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BOA is more than just a steak

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EDITOR'S NOTE:
With family gatherings upon us and visitors aplenty in town, the Daily Press is highlighting several local restaurants and talking to chefs about their approach to the holiday season.

BOA Steakhouse has a reputation. It's the restaurant you've seen on TV, read about online and seen in the background of many a celebrity photo but for the staff that work there, they hope it's the restaurant you go to when you want to celebrate and enjoy something a little special.

The restaurant's Santa Monica location at Ocean Ave. and Santa Monica Blvd. draws locals and tourists alike for a classic, sophisticated dining experience that make it almost tailor-made for the holiday season with dishes that are memorable and focus on the guest experience.

"Really seeing happy faces and seeing people enjoying what they're eating and kind of moving along to the ambiance, the vibe of the whole restaurant and that energy is why we do what we do," said executive manager, Andrew Ha. "It's not easy, for sure, but you know, you have to love it, and that's something that I do love, seeing happy faces all throughout the dining room."

He said hospitality workers who may be missing celebratory events with their own families draw their

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US HOMELESS NUMBERS STAY ABOUT THE SAME AS BEFORE PANDEMIC

Santa Monica is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming homelessness count after last year's found fewer people in shelters and more on the streets

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Grace Inez Adams

Fatal shooting in police chase that passed through town

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The California Department of Justice has taken over a Culver City investigation into the fatal police shooting of an unarmed suspect.

The incident occurred at about 12:16 a.m. on Dec. 18 in Culver City after a chase that took officers through several neighboring communities including Santa Monica.

According to the Culver City Police Department, officers were called to the 3800 block of College Ave. for a report of a husband threatening his wife with a handgun.

The suspect fled the scene and after driving through Hollywood and Santa Monica, he returned to Culver City to eventually crash near the intersection of Culver Blvd. and Cardiff Ave. After a brief foot chase, officers opened fire and killed the man.

The department did not provide details on what prompted the shooting, how many officers fired and how many shots were fired. It is unclear what happened to the handgun the suspect was holding.

A statement said the California Department of Justice will investigate. The department investigates police encounters that result in the death of an unarmed civilian.

VENICE ARREST

A day later, LAPD arrested a man wanted for Assault with a Deadly Weapon in Venice.

The suspect in that case was wanted in connection with a Dec. 13 shooting in the vicinity of Lincoln Blvd. and Palms.

Following a tip by a community member that the suspect was staying at a hotel in Venice, LAPD investigators followed up and located the man. That suspect attempted to flee but was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit and a minor use of force incident.

That suspect is being held pending charges.

SWAT RESPONDS TO SWORD CALL

On Monday, large numbers of LAPD officers swarmed a building in Venice for calls of a man with a

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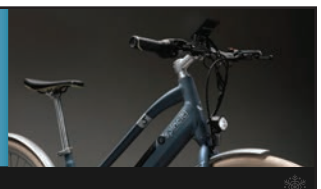
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The holidays are a time when we think about our loved ones but despite the season of consumption, it can also be a time to show some love for Mother Nature. No one is saying kids shouldn't have kids wrapped under the tree, but you can minimize the mountain of waste produced each year both through smarter choices about what to give and effort put into where you get those gifts from.

First and foremost, the holidays should not be about getting the latest tech or getting the best deals on items you already own or don't need. Make memories, start traditions, share laughs, give back to those in need. That's what the holidays are about. And you can give those memories through experiences.

Santa Monica's Gourmandise School is consistently touted as one of the best cooking schools in Southern California. Does your teen need to know more than how to microwave noodles? Do you want a date night that has all the fun of cooking at home with none of the dishes? How about a raft of home cooked pies guaranteed to make your mother-in-law jealous? You can do it all at Gourmandise. They offer gift certificates but you can also just book a private party for your friends, family or coworkers (if you really like them).

If you're more into burning calories than eating them, consider the TSNY trapeze school on the Pier. You know you've seen it a hundred times when you're on the beach but how often have you considered going in and flying yourself? It's surprisingly easy. Expert instructors provide a totally safe, welcoming and easily accessible introduction to the trapeze. No packaging, no waste, just lifelong memories.

Santa Monica is also home to some of the world's best beaches and you can try a pedicab tour with Awesome Pedicab or maybe grab a surf lesson.

