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New Samohi complex explores students' needs, futures



Photo by Thomas Leffler

EXPLORATION: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials celebrated the new Samohi Exploration Building and Gold Gym on Dec. 11.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Students and faculty have been reaping the rewards of the new Samohi Exploration Building and Gold Gym for nearly four months, with the early success giving the campus a reason for official celebration.

On Dec. 11, the Samohi complex opened its doors for public tours and a ribbon cutting ceremony with Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) and city leaders, giving them a glimpse of the educational future. The three-floor Exploration Building, divided into sections for visual media arts and various specialized academies, also includes common spaces that allowed the December sunset to bathe the ceremony.

"Today marks a milestone in our shared journey to provide extraordinary opportunities for all students while simultaneously working to close the achievement gap … the Exploration Building and Gold Gym represent much more than state of the art facilities, they symbolize our unwavering commitment to enhancing student learning and preparing every student for a successful future, both academically and socially-emotionally," SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton said.

Shelton added that he's watched the transformation of Samohi through his time as principal and Executive Director of Secondary Schools, going from a place where students succeeded despite rooms "not built for a collaborative style of learning" to a more interactive and pupil-friendly environment.

"Today, no longer do our students sit in rows in narrow classrooms, but now they have spaces that are indoors and out to collaborate, work together, learn from our dedicated educators, and have the proper tools and equipment to prepare them for careers," he said.

Those spaces include the technological wonders of the visual media arts sector, which includes rooms for film, photography, ceramics, painting and drawing students. The photography and film departments hold space for rows of computers, as well as studios for

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Fitoor on Ocean hopes to fill the void of Indian restaurants on the Westside



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FITOOR SANTA MONICA: Fitoor promises to bring fire-based Indian cooking to new heights, blending the timeless flavors of tradition with modern twists.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Fans of Indian food will rejoice as a new eatery on Ocean hopes to fill the shocking void of similarly-themed restaurants in Santa Monica and on the Westside in general.

Fitoor on Ocean Avenue is the brainchild of AVB Hospitality, the acclaimed San Francisco-based husband and wife restaurateurs behind Michelin-recognized "progressive Indian" ROOH. This marks the group's first-ever expansion into Southern California and the menu is set to be complemented by fresh seafood dishes to suit the new ocean-facing location.

Anu Bhambri, co-founder of AVB Hospitality, said that he and his partner Vikram Bhambri began looking for a location in Southern California about two and a half years ago. They considered locations in Malibu, Beverly Hills and San Diego before settling on Santa Monica and signing a lease for the site at 1755 Ocean Ave about a year ago.

"Santa Monica's diverse, multi-cultural community, world-class restaurants, and quintessential LA atmosphere make it an ideal location for a concept like Fitoor," said Anu, adding, "Vikram and I are incredibly excited to share our take on contemporary Indian cuisine with the city and to create a space where locals and visitors can experience bold flavors, lively entertainment, and a touch of India's heritage. We look forward to being a part of the culinary culture that makes Santa Monica so unique."

Up until now, fans of Indian food in Santa Monica have had to choose between Tandoor India at 2622 Pico Blvd and Rita's Gate of India at 1450 5th Street. Anu insists that none of the flavors are being diluted to cater for an American audience and as any addict of Indian cuisine will know, a vindaloo in say, East London or the Middle East or India itself, is significantly more spicy than almost anything you'll find in the US.

"I would say, 99% of our chefs are trained in India and they've worked at very large hotels, great restaurants and have had training in various regional cuisines of India and we brought them here," said Anu. "Our goal is to present the flavors of Indian dishes as they should be, with a more modern presentation, but our goal is not to muck with the flavors."

"We are not diluting the flavors to suit a particular audience," Vikram said, adding, "But not every Indian dish is spicy … If you're having a vindaloo, of course it's going to be spicy, but there are lots of other dishes in India that are not spicy by default and that's the association that we're trying to break, but at the same time, we're not trying to muck with the flavors and present them the way they should be presented."

Anu and Vikram both started their professional careers in engineering and technology at Microsoft and while Vikram continues to work in the tech industry, Anu manages operations across their growing number of restaurants. Together, they founded AVB Hospitality, a collection of fine and casual dining establishments across the US and India, driven by their vision to "reshape the food landscape, set new trends and bring authentic Indian flavors to the global stage."

Their portfolio includes the aforementioned ROOH, along with Alora at San Francisco's Pier 3 (Mediterranean and California cuisine), Pippal in Emeryville (modern, regional Indian food), Fitoor in San Jose (contemporary Indian food and cocktail lounge) and now Fitoor Santa Monica.

According to the promotional blurb, Fitoor Santa Monica brings fire-based Indian cooking to new heights, blending the bold, timeless flavors of tradition with surprising and modern twists. Drawing inspiration from its beachside setting, Head Chef Surya Kumar in partnership with Executive Chef Vaibhav Sawant infuses the menu with vibrant seafood creations, adding a coastal flair to the fiery lineup. Offering an array of flavorful dips, shareable small plates, indulgent entrees, and rich desserts, each dish is designed to ignite curiosity for bold flavors.

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Big Blue Bus makes 2024 ridership gains across the board



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TRANSPORTATION: Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus saw a growth in ridership across the board in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

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SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Department of Transportation kept a busy schedule over the 2023-2024 fiscal year, making gains on Big Blue Bus (BBB) ridership and feeding into the City of Santa Monica's priorities list.

In its annual report, the DOT noted that BBB ridership was up 11% from the prior fiscal year, with total 23-24 ridership at just over 8.6 million. Weekday ridership was up 12%, while Saturday and Sunday passenger counts made gains of 6% and 9% respectively.

The most popular BBB routes, per the report, were Route 7 (Pico Blvd), Route 1 (Main St & Santa Monica Blvd), Route 3 (Lincoln Blvd) and Rapid 12 (UCLA/Westwood to Expo). Despite the Rapid 12's popularity, the route was the most on-time of all BBB routes, with 79% of buses arriving at their scheduled time.

