants — some need a lot, some a little. For best results, first figure out if you're dealing with a cactus or a sugarcane.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be involved in various forms of collecting, capturing bits of life in notes and feelings, pictures and conversational sound bites. The subject is equally important to its framing, which determines value, aesthetically and otherwise.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

W	H	A	T		C	H	A	P		W	H	I	P	S
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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

1	3	4	7	8	6	9	2	5
5	7	2	9	1	3	4	6	8
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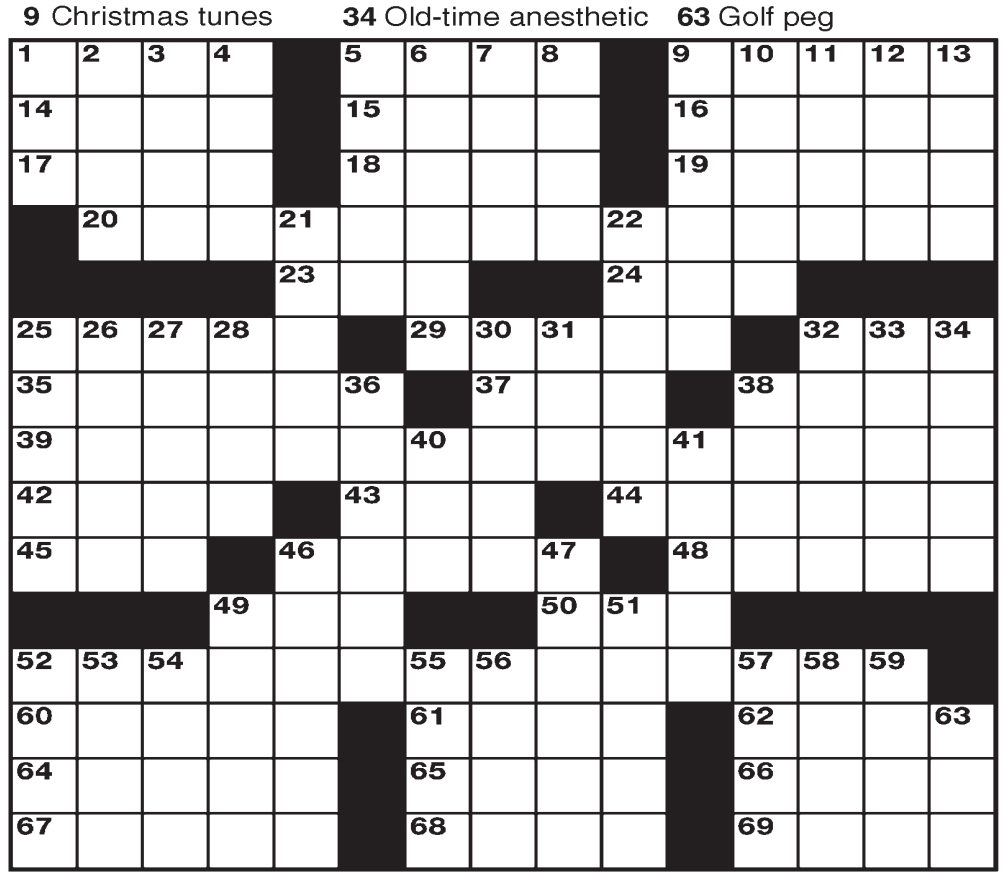
PARTS OF SPEECH by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Ooze slowly
5 Female choir voice
9 *60 Minutes* network
14 Walk back and forth
15 Make airtight
16 Hawaiian greeting
17 Have sore muscles
18 Birthday dessert
19 Talked nonstop
20 Keep silent
23 Had a snack
24 Moose cousin
25 Mine passageway
29 Citizens of Copenhagen
32 Pub beverage
35 Soup-serving utensils
37 Purring pet
38 "Doggone it!"
39 Overly well-equipped
42 Bit of a bracelet
43 Keogh plan kin: Abbr.
44 Tell, as a tale
45 IRS nine-digit ID: Abbr.
46 Remove creases in clothes
48 Money hoarder
49 Yale student
50 Touch on the shoulder
52 Feeling sad
60 A person's house
61 Say "Be careful" to
62 Underground plant part
64 Nomad
65 Black-and-white cookie
66 Merriment
67 Has to have
68 Mark on a Dalmatian
69 "So what __ is new?"

DOWN

1 Healthful resort
2 Apiece
3 Canyon sound
4 Banana covering
5 Fancy knotted scarf
6 Tilted
7 Help oneself to
8 Spanish cheers
9 Christmas tunes
10 Not written on, as paper
11 Vocal tune
12 "__ shalt not steal"
13 Wind-direction indicator
21 Saw socially
22 Wobble
25 Thick slices
26 Rabbit cousins
27 Guy who writes jingles
28 Made a quick escape
30 Stand in for
31 Slangy refusal
32 Regions
33 Coffee + hot milk
34 Old-time anesthetic
36 Add, as to soup
38 Sandwich shop
40 Mined rock
41 Musical beat
46 Toolbox gripper
47 Home audio system
49 Completed
51 "Are too!" reply
52 Repair, as a sock
53 Woodwind instrument
54 Used a loom
55 Low poker pair
56 Angelic instrument
57 Strongly recommend
58 Turnpike charge
59 Ground-breaking garden tools
63 Golf peg



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COUNCIL PREVIEW

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advancing field.

Council will also look to authorize the City to negotiate and execute an agreement with BIG Outdoor for sales, administration, and installation and maintenance of advertising in City-owned parking structures over a five-year period, with two one-year renewal options, with guaranteed minimum revenue of $90,000 dollars in year one, and an increase of 2% per year thereafter.