If you do want to actually give something, think about items with less waste.

Recontained or Square One Refills offer consumers a zero-waste alternative to many household items.

Customers either bring their own containers or purchase them in store, fill them with as much product as they like.

The goal is to protect the environment by encouraging others to not merely recycle their waste, but to remove it from the equation altogether. In addition to the packaging being environmentally friendly, the ingredients are ethically and sustainably sourced.

Green is already associated with this time of year so it shouldn't be hard to add some sustainability to your season.



Here is a list of things you can do to make your *holidays a little bit greener:*

- Gift experiences over material items (concerts, massages, sports games, food tours)
- Choose items with minimal packaging (Not wrapped in plastic)
- Use reusable wrapping (furoshiki, reusable bags)
- Used repurposed wrapping (used gift bags, old newspaper, grocery paper bags)
- LED decorative lights, solar powered lights for outside
- Shop at the farmers market or buy local small businesses for your festive dinners
- Compost your live tree
- Reduce your meat and dairy consumption
- Offset your carbon emissions for holiday travel
- Donate to a local charity on behalf of a friend or family member
- Homemade and DIY gifts (cookies, knitted scarf)

Let's spend less time in stores and more time outside and with family and friends.

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HOLIDAY: The Santa Monica Daily Press published its annual 'Tis The Season guide last month and while readers can find the magazine online, SMDP will publish excerpts from the magazine in the days leading up to Christmas. View the entire publication online at https://smdp.com/2022/11/26/tis-the-season-2022.

Jan. 6 panel urges Trump prosecution with criminal referral

MARY CLARE JALONICK, ERIC TUCKER AND FARNOUSH AMIRI
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The House Jan. 6 committee urged the Justice Department on Monday to bring criminal charges against Donald Trump for the violent 2021 Capitol insurrection, calling for accountability for the former president and "a time of reflection and reckoning."

After one of the most exhaustive and aggressive congressional probes in memory, the panel's seven Democrats and two Republicans are recommending criminal charges against Trump and associates who helped him launch a wide-ranging pressure campaign to try to overturn his 2020 election loss. The panel also released a lengthy summary of its final report, with findings that Trump engaged in a "multi-part conspiracy" to thwart the will of voters.

At a final meeting Monday, the committee alleged violations of four criminal statutes by Trump, in both the run-up to the riot and during the insurrection itself, as it recommended the former president for prosecution to the Justice Department. Among the charges they recommend for prosecution is aiding an insurrection — an effort to hold him directly accountable for his supporters who stormed the Capitol that day.

The committee also voted to refer conservative lawyer John Eastman, who devised dubious legal maneuvers aimed at keeping Trump in power, for prosecution on two of the same statutes as Trump: conspiracy to defraud the United States and obstructing an official proceeding.

While a criminal referral is mostly symbolic, with the Justice Department ultimately deciding whether to prosecute Trump or others, it is a decisive end to a probe that had an almost singular focus from the start.

Chairman Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said Trump "broke the faith" that people have when they cast ballots in a democracy and that the criminal referrals could provide a "roadmap to justice" by using the committee's work.

"I believe nearly two years later, this is still a time of reflection and reckoning," Thompson said. "If we are to survive as a nation of laws and democracy, this can never happen again."

Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, the panel's Republican vice chairwoman, said in her opening remarks that every president in American history has defended the orderly transfer of power, "except one."

The committee also voted 9-0 to approve its final report, which will include findings, interview transcripts and legislative recommendations. The full report is expected to be released on Wednesday.

The report's 154-page summary, made public as the hearing ended, found that Trump engaged in a "multi-part conspiracy" to overturn the election. While the majority of the report's main findings are not new, it altogether represents one of the most damning portraits of an American president in recent history, laying out in great detail Trump's broad effort to overturn his own defeat and what the lawmakers say is his direct responsibility for the insurrection of his supporters.

The panel, which will dissolve on Jan. 3 with the new Republican-led House, has conducted more than 1,000 interviews, held 10 well-watched public hearings and collected more than a million documents since it launched in July 2021. As it has gathered the massive trove of evidence, the members have become emboldened in declaring that Trump, a Republican, is to blame for the violent attack on the Capitol by his supporters almost two years ago.