Overall, buses kept the same on-time performance as the prior year at 69%. Along with the Rapid 12, the most on-time routes were Route 43 (San Vicente Blvd & 26th St) and Route 41 (SMC - 17th St Station - Montana Ave). BBB safety was noted as an improvement in the report, with preventable accidents per 100,000 miles traveled going down from 3.1 in 22-23 to 2.6.

The BBB success was part of a year that also introduced its Transit Safety Officer program as well as 19 battery electric buses into service. Santa Monica DOT Director Anuj Gupta said he was "proud to reflect on the remarkable progress" made in "creating a more connected, safe, and sustainable transportation network."

> From expanding our pedestrian and bike infrastructure to deploying our electric bus fleet, our efforts have been guided by a commitment to equity, safety, and environmental stewardship
>
> - Anuj Gupta, Santa Monica DOT Director

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.0**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Lingering NW swell mix backs off through the day. Morning winds look light but skip the swampy 6.5' high tide mid AM.

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Continued NW swell. Light winds due in the morning but mind the 6'+ mid morning high tide.

Weather

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2024/12/16	Mon	02:38 AM	2.32	L
2024/12/16	Mon	08:57 AM	6.78	H
2024/12/16	Mon	4:28 PM	-1.43	L
2024/12/16	Mon	11:11 PM	3.72	H
2024/12/17	Tue	03:24 AM	2.45	L
2024/12/17	Tue	09:40 AM	6.41	H
2024/12/17	Tue	5:12 PM	-1.11	L
2024/12/18	Wed	12:02 AM	3.69	H
2024/12/18	Wed	04:13 AM	2.59	L
2024/12/18	Wed	10:24 AM	5.91	H
2024/12/18	Wed	5:56 PM	-0.69	L
2024/12/19	Thu	12:55 AM	3.70	H
2024/12/19	Thu	05:08 AM	2.73	L
2024/12/19	Thu	11:09 AM	5.31	H
2024/12/19	Thu	6:40 PM	-0.20	L
2024/12/20	Fri	01:49 AM	3.77	H
2024/12/20	Fri	06:13 AM	2.85	L
2024/12/20	Fri	11:58 AM	4.64	H
2024/12/20	Fri	7:24 PM	0.30	L
2024/12/21	Sat	02:43 AM	3.91	H
2024/12/21	Sat	07:40 AM	2.85	L
2024/12/21	Sat	12:57 PM	3.96	H
2024/12/21	Sat	8:09 PM	0.80	L

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MEGA MILLIONS
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Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 695 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 12/11
11 19 24 38 41
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/12
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Draw Date: 12/12
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Draw Date: 12/12
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3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
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NOTICE

Notice of Public Comment Period
For Domestic Water Supply Permit Amendment
Olympic Well Field Restoration and Arcadia Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project

The City of Santa Monica (City) invites public comment on documents related to the issuance of a Domestic Water Supply Permit Amendment for upgrades to the City's Arcadia Water Treatment Plant (Arcadia WTP). Upgrades include two new source wells and new treatment processes as part of the Olympic Well Field Restoration and Arcadia Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project (Project). The two new source wells are classified as "Extremely Impaired Sources" under the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW) Process Memo 97-005. This Project is a key component of the City's 2018 Sustainable Water Master Plan and will enhance the sustainability and resiliency of the City's local water supply. The Project will also further reduce the City's reliance upon purchased imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The Project is located at 1228 S Bundy Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90205.

The City's Arcadia WTP was upgraded in 2010 to include pretreatment at the Charnock Well Field removing harmful industrial gasoline-additive contamination before additional treatment through reverse osmosis at a capacity of 10 million gallons per day (mgd) to remove naturally occurring salts in the City's groundwater. Due to the contamination in the Charnock Well Field, the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, designated these wells as "Extremely Impaired Sources" and followed an extensive permitting process pursuant to the Process Memo 97-005. The Arcadia WTP serves approximately 60% of the City's drinking water supply.

This Project seeks to further enhance local groundwater sources by removing harmful contamination, including industrial solvent volatile organic compounds, identified in the City's second largest groundwater production well field, the Olympic Well Field. The major chemicals this Project is designed to treat are 1,4-dioxane, trichloroethylene (TCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), and 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) along with other trace chemicals. The Project includes restoration of the Olympic Well Field's pumping capacity through two new sourcewells, conveyance of extracted groundwater to a new Olympic Advanced Water Treatment Facility (co-located at the Arcadia WTP) via a new dedicated pipeline, new pretreatment processes involving ultraviolet-advanced oxidation process and granular activated carbon, and production efficiency upgrades to the Arcadia WTP with first-of-its-kind enhanced recovery Flow-Reversal Reverse Osmosis technology. Upon Project completion, the overall raw water treatment capacity of the Arcadia WTP will be expanded to approximately 13 mgd.

Similar to the original Arcadia WTP upgrade in 2010, the two new source wells are considered "Extremely Impaired Sources", and this Project is governed by the DDW's Process Memo 97-005. A public comment period is required as part of the 97-005 process. This public hearing, held by the City in coordination with the DDW, will provide an opportunity to members of the community to provide comments regarding the Project. A virtual platform will also be available for those who wish to join online. The public hearing will be held on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: January 14, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: Santa Monica City Hall East, Room 219, 1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
Zoom RSVP Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89066092653

The draft permit amendment and associated 97-005 technical reports are available on the City's website at www.santamonica.gov/olympic-well-field-restoration-and-arcadia-watertreatment- plant-expansion-project. Hard copies are also available at the Santa Monica City Hall located at 1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Comments on the permit amendment submitted by email or mail must be dated or postmarked no later than January 20, 2025. Comments may be sent:

- Via email (preferred method) to water.resources@santamonica.gov. Subject Line: Arcadia WTP Permit
- Via U.S. mail to: City of Santa Monica Attn. Water Resources Division, 2500 Michigan Ave Building 1, Santa Monica, CA 90404

For assistance, questions, or more information, please visit the City's website at www.santamonica.gov/olympic-well-field-restoration-and-arcadia-water-treatment-plantexpansion- project or email to water.resources@santamonica.gov.