BIG Outdoors is also one of the companies involved in the on-going digital wayfinding and out-of-home advertising kiosk program.

Finally, Council will look to authorize the City to enter into a license agreement with Cirque du Soleil to use a portion of Lot 1N, located at 1550 Pacific Coast Highway — the surface parking lot directly north of the Pier — from October 1, 2024 to January 24, 2025, a period of approximately 10 weeks.

Cirque du Soleil is a Canadian entertainment company founded in 1984 that produces world-renowned fixed and traveling circus arts shows featuring acrobatic and artistic performances. Cirque first performed next to the Santa Monica Pier in 1987. More recently, Cirque has staged productions in 2009, 2012 and 2014.

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SHELTERS

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Bustilloz added that spcaLA has "had a very long year" like other shelters, and has seen intake numbers steadily increase.

"We have a lot of animals on hand to feed, especially a lot of large dog breeds who eat a little bit more," she said. "And we have assessed how much food we have and how much we need, and we're running low. We thought that this would be a good time to appeal to people this season of giving in the hopes that they would support our shelter pets."

Local help during the holidays is also needed, including at the City of Santa Monica Animal Shelter, which receives about 500 intakes each year. The Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation recently began a pet sponsorship program on its website, where anyone can donate to a specific animal that will help with veterinary care, medicine and food.

Shelter Foundation Chair Elizabeth Noble told the Daily Press in November that they've had to "step in more than ever" as of late to purchase food and supplies, as well as cover the cost of spaying/neutering and veterinary care. Donations to the group can be made at smasf.org. For more information on spcaLA, visit spcala.com.

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ANIMALS IN NEED: Dogs at spcaLA are in danger of running out of food during the holiday season.

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MONDAY | DECEMBER 11

LANDMARKS COMMISSION
City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m. Agendas are available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Landmarks-Commission/

ALL-STAR JAM SESSION BENEFIT
Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Hosted by CC Thomas (Diana Ross' musical director) you never know who is going to show up!!!!!!!!A minimum $5.00 contribution that goes directly to the Raffia Music School for children. Come for the incredible talent, or sign up and jam with the finest in the world! Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St,

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 12

LANDLORD-TENANT FORUM 2023
A joint presentation of the Consumer Protection Division of the City Attorney's Office and Rent Control, this popular event brings together property owners and managers, tenants, and city staff to discuss hot topics. This year's subjects include
Source of Income
Rules for repayment of outstanding COVID-19 rental debt
ADU regulations and tenant rights
CIVICs portal enhancement
Q & A
Attendance is limited and registration in advance is required. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpcaaKJvSxXfBMtRiOSAMJaXIESRMM_co4cpOT6CZ2IxeUaw/viewform
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 9:30 - 11 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m. Agenda available online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION
Santa Monica Public Library, Community Meeting Room, second floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd 5:30 p.m. Agendas available online at https://www.smgov.net/portals/culture/agendas.aspx

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME
This fun and engaging weekly series, featuring stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations every week. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 13

COMPUTER CLASS: HOW TO BUY A COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE
Learn what to look for when buying a device this holiday season. For beginners. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 12 - 1:30 p.m.

WINTER TALES, SNACKS & CRAFTS
Enjoy cozy winter stories read by the library's teen volunteers while enjoying winter-themed snacks and a craft. For families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

COME SING WITH THE BAND - LIVE BAND KARAOKE
Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. New Band!! New Experience!! Come in Sign up SING!

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 14

COMBAT PRINCESS USA (TOKYO JOSHI PRO WRESTLING & PRESTIGE WRESTLING)
Tokyo Joshi Pro Wrestling & Prestige Wrestling present COMBAT PRINCESS USA. Globe Theatre, 740 S Broadway 7 - 10:30 p.m. $55- $200. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/combat-princess-usa-tokyo-joshi-pro-wrestling-prestige-wrestling-tickets-690414718007.

ROCK N COMEDY NIGHT
2nd Thursdays of the month. $10. 8:30 p.m. door 9 p.m. show. Comedians from Netflix, BET, Prime etc Hosted by Reid Clark. Raffles, Prizes and giveaways. 1120 Wilshire Blvd. Avoid Eventbrite Fees by sending a cashapp to $rccomedy or venmo/paypal @ reidclarkcomedy

HANUKKAH IN SANTA MONICA
Celebrate the Festival of Lights during the Hanukkah season with nightly menorah lightings on the 1400 block of Third Street Promenade (located between Santa Monica Blvd and Broadway). The lighting ceremonies will begin at sundown. The final lighting ceremony will take place at the ice rink.

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS
A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 6 p.m.

LYRIC CHORUS: SONGS OF THE SEASON
Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College puts you in the holiday mood with their seasonal favorites and festive Broadway tunes. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Library Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Public Library. The public is welcome to attend. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on smpl.org. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street, 6 - 8 p.m.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.



GENTLY LOVED

CLOTHING DRIVE

Santa MoniCARES is in Need of Gently Loved Business Attire

The way you dress can change the way you feel! Help someone build the confidence they need going into a job interview. Santa MoniCARES, in partnership with the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, is collecting **new or gently loved business clothing** to benefit **Chrysalis, changing lives through jobs.**

Donate through December 31st

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200 Santa Monica Pier

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2427 Main St

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DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Visitor Information Center
2427 Main Street
Mon-Fri: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Parking validation and curbside drop off available
Simply text 424-443-8830

Le Merigot Santa Monica
1740 Ocean Avenue
Daily: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

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