After beating their way past police, injuring many of them, the Jan. 6 rioters stormed the Capitol and interrupted the certification of Biden's presidential election win, echoing Trump's lies about widespread election fraud and sending lawmakers and others running for their lives.

> "I believe nearly two years later, this is still a time of reflection and reckoning"
> - Bennie Thompson

The attack came after weeks of Trump's efforts to overturn his defeat — a campaign that was extensively detailed by the committee in its multiple public hearings, and laid out again by lawmakers on the panel at Monday's meeting. Many of Trump's former aides testified about his unprecedented pressure on states, on federal officials and Pence to object to Biden's win. The committee has also described in great detail how Trump riled up the crowd at a rally that morning and then did little to stop his supporters for several hours as he watched the violence unfold on television.

The panel aired some new evidence at the meeting, including a recent interview with longtime Trump aide Hope Hicks. Describing a conversation she had with Trump around that time, she said he told her that no one would care about his legacy if he lost the election.

Hicks told the committee that Trump told her, "The only thing that matters is winning."

Trump's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but the former president slammed members of the committee Sunday as "thugs and scoundrels" as he has continued to falsely dispute his 2020 loss.

While a so-called criminal referral has no real legal standing, it is a forceful statement by the committee and adds to political pressure already on Attorney General Merrick Garland and special counsel Jack Smith, who is conducting an investigation into Jan. 6 and Trump's actions.

On the recommendation to charge Trump on aiding an insurrection, the committee said in the report's summary that the former president "was directly responsible for summoning what became a violent mob" and refused repeated entreaties from his aides to condemn the rioters or to encourage them to leave.

For obstructing an official proceeding, the committee cites Trump's relentless badgering of Vice President Mike Pence and others to prevent the certification of the election results on Jan. 6. And his repeated lies about the election and efforts to undo the results open him up to a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States, the panel said.

The final charge recommended by the panel is conspiracy to make a false statement, citing the scheme by Trump and his allies to put forward slates of fake electors in battleground states won by President Joe Biden.

Among the other charges contemplated, but not approved, by the committee was seditious conspiracy, the same allegation Justice Department prosecutors have used to target a subset of rioters belonging to far-right groups like the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys.

Thompson said after the hearing that the seditious conspiracy charge is "something that the committee didn't come to agreement on."

The panel was formed in the summer of 2021 after Senate Republicans blocked the formation of what would have been a bipartisan, independent commission to investigate the insurrection. When that effort failed, the Democratic-controlled House formed an investigative committee of its own.

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy of California, a Trump ally, decided not to participate after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi rejected some of his appointments. That left an opening for two anti-Trump Republicans in the House — Reps. Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois — to join seven Democrats, launching an unusually unified panel in the divided Congress.

McCarthy was one of four House Republicans who ignored congressional subpoenas from the panel and were referred to the House Ethics Committee on Monday for their non-compliance.

The Republican leader, who is hoping to become speaker of the House when his party takes the majority in January, has acknowledged he spoke with Trump on Jan. 6. The committee also referred Reps. Jim Jordan of Ohio, Scott Perry of Pennsylvania and Andy Biggs of Arizona, all of whom were in touch with Trump or the White House in the weeks leading up to the attack.

While the committee's mission was to take a comprehensive accounting of the insurrection and educate the public about what happened, they've also aimed their work at an audience of one: the attorney general. Lawmakers on the panel have openly pressured Garland to investigate Trump's actions, and last month he appointed a special counsel, Smith, to oversee two probes related to Trump, including those related to the insurrection and the presence of classified documents at Trump's Florida estate.

The committee members said that full accountability can only be found in the criminal justice system.

"No one should get a pass," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 22ENT-0087
3016 Main Street
APPLICANT/APPELLANT: Redcar
PROPERTY OWNER: Redcar Main Street Owner, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (22ENT-0087) to allow creative office use within a new two-story commercial development project located within the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL) district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.11.020, a Conditional Use Permit is required for creative office use within a new commercial development.
The Planning Commission will consider compliance under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including whether the proposed project is categorically exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines 15303 (New Construction of Small Structures).

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023, AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/hrrgfecg or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN:4669931 #)

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Address your comments to: Cary Fukui, Associate Planner
Re: 22ENT-0087

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Cary Fukui at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at cary.fukui@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

United Way of Greater Los Angeles celebrates 100 years of service with $2.85 million in grants to 87 community-based organizations regionwide

United Way of Greater Los Angeles is closing out its Centennial year with a $2.85 million round of grantmaking to 87 organizations reaching tens of thousands of people across Los Angeles County.