LIONS ROAR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com



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HOLIDAY SEASON: The Lions are helping others this season.

The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club's last meeting of 2024 was filled with what it means to be a Lion, membership, helping others and community.

First, we inducted our newest member, Jessica Cunza. She heard about Lions from her family and came to just one meeting before wanting to join our club. We are excited to have her and she is jumping right in by helping decorate our 2024 Rose Parade Float. The Parade theme this year is, "Best Day Ever," with the Lions float titled, "Celebrating a Day of Service." A full decorating schedule that runs now through December 31st, is available online at lionsfloat.org. It is a fun activity as you get to see many of the floats from other organizations and corporations being assembled in the same location. Participation is open to the public and the application is online.

Next was our annual holiday event with the Salvation Army, with Lion Captain James bringing three of his team and the Deputy Director of Preparedness, Sandra, to join us. She did a great presentation on the many things the Salvation Army does leading up to and helping during disasters around the world. She shared that the first disaster the Salvation Army responded to was the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco and their commitment to community recovery can sometimes last for decades, as it has with 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina.

Cadet Zeck spoke briefly about the Army's focus on three C's - crisis, community and contributing. Cadet David played his guitar and led us in singing holiday songs, while the iconic red holiday bucket was passed among the members. The money raised from it will be added to our total from our bell ringing the previous Tuesday, along with any online donations that come in from those that were unable to participate in either event. We are hopeful that in the competition with the Kiwanis and Rotary, we will reign once again.

Just four days later, the SMPP Lions held their annual Holiday Party in Marina del Rey at Tony P's Dockside Grill with a delicious buffet, games and our annual white elephant gift exchange. This seemed to be the year of the blanket as there were five exchanged this year.

The SMPP Lions in are starting 2025 with our Community Recognition Lunch, honoring Sharon Kilbride from the Pacific Palisades and Eula Fritz from Santa Monica (2/22/25), a Lions Westchester Eye Screening with the Venice Marina LAX Lions and LA New Millennium Lions (2/1/25), and our annual student speaker contest with topic of "Artificial Intelligence; friend or foe?" (2.5.25). This contest is open to all high school students with $21,500 for the student that wins all five levels of the contest. It will be a busy February! For more information, please contact us at smpplionsclub@gmail.com.

If you want to participate in any of these activities, or might be interested in being our guest at dinner meeting January 8, 2025 at the Elks Lodge, please contact Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. We would enjoy meeting you.

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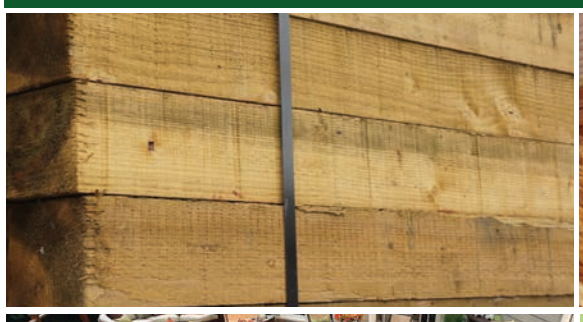
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The Blue Notebook - A Weekly SMPD Recap November 30 - December 6, 2024

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DEPARTMENT-WIDE STATISTICS

Total Calls for Service (CFS): 2,188. YTD (through 11/30): 119,102

Source of calls:

Citizen Initiated: 1,274 calls for service. 71,704 YTD (60% of total CFS).

Officer Initiated: 914 calls for service. 47,398 YTD (40% of total CFS).

Disposition for CFS: Homeless related = 18% YTD.

Encampment Calls: 21. 1,543YTD.

5150 Calls: 10. 632 YTD.

Arrests: 44 total arrests. 2,577 YTD.

PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Notable Incidents:

Assault – 100 Block of Santa Monica Boulevard. The homeless suspect got into a verbal dispute with the victim on the sidewalk in front of the victim's workplace. The argument escalated and the suspect threw multiple pieces of broken concrete at the victim. There are no injuries. The suspect was arrested.

Possession of Firearm – 100 Block of Olympic Boulevard. Officers conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation. During the contact the passenger was searched and found to be in possession of a loaded handgun in his waistband.

Battery – 2900 Block of Wilshire Boulevard. The victim was riding a scooter westbound on Wilshire Blvd, when the suspect, without provocation or warning, slapped the victim in the face. The assault caused the victim to fall off the scooter and drop their belongings. The victim ran to a nearby business for assistance. Responding officers located and arrested the subject. The victim suffered minor injuries.

Public Death - 400 Block of Arizona Avenue. Officers responded to a call of a person down at the bus stop at 4th and Arizona. The reporting party, a BBB driver, observed the individual several times throughout the morning walking around near the bus stop and then later slumped over. There were no signs of foul play. The coroner responded.

Overdose / Narcan use - 4th Street and Broadway. A Public Service Officer (PSO) was flagged by passersby of a person down near the intersection. The PSO and responding police officers found the individual unconscious, not breathing, and had no pulse. One officer started chest compressions while the other administered multiple doses of Narcan. The subject regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital by SMFD paramedics.

Traffic Stop / Weapons Violation – Main Street / Hollister Avenue. Officers conducted a traffic stop for an equipment violation. While contacting the driver, the officers observed a firearm the front passenger seat of the vehicle and discover it is loaded. The driver was arrested.

Residential Burglary – 600 Block of 23rd Street. Officers responded to a call of an audible burglary alarm and found a rear window smashed. The homeowners, who were on vacation, were contacted and confirmed that property was stolen from an upstairs bedroom.