In recognition of the fact that COVID has not impacted everyone equally, and that our low income communities have been hit disproportionately hard, this includes many first-time recipients as the United Way extends its reach to support to dozens of small grassroots organizations in a Centennial-year strategic focus on expanding its support in areas where the COVID19 pandemic unveiled the greatest inequities.

The awards, which range up to $50,000 each, represent two themes that have emerged as central to United Way of Greater Los Angeles's strategy in its Centennial year: supporting on-the-ground efforts that allow neighbors to support one another in moments of acute crisis, and empowering grass-roots groups that can build community wealth over the long term.

"We've got 100 years of lessons to draw from, and some of the most powerful came out of what we saw in the last three," said Elise Buik, President & CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles. "Communities with strong connections to each other and well-tended roots are more resilient.. We can see it in the response to disasters as well as in how we right the wrongs of racial inequity, whether it's in making it through an immediate crisis or setting the next generation up for prosperity."

This new UWGLA grant opportunity funds nonprofit organizations and community groups providing care and building power across L.A. County. The efforts supported vary in location, type of service and people served, but all strive to provide immediate support or build shared prosperity long-term. A full list of grantees is included below.

Some grantees re-imagine a community-powered social safety net by providing support for essentials like food, rent, utilities, transportation, childcare, mentoring/tutoring, clothing, hygiene, healthcare/mental health, and public benefits.

Arnali Ray, executive director of the Hollywood Food Coalition, one of the grantees that addresses food insecurity in Los Angeles, said her organization, "is a small organization that has grown over the last several years because United Way L.A. has been able to help us really built capacity consistently across our programs," she said. "Over the last few years, we've been able to grow our dinner program, exchange, and wellness programs, helping us be consistent and responsive to the community."

Additional grantees are helping to establish greater community ownership and build community wealth. Examples include organizing campaigns, community land trusts, housing and worker cooperatives, community information networks, public space improvements, and lending circles.

"We have been able to expand all our services from the community fridges to our rental assistance program, and we've been able to help more families than ever because of the help of United Way," said Miss Rodgers, founder of Miss Rodgers' Neighborhood, a grassroots community organization based in Compton. "I'm grateful for United Way, for recognizing us and for seeing how they can truly be beneficial to our communities."

With this investment, UWGLA builds on the power of mutual aid networks to invest in communities across Los Angeles County. On average, the grant awardees are smaller than previous recipients, and many are grassroots organizations.

This model was piloted beginning in March of 2020 with UWGLA's Pandemic Relief Fund, which raised more than $10 million in relief funds. Small community-based organizations and informal networks were key in making sure that food, funds and personal protective equipment got into the hands of people facing food and housing insecurity, such as unhoused people or informal workers such as food vendors, domestic workers and mariachis.

For 100 years UWGLA has built bridges between people of different perspectives in order to bring relief and resources to people in need. The organization will continue to learn and grow in partnership with communities to create L.A.'s future, together.

Local grantees: BRIDGE Housing Corporation, Meals On Wheels West, Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council - Wellbeing Microgrants, Santa Monica College Foundation, St. John's Community Health and UCLA

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FTC sues to block Microsoft-Activision Blizzard $69B merger

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The Federal Trade Commission on Thursday sued to block Microsoft's planned $69 billion takeover of video game company Activision Blizzard, saying it could suppress competitors to Microsoft's Xbox game console and its growing games subscription business.

The FTC's challenge could be a test case for President Joe Biden's mandate to scrutinize big tech mergers. The commission voted 3-1 to issue the complaint after a closed-door meeting, with the three Democratic commissioners voting in favor and the sole Republican voting against.

The complaint points to Microsoft's previous game acquisitions, especially of well-known developer Bethesda Softworks and its parent company ZeniMax, as an example of where Microsoft is making some upcoming game titles exclusive to Xbox despite assuring European regulators it had no intention to do so.

"Microsoft has already shown that it can and will withhold content from its gaming rivals," said a prepared statement from Holly Vedova, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition. "Today we seek to stop Microsoft from gaining control over a leading independent game studio and using it to harm competition in multiple dynamic and fast-growing gaming markets."