Threats / Brandishing (replica firearm) - 395 Santa Monica Place. A Downtown Services Unit sergeant was flagged down by Nike Store employees who had just been threatened by several subjects, one of whom had a firearm. Another officer located the suspects in the 1500 block of 4th Street and the replica firearm was found in a backpack. One of the suspects arrests was on parole (hold granted).

Grand Theft - 395 Santa Monica Place. Officers responding to a theft from Boss located in the mall located the suspects in the 500 block of Colorado Avenue. The suspects were in possession of stolen property and found to be tourists from Latvia.

Warrant Arrest – 1500 Block of Palisades Park. Officers conducted a consensual encounter with a subject and found, through a records check, she had a $395K warrant for burglary out of LAPD Devonshire station. LAPD responded to the station for the suspect.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 500 Block of Washington Avenue. The suspect got into a physical altercation with his sister, striking her several time with a high-heeled shoe. The victim sustained multiple lacerations and was transported to a hospital for treatment.

Parole Violation –700 Block of Olympic Boulevard. Officers patrolling the area observed a subject they recognized from a stop earlier in the day. The subject had provided a false name to officers; this was not discovered until much later. Using the subject's real name, officers learned the subject has a No Bail parole warrant and he was arrested.

Shots Fired – 1500 Block of 7th Street. In the early morning hours, officers responded to a call of one shot being fired at the location. Officers detained a subject who was standing next to a parked vehicle. During their investigation, officers located a 9mm round on the sidewalk nearby. Area hospitals were contacted for any possible GSW victims. None were located. The subject was arrested for being under the influence of drugs and a firearm was located in the vehicle.

Sex Offender / Foot Pursuit - Ocean Avenue and Vicente Terrace. An officer on patrol recognized a subject as being a sex offender out of compliance with his probation. The officer was detaining the subject when the individual stood up and ran away. After a short foot pursuit, the officer was able to stop the subject. Additional responding officers assisted with handcuffing and transporting the subject to jail.

Strongarm Robbery – 1200 Block of Yale Street. The victim arranged the sale of an Apple MacBook through Facebook Marketplace. The victim met two suspects in a vehicle in a business parking lot. One of the suspects exited the vehicle and grabbed the computer from the victim's hands. When the victim attempted to get the computer back, the suspect simulated a weapon and told the victim to back off. The suspects flee northbound on Yale Street.

Hot Prowl- 1200 Block of Grant Street. The suspect climbed over the victim's wall and attempted to open a door. The victims were home and called police with a description of the subject. Officers located the suspect nearby.

Residential burglary (package thefts) - 1000 Block of 12th Street. A resident heard a suspect

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EXPLORATION

FROM PAGE 1

each media form. Samohi senior photography student Joel Koye Forquet said his MacBook Pro's editing software has been "incredible" to use, and that his class can use a dedicated storage room for cameras, lenses and other equipment.

"Compared to a small classroom we had last year, we had so much more room to grow … this building has been a huge new (development) in our department, and I want to thank each and every one of you for investing in this project," Forquet told the audience.

Academies take up the other half of the building, broken into three distinct groups: Project Lead the Way engineering and architecture, medical and wellness, and law and public policy. For the latter, the building holds a mock courtroom trial setup identical to the real thing, a boon for classes as well as Samohi's Mock Trial team.

"I can attest to a tremendous difference that this facility right up there on the third floor gives to our future as a team, and if we want to pursue any fields in law," senior Shenandoah Markos said, adding that the team can now invite other schools to visit the courtroom for competitions.

Another extracurricular now able to host events is the Model United Nations club, which plans on its first-ever conference to be in the Exploration Building. The club's vice president, Jane Robinson, was able to take multiple uses out of the complex, both for Model UN and as captain of the girls volleyball team.

Robinson added that the volleyball squad, the first to achieve a Vikings victory in the Gold Gym, was able to set up practice nets quicker and spend more time improving its game, leading to a 21-6-1 record and a trip to the CIF Southern Section Division 4 quarterfinals. The gym is equipped with a main and auxiliary gym, a dance studio, yoga studio, fitness center, training room and equipment storage. Locals who took part in post-ceremony tours saw the yoga studio in use for musical theater dance choreography.

"The Exploration Building and the Gold Gym have strengthened the sense of pride that myself and other athletes feel for our programs and our school," Robinson said.

Opening the complex represents Phase 3 of the Samohi Campus Plan, with Phase 4 set to replace the campus' Business Building with a new Student Services center, funded through the passage of Measure QS in November. SMMUSD Board of Education Vice President Jon Kean said that Samohi will be given a year to "enjoy the new toys" before the plan moves into motion.

"Our district is well ahead of the game … while we're focused on the present, we clearly have an eye on the future, and what that means (is) we have been preparing for the next phase of projects since we began these projects," Kean added.

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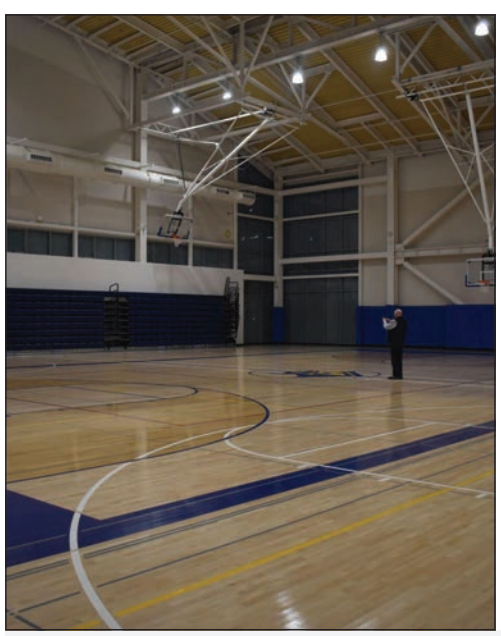




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EXPLORATION: Samohi's Exploration Building and Gold Gym has been a boon for students in learning academies as well as student-athletes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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SB 966 veto is disappointing to patients and providers

Prescription drugs represent a significant expenditure for many Californians. And as costs continue to rise, it is our state legislators' duty to protect patient access to essential medications. I commend state lawmakers for passing SB 966, a landmark bill that would have strengthened oversight of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), or the third-party middlemen that negotiate patient drug prices. But as a rheumatologist, I'm extremely disappointed by Governor Newsom's decision to veto this legislation that would have made prescription medications more affordable for patients statewide.