The FTC said it was filing the complaint through its administrative process rather than taking the case to a federal court. An administrative law judge it set to hear evidence but not until August 2023, according to the complaint.

Microsoft's president, Brad Smith, signaled in a statement Thursday that the company is likely to challenge the FTC's action.

"While we believed in giving peace a chance, we have complete confidence in our case and welcome the opportunity to present our case in court," Smith said.

The company had been ramping up its public defense of the deal in recent days as it awaited a decision. Smith said Microsoft has been committed to addressing competition concerns and brought proposed concessions to the FTC earlier this week.

"We continue to believe that this deal will expand competition and create more opportunities for gamers and game developers," Smith said.

Microsoft announced the merger deal in January but has faced months of resistance from Sony, which makes the competing PlayStation console and has raised concerns with antitrust watchdogs around the world about losing access to popular Activision Blizzard game franchises such as the military shooter game Call of Duty.

Antitrust regulators under Biden "have staked out the view that for decades merger policy has been too weak and they've said, repeatedly, 'We're changing that,'" said William Kovacic, a former chair of the FTC.

That has put pressure on the FTC to fulfill its bold promises to "not allow dodgy deals and not accept weak settlements," said Kovacic, who was a Republican commissioner appointed in 2006 by then-President George W. Bush. But he said Microsoft has a good chance of winning its legal challenge.

"It's evident that the company has been making a number of concessions," he said. "Microsoft would likely raise them in court and say the FTC is being incorrigibly stubborn about this."

Microsoft announced its latest promise Wednesday, saying it would make Call of Duty available on Nintendo devices for 10 years should its acquisition go through. It has said it tried to offer the same commitment to Sony.

In an appeal to Biden administration priorities, Microsoft had also sought to characterize its deal as worker-friendly after announcing a "labor neutrality agreement" in June with the Communications Workers of America that would allow workers to unionize after the acquisition closes. The union's president, Chris Shelton, wrote an opinion column in The Hill this week calling on the FTC to "seal the deal, not blow it up."

The deal is also under close scrutiny in the European Union and the United Kingdom, where investigations aren't due to be completed until next year.

FTC's decision to send the complaint to its in-house judge instead of seeking an urgent federal court injunction to halt the merger could drag the case out for months and give more "confidence to authorities outside the U.S. to take a swing at the deal on their own," said Kovacic, who is now a professor at George Washington University Law School.

Activision Blizzard CEO Bobby Kotick said in a message to employees Thursday that the FTC's action "sounds alarming, so I want to reinforce my confidence that this deal will close."

"The allegation that this deal is anti-competitive doesn't align with the facts, and we believe we'll win this challenge," Kotick wrote.

Kotick said the deal will be good for players, employees, competition and the industry.

"We believe these arguments will win despite a regulatory environment focused on ideology and misconceptions about the tech industry," he said.

Led by FTC Chair Lina Khan, a legal scholar who's advocated for tougher antitrust enforcement, the commission is made up of three Democrats and one Republican after a second Republican stepped down earlier this year and left an open seat on the panel.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren tweeted Thursday that she welcomed the FTC action, noting that she had urged Khan to scrutinize the proposed merger.

"Corporate monopolies have had free rein to hike prices and harm workers, but now the Biden admin is committed to promoting competition," Warren said.

Both the Justice Department and the FTC this year have looked at strengthening merger guidelines to better detect and prevent illegal and anticompetitive deals.

Federal regulators also on Thursday opened their campaign to block Facebook parent Meta's acquisition of a virtual-reality company Thursday in a San Jose, California, courtroom.

In that case, the FTC sued to prevent Meta's acquisition of Within Unlimited and its fitness app Supernatural, asserting it would hurt competition and violate antitrust laws.