PBMs drive up prescription drug prices through dubious practices, making it more difficult for patients to access the treatments they need. By negotiating deals with drug manufacturers, PBMs decide which medicines they will cover in exchange for special rebates and discounts. This ultimately harms patient access, and the rebates are not reflected in savings for patients; instead, they go directly into PBMs' pocketbooks.

The increased cost of prescription drugs driven by these opaque negotiations is especially detrimental to the rheumatology patients I treat, who often require several medications to manage their chronic conditions – costing some patients thousands of dollars every month and forcing others to ration medications or forego treatment altogether.

Patients and providers widely supported SB 966. More importantly, SB 966 enjoyed bipartisan support from lawmakers. I call on all our state lawmakers, including the Governor, to establish PBM oversight and ensure patients can affordably access the medications they need.

Howard Yang, MD is the President of Southern California Rheumatology Society and a practicing rheumatologist in Santa Monica.

TRANSPORTATION

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"From expanding our pedestrian and bike infrastructure to deploying our electric bus fleet, our efforts have been guided by a commitment to equity, safety, and environmental stewardship," Gupta added. "These achievements are a testament to the collaborative spirit of our team and our partners, working together to make Santa Monica a model for resilient urban mobility."

Other achievements from the annual DOT report included 3.8 lane miles of new and upgraded bike lanes in the city, 72 curb ramps upgraded to ADA standards, 222 crosswalks refreshed, $28.3 million in grants secured and 90,000 parking permits issued.

The DOT was recognized for its work by several organizations. The Safe Streets for 17th Street and Michigan Avenue project received the 2023 Complete Streets Award from Save California Streets, the DOT's Active Aging Pilot Program was given the American Planning Association Excellence in Sustainability Quality of Life Award, and the DOT's Mobility on Demand Every Day (MODE) program received the 2024 National Council on Aging Innovator Award.

Gupta said the DOT's focus in the next year will "be building upon this momentum," committing to the implementation of the BBB Brighter Blue 5 Year Plan and beginning to prepare for international events like the 2026 World Cup and LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"We are dedicated to advancing projects that improve access to opportunity for all residents, enhance roadway safety, and further reduce our city's carbon footprint," Gupta added. "Together, we will continue to create a transportation system that not only meets the needs of today, but also paves the way for a more sustainable and inclusive future."