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Trees pruned after fallen limb



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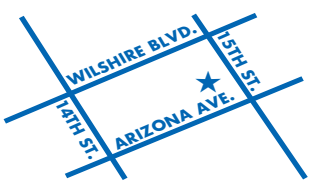
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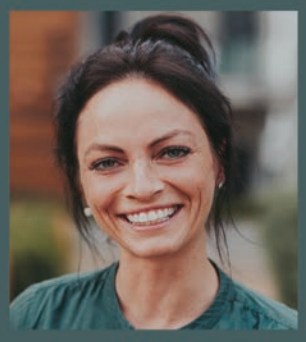


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Santa Monica, CA 90405

DECEMBER 10TH
SATURDAY 9:00 - 1:00 PM

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Bulldog Estates

Business banner protest



Grace Inez Adams

DTSM: Downtown property owner John Alle has hung banners from his vacant storefront on the Promenade saying Santa Monica is not safe due to crime. Serious crimes spiked locally between 2014 and 2018 before starting to drop. According to the Santa Monica Police Department, the most serious crimes (Part 1) including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, grand theft auto and arson dropped by 16 percent in 2019, 5.5 percent in 2020 and 2.9 percent in 2021. Through October of this year, Part 1 crimes were level with last year. However, Part 2 crimes including non-residential burglaries, grand theft auto and auto parts theft (such as the theft of catalytic converters) have seen sharp increases in recent years. In the most recent numbers those crimes increased by about 8 percent year on year with almost all of that accounted for in by an increase in simple assault (including threats of violence and assaults with minimal injury).

BOA

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inspiration from knowing that the experience may be a core memory for guests.

"Oh, that's what we thrive on in this business. That's what fuels our fire, that's what drives us to be bigger, better," he said. "And, you know, it gives us energy when we see things like that, it's like creating a dish that people are like, 'wow,' and they're just blown away by it."

While it's a steakhouse, Ha said they value innovation at the restaurant with seasonal dishes and some unexpected applications of their classic techniques.

Their fan-favorite Goat Cheese Baklava takes a dessert dish and converts it into something that can go before or after the main course.

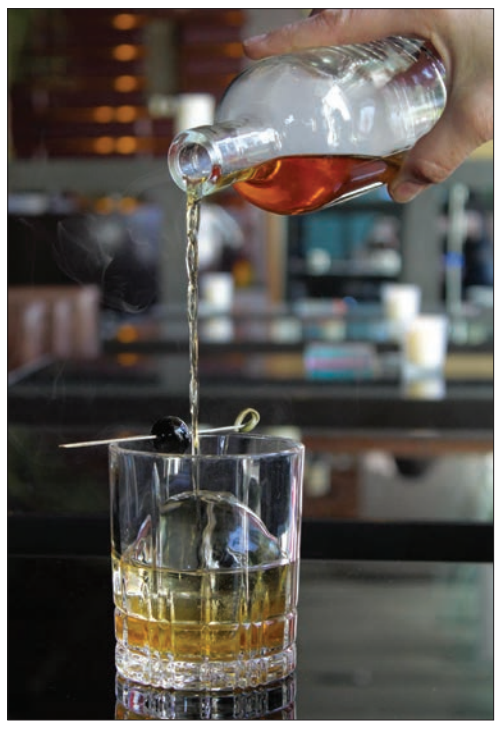
"When you think of a Goat Cheese Baklava, you might think of a dessert, but it's actually a savory dish," he said. "It's a nice, sweet, savory dish that people kind of cling on to. It has a nice, crisp, exterior taste, and then it has a creamy richness and the sweetness of the dish that people really like, with the honey and the goat cheese and the truffle. We put some pistachio nuts in there as well, so there's a lot of lots of components to the dish, and when we prep it, it does take some time and some love," he said.

That time and love is a big part of their philosophy and extends to their front of house staff.

"The friendliness of our team, the welcome that you get when you come in," said Ha regarding what makes a customer's experience worthwhile at BOA. "And being near the beach and having a 180 degree view of the ocean helps as well. When you can see the ocean from almost every seat in the dining room, that's a big, big plus."

Ha said the goal of any meal served at BOA is to make a lasting impression.

"You know, we make memories," he said.



Courtesy photo

COCKTAIL: The food and drink at BOA are designed to make memories.

"We want [customers] to be like, 'Wow, I can't wait to go back again.' That's the depth of emotions and the feelings that we want to trigger with each and every one of our guests."

BOA Steakhouse, 101 Santa Monica Blvd. boasteak.com

SMOKE SHOW

2.5 oz Knob Creek Rye
.25 oz Grade A Maple Syrup
1 dash Orange Bitters
1 dash Angostura Bitters
.25 oz water
B-Stamped Large Ice Sphere
Apple Wood Chips, Smoked
Garnish: Luxardo Cherry

Federal officials ramp up efforts to fight homelessness

JANIE HAR AND GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

President Joe Biden's administration announced Monday that it is ramping up efforts to help house people now sleeping on sidewalks and in tents and cars as a new federal report confirms what's obvious to people in many cities: Homelessness is persisting despite increased local efforts.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development said that in federally required tallies taken across the country earlier this year, about 582,000 people were counted as homeless — a number that misses some people and does not include those staying with friends or family because they do not have a place of their own.

The figure was nearly the same as it was in a survey conducted in early 2020, just before the coronavirus pandemic hit the nation hard. It was up by about 2,000 people — an increase of less than 1%.

The administration aims to lower that by 25% by 2025.

"My plan offers a roadmap for not only getting people into housing but also ensuring that they have access to the support, services, and income that allow them to thrive," Biden said in a statement.

The 2022 All In strategy roadmap made public Monday follows a 2010 effort called Opening Doors, which was the nation's first comprehensive strategy seeking to prevent and end homelessness.

Ann Oliva, CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness and a former HUD executive who worked on the first roadmap, said the federal government can influence local action with financial incentives, streamlined processes and strong policies.

Homelessness among veterans, for example, has plummeted as a result of federal leadership, and the country has also made inroads among youth, she said.

"What they're trying to do here is to show, as a federal government, we are going to work across agencies, we're going to break down silos, we're going to lead with equity, we are going to talk about upstream prevention and work on those issues," Oliva said.

The federal plan highlights racial and other disparities that have led to inequity in homelessness. It seeks to expand the supply of affordable housing and improve on ways to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place.

Potential steps include a campaign to encourage more landlords to accept government housing vouchers and encourage local governments to build more apartment complexes that are affordable for working families.

The administration also announced a program to have federal agencies work with local officials to reduce unsheltered homelessness in select cities that have not yet been named.

Homelessness has become a major political issue, especially in the nation's biggest cities and on the West Coast.

The new survey finds that Los Angeles has overtaken New York as the city with the largest homeless population. In New York, where most people experiencing homelessness are in shelters, the total number declined to less than 62,000 this year from nearly 78,000 in 2020. Homelessness grew more slowly in Los Angeles, but still edged up to more than 65,000 from under 64,000 two years earlier.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass took office this month and promptly declared a state of emergency. New York Mayor Eric Adams last month announced a plan to treat mentally ill people and remove them from the streets and subways, even against their will.

This year's Point in Time survey reflected a balancing of opposing forces. The pandemic brought massive job losses, particularly for lower-income people, and higher rents. It also spurred an eviction moratorium and temporary federal aid, including tax credits for families that helped keep people housed.

The count found homelessness declined among veterans, families, children and young adults. Most were staying in shelters, though the number of those sleeping in places not intended for habitation rose. More people had been homeless for more than a year. Black people continued to be disproportionately likely to be homeless.

The new count was heavily anticipated because the 2021 survey was incomplete due to the pandemic. This year's survey wasn't a full return to normal, however. While the individual tallies normally take place in late January, many were pushed back to February or March because of the pandemic. The local reports compiled into the national data showed the numbers rose in some places and fell in others.

Mulvihill reported from Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

LA HOMELESS COUNT

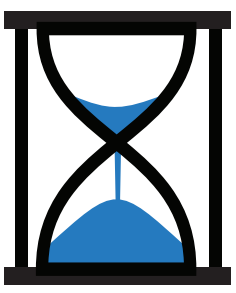
The results of the 2022 county-wide Homeless Count showed the total number of homeless residents increased to 69,144 from 66,436 in 2020, the last time the count occurred. No count was conducted in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions and officials said the rate of increase slowed from previous counts with homelessness increasing by 26% between 2018 and 2020 and only 4.1% between 2020 and 2022.

In Santa Monica, officials reported an 11% decrease during the most recent count but officials said those numbers were a reflection of decreasing shelter populations caused by Covid-era reductions in capacity. At the same time, the count showed a 36 percent increase in the number of homeless people sleeping in "vehicles/makeshift shelters" over the 2020 count, with 135 individuals found in those situations compared to 99 in 2020.