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00605 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Parvin Khayat for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Parvin Khayat a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Parvin Khayat to Parvin Heidarmehr . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 01/03/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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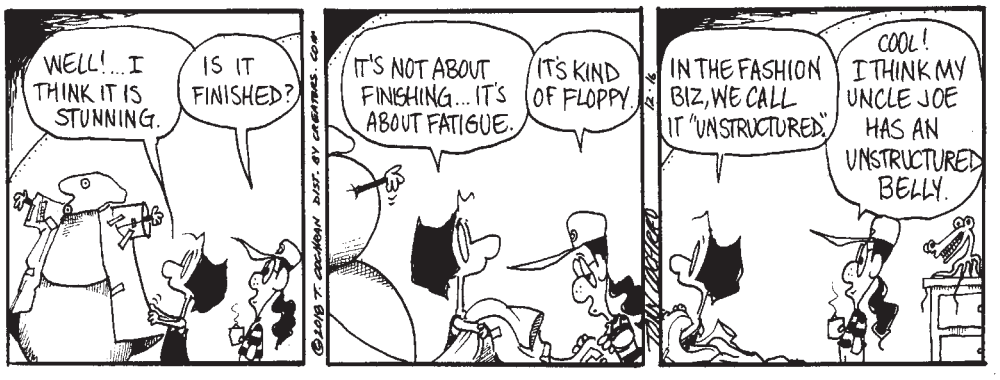
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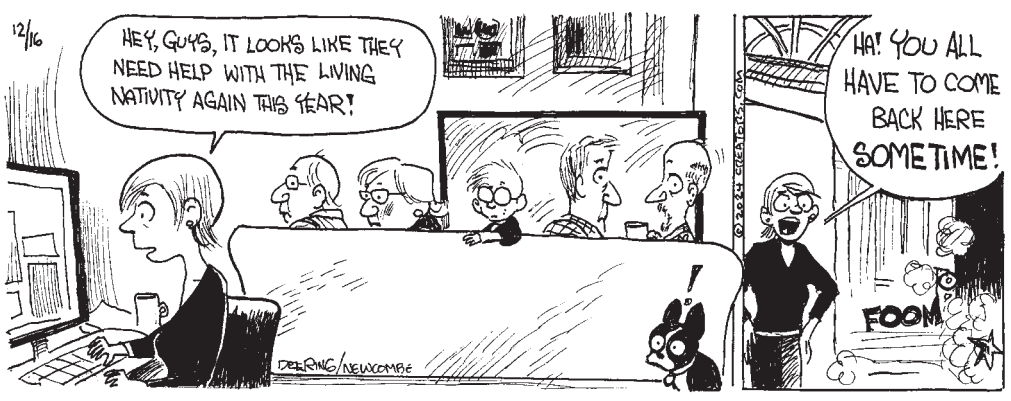
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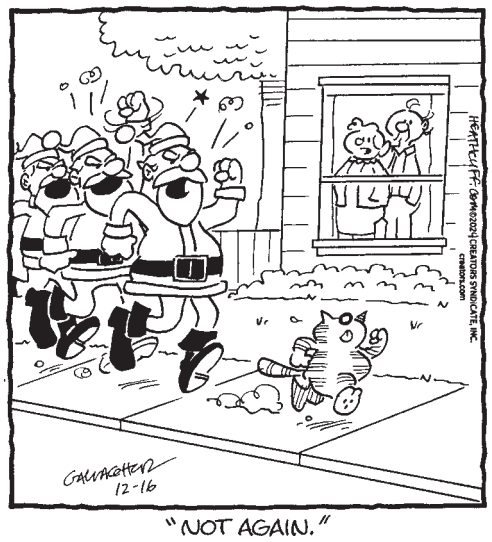
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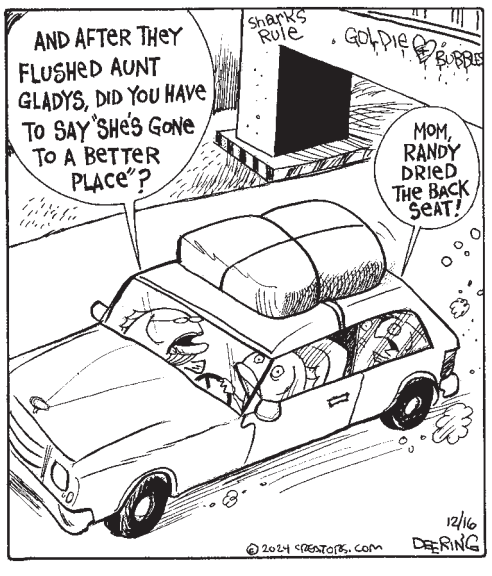
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Aden	Crocodile	Lollies	Stars
Airport	Dundee	MASH	Stone
Aisle	Dr No	Monroe	Studio
Bacall	Drinks	Music	Talent
Badlands	Easy Rider	O'Hara	Taxi
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Deep feelings are a gift that take you to new levels of intellect you would never know without the fuel emotion provides. After a methodical climb, it's like your fuse is lit and you skyrocket to a new position. More highlights: A heartfelt connection inspires your work. You'll be on winning teams that demonstrate thriving together. You'll have the prize you never dreamed you'd hold. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 8, 26, 14 and 33.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's someone you haven't spoken to in a while, and now's the perfect time to reconnect. Strike a casual yet respectful tone. Navigating this subtle balance makes all the difference in creating a meaningful and influential connection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may doubt you can accomplish what's asked, but extend a little faith. Dismissing belief is for the unimaginative. You're far too creative for that. Wear belief like a cape and you may actually fly - or at least look like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People who turn to you for insights may not listen when you give them. Why is this? Because most people who ask for advice really want something else - attention, to make a sale, compliments, etc. If someone really listens, cherish them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's thrilling when everything is moving fast and lots is happening simultaneously. Though it may feel like a bit of a blur as you're going through it, later you'll count this among your most productive days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've racked up some incredible achievements, but bragging about them isn't your style. You're not stuck in yesterday's victories; your heart is firmly fixed on the horizon. You sense the best is yet to come, and that's where your energy belongs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your ability to focus amidst chaos is unmatched. While others scramble, you remain calm, wait for opportunity and do the one thing that solves 12 problems. Your influence will grow, drawing people to your unique style and quiet authority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are people lost along a route you know all too well. You can help them find their way, but remember - it's more effective to guide them toward meeting their needs than to try to fulfill all their desires yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Contributions fuel today's exchanges. The support you'll receive comes from those you've already backed; relationships thrive on reciprocity. If you've yet to invest, don't expect a return. Today's effort is a deposit into tomorrow's success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There you go again, effortlessly enchanting those unprepared for your charms. Keep it up and you might just make someone fall head over heels. This power isn't one to take lightly, though. Wield that smile responsibly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your social savvy naturally guides you toward a light touch, polite candor and the wisdom of listening more than speaking. Skimming the surface of conversation can still convey key ideas and spark the kind of rapport that gets relationships rolling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some people have a way of turning everything into a contest. You'll have some stiff competition even if you don't start off with an awareness that this is, indeed, a game. Even so, you have as good a chance at the prize as any.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The early days of a relationship set the tone for everything that follows. Knowing that key expectations are being established, shaping the foundation of what's to come, be mindful of your words, expressions and all implications.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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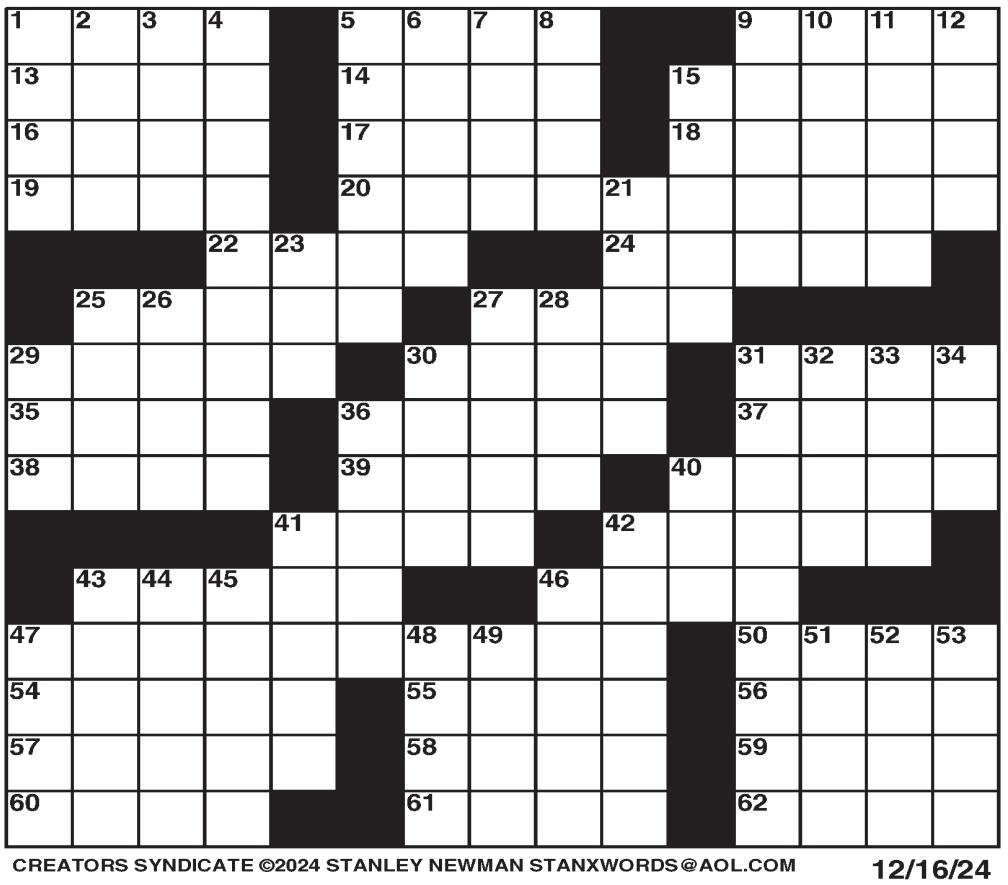
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ACROSS

1 Corn kernel holders
5 Building for cows
9 Highest poker cards
13 Region
14 Burn-soothing plant
15 Higher than
16 Tilt a little
17 Formal party
18 Number of Little Pigs
19 __of (having affection for)
20 Manicurist's nail-smoothing stick
22 Sport played on horseback
24 Ahead of schedule
25 Rips (up)
27 Out of air, as a tire
29 Two-door car
30 Large bodies of water
31 Reduce speed
35 Fairy tale monster
36 Popped, as a balloon
37 "Look, I did it!"
38 Of low quality
39 Camera's glass
40 Hunter's wooden duck
41 Big commotion
42 Scornful expression
43 Tea sweetener
46 White gemstone
47 Floor cleaner's bristled tool
50 Chinese frypans
54 Garment tag
55 "__ upon a time..."
56 Cleveland's state
57 Remove pencil marks
58 Have top billing
59 Fully aware of
60 Fender bump
61 Days of __ (olden times)
62 Misplaced

DOWN

1 Baby cow
2 Triple-decker cookie
3 Lima __ (green veggie)
4 Carpenter's sheet for smoothing
5 Rolls with holes
6 San Antonio landmark
7 Actor's character
8 Close by
9 Dislike greatly
10 Ocean reef material
11 Each and __ (all)
12 Burger bun tidbit
15 Facing the pitcher
21 Dough-rising ingredient
23 Metallic mineral
25 How take-out orders are placed
26 Coin in Italy and France
27 Plants with fronds
28 Young girl
29 Police officer
30 Takes to court
31 Dish washer's scouring pad
32 Shoestring
33 Strong smell
34 One-__ street
36 Book-jacket bio
40 Genetic molecule
41 Story with a moral
42 Globe's shape
43 Frighten
44 Of city life
45 Party attendee
46 Hollywood award
47 Vehicle on snow
48 Reddish, as cheeks
49 "Do __ others..."
51 "This is terrible!"
52 First-aid boxes
53 Chimney dust



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using a pry tool to force open the front door of their apartment complex. They watched as a female fled the location carrying 5 to 6 packages to a waiting silver hatchback.

Elder Abuse- 1547 2nd St (McDonalds) - Elder Abuse. Two male and two female juveniles who reside at group homes in Los Angeles, were causing a disturbance at McDonalds. A security guard escorted them off the premises and the youth became combative, swinging at the guard. An elderly victim attempted to intervene and was punched in the head, falling to the ground. All the subjects were detained. Surveillance video corroborated the victim's statement and the subject who punched him was arrested for elder abuse. The other children were released back to their respective group homes.

CRIME IMPACT TEAM (CIT)

WEEKLY STATS:

Traffic Stops 14. Pedestrian Stops 13. Bike Stops 4. Felony Arrests 2. Misdemeanor Arrests 1. Citations 2. Field Interviews 8. Radio Calls 9.

Special Deployments:

CIT conducted a livability operation in the 1700 to 2900 blocks of Ocean Front Walk (OFW) and 00 Blk of Bay Street with the following results: Felony Arrests – 2. Traffic Stops – 4. Pedestrian Stops – 6. Bike Stops - 2. Field Interviews - 2

Incidents of note:

Officers observed a known parolee drinking in public in the 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk. Witnesses in the area stated the subject was making sexual comments toward female passersby. Parole was contacted and a hold was granted. A stay away order was requested.

Officers contacted a subject in the 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk for a municipal code violation. The subject was a sex registrant in compliance. A Field Interview was completed.

Officers stopped a pedestrian under the Pier in violation of the municipal code. The subject was a parolee at large.

CIT conduced a crime suppression operation in the Wilshire Corridor that resulted in the following: Traffic Stops – 6. Pedestrian Stops – 6. Bike Stops- 1. Misdemeanor Arrests – 1. Citations – 2. Field Interviews - 3

Incident of note:

Officers contacted a subject in the 1200 block of Lincoln Blvd for trespassing and found he had a stay away order from the area. During a search, officers recovered Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, and a meth pipe.

CIT conducted a crime suppression operation in the 400 to 1100 blocks of Pico Blvd. and the following was the results:

Traffic Stops – 4. Bike Stops - 1. Pedestrian Stops - 1. Field Interviews - 3

Incident of note:

Officers conducted a traffic stop at 4th Street and Pico Boulevard for an equipment violation. The vehicle was occupied by four subjects from Riverside. The driver was unlicensed. Consent search was conducted but no contraband located. The driver was cited for not having a license and the passengers were interviewed.

Directed Action Response Team (DART)

Black Friday: DART was assigned as monitors for two demonstrations, one on the 3rd Street Promenade and the other in Tongva Park.

WEEKLY STATS:

Police Department: Arrests – 4. Field Interviews – 5. Citations – 1. Encampments – 4

Code Enforcement: Contacts – 114. Verbal Warnings – 80. Written Warnings – 4. Citations – 4. Confiscations – 2

Notable Incidents:

DART Officers observed known subject with multiple SMPD warrants in the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue.

DART Officers contacted a subject in a consensual encounter. The subject was arrested for No Bail Warrant (full extradition) out of Missouri.

DART Officers contacted subject at Douglas Park and arrested him for outstanding SMPD warrants.

DART officers contacted a subject with an open container of alcohol and drug paraphernalia in plain sight in the 900 block of the beach. The subject was issued a citation for both violations.

Officers responded to a radio call of a subject masturbating in near Beach Restroom 24. The reporting party did not want prosecution. A Field Interview was completed.

Officers contacted two individuals in encampments in the 2000 block of the Beach. The first subject had no warrants or wants, and a homeless services resource card was provided. The second subject has been contacted multiple times in the past five months regarding camping violations and was arrested. Drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine were located inside his tent.

HOMELESS LIAISON PROGRAM (HLP) TEAM

HLP Team Stats
Calls for Service – 116
311 Requests Handled – 23
Self-Initiated Activity – 96
Field Interviews – 32
Written Warnings – 5
Citations – 7
Referrals to Services – 90
Encampments Addressed – 6
5150 Holds - 1

DMH/HLP Clinician Stats
Referral to services thru DMH - 8
5150 evaluations (1 hold) - 2
Special Details

Members of the HLP Team and patrol officers conducted overtime operations in hotspots along Ocean Front Walk, 3rd St Promenade, the Beach, business corridors, and city parks.

The operations resulted in the following: periodic checks of 3rd St Promenade, Ocean Front Walk, all main parks city-wide and parking structures (1,2,4,5,6,7,8 and Ken Edwards Center), and 630 Wilshire Blvd; multiple written/verbal warnings (pedestrians blocking the roadway, public camping, smoking in a park, park closure hours); one field interview and six consensual encounters.

HLP Officers have been working with a homeless individual who has been in and out of the city for over 15 years. After getting to know him better, HLP officers felt he would be a good fit for SAMOSHEL placement. HLP conferred with its partners in the city's Human Services Division (HSD) and SAMOSHEL and concluded he would be referred for placement in the shelter.

The 2000 Block of Broadway has become a consistent location for camping and 311 requests. Working in collaboration with Public Works' Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST), the area was cleared and cleaned. Response times by HOST are impressive and appreciated.

HLP Officers responded to Tongva Park regarding an encampment growing on the second level. The subjects were advised, and the area was cleared.

HLP officers, at the request of Saint Monica's Church security staff, provided high visibility periodic checks during their annual homeless dinner. Well over 100 homeless individuals attended the event and were given Thanksgiving dinner by the church. Several city homeless service providers and outreach teams were also on hand to connect with the homeless.



MONDAY | DECEMBER 16

ACTING AND PERFORMANCE THEATRE CAMP

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Now in its 55th year of Theatre for Youth, the Santa Monica Playhouse Diversity-in-Education Conservatory is delighted to offer two one-week Winter Break Theatre Camps for kids 6 to 14. Activities include theatre games, voice, movement, acting, imagination building, writing, costume creation, self-confidence, making friends and a live performance on the last day. Enrollment is limited. Email education@santamonicaplayhouse.com for more details and to enroll.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

7 - 10 p.m. SMI Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. The Commission closely monitors the Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan and advises the Council on plan implementation.

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

7 p.m. Thelma Terry Building - Workshop 3, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department. The VAPAB is composed of seven Santa Monica resident board members. The Board represents the social and ethnic diversity of the park's neighborhood.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

7 - 8:30 p.m. Virtual. This community-led book discussion group meets virtually to discuss a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. This month's title is "You Have to be Prepared to Die Before You Can Begin to Live: Ten Weeks in Birmingham that Changed America" by Paul Kix.

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 17

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency, Audit Subcommittee.

MYSTERY & THRILLER BOOK GROUP

7 - 8 p.m. Virtual. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets virtually to discuss domestic and international titles in the mystery and thriller genres. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. This month's title is "The Consequences of Fear" by Jacqueline Winspear.

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 18

BMH & POD OFFICE HOURS

4 - 6 p.m. Park Center Building, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. The Housing Division will be hosting office workshops for community members about the City's Below Market Housing (BMH) and Preserving Our Diversity (POD) programs. No appointment necessary, first come basis.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

4:30 - 7 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer with Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with housing issues. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

PLANNING COMMISSION

6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 19

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS

2 - 6 p.m. Lobby, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. A legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms or interpret the law.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

6 - 8 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council.

MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP

6 - 7:30 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person to discuss a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. This month's title is "River of the Gods" by Candice Millard.

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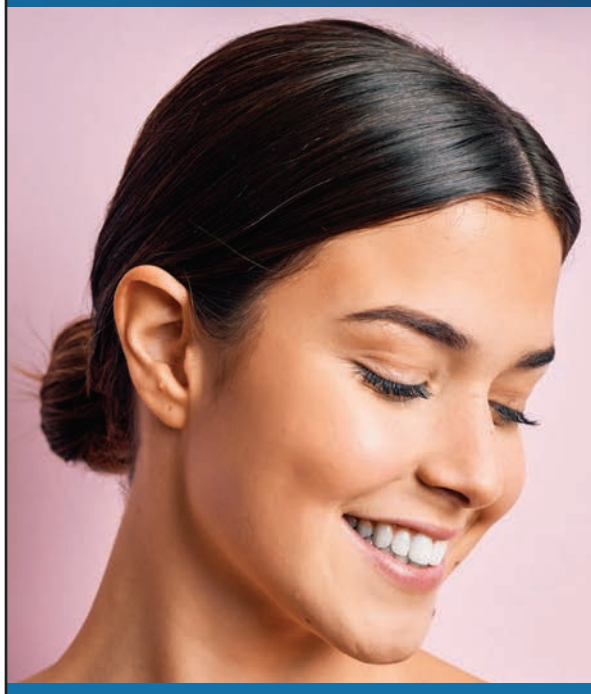
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