The county is currently recruiting for the next count. For more information and to register, visit: www.santamonica.gov/santa-monica-homeless-count

Eric Uller at Police Activities League (PAL) sexually abused teen boys in the 1980s – 2010.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0262
925 Wilshire Blvd
APPLICANT/APPELLANT: Alex Kallberg
PROPERTY OWNER: Robert Braun

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant (JP's Bar and Grill) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (21ENT-0262) to allow the sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption (Type 47 ABC license), in conjunction with the operation of a new 3,034 SF bar and grill establishment. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.11.020, a Conditional Use Permit is required for a bar use within the Mixed-Use Boulevard district. The Planning Commission will consider compliance under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including whether the proposed project is categorically exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines 15301 (Existing Facilities).

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023, AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/egteprrg or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 1277515 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling (408) 740-7256 (Meeting ID: 254122195 and Passcode: 3052 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Cary Fukui, Associate Planner
Re: 21ENT-0262

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Cary Fukui at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at cary.fukui@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

GET IT DAILY...

LA taps hotel rooms as estimated 40,000 people live homeless

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The new mayor of Los Angeles, Karen Bass, said Sunday her administration will start moving homeless people from tent encampments into hotels and motels through a new program that launches Tuesday.

Bass told NBC's "Meet the Press" host, Chuck Todd, that her plan to move homeless people into rooms immediately will not "address everybody, but it is going to address, hopefully, a significant number." She said people will not be forced to move, but that sanitation crews will stand by to clean up areas after people have left.

"But this is not coercing people. This is not ticketing people or incarcerating people. This is moving people from tents to hotels or motels," she said.

On her first day as mayor of Los Angeles, Bass declared a state of emergency on homelessness. She vowed to get people housed and more housing built so that residents can see a real difference, which hasn't been visible despite billions spent on programs to curb homelessness, including $1.2 billion in the current city budget.

Bass, a Democrat and former congresswoman, has said she intends to get over 17,000 homeless people into housing in her first year through a mix of interim and permanent facilities.

An estimated 40,000 people are homeless in Los Angeles, a city of nearly 4 million. Homelessness is hugely visible throughout California with people living in tents and cars and sleeping outdoors on sidewalks and under highway overpasses.

Bass said outreach workers will try to coax people indoors. People are homeless for a variety of reasons, including mental illness, addiction and job loss.

The mayor's office did not provide on Sunday details of the housing program, including what it would cost and where the money would come from.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom first launched the idea of placing homeless people in motel and hotel rooms at the start of the pandemic in 2020. He has since encouraged cities and counties to convert motels and other buildings into housing for homeless people.

Advocates for the homeless have welcomed the use of motel rooms, where people can have their own bathroom far away from the clutter of congregated shelters. But they have criticized what they call "sweeps" of encampments that force people to move and separate them from their belongings in the absence of a firm motel room offer.

Todd asked Bass how to judge her success on eliminating homelessness.

"Encampments should be significantly down if not eliminated, and there should be housing being built, underway, at a much more rapid pace," she said. "And there should not be 40,000 people who are unhoused, that's for sure."

CRIME

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sword.

Multiple LAPD vehicles passed through Santa Monica Monday afternoon with lights and sirens on their way to a home near Abbot Kinney Blvd. The initial call came in as a burglary suspect in a partially boarded up building and officers eventually fired tear gas into broken widows to flush out the suspect.

The suspect was arrested shortly after the gas was deployed and officers found a machete at the location.

The Westside Current contributed to this report.

BLIZZARD

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Microsoft in recent years has largely escaped the more intense regulatory backlash its tech rivals such as Amazon, Google and Meta have endured. But the sheer size of the Activision Blizzard acquisition — which could be the priciest in tech industry history — has drawn attention.

Microsoft's last big antitrust battle occurred more than two decades ago when a federal judge ordered its breakup following the company's anticompetitive actions related to its dominant Windows software. That verdict was overturned on appeal, although the court imposed other, less drastic, penalties on the company.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 20)

Maybe love is all you need, and you'll test the premise by giving and giving, fully intending to give until it hurts, except that it never will. You'll get back so much that you'll need storage for your bounty. More features: the exact teacher you need for mastering a skill, a roundabout way to treasure and an expansive build. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 33, 1, 10 and 12.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're never too busy to do what matters to you, and you tend to do it sooner while the lower priorities are pushed to later. Whatever you can do to make people feel important while they wait will grease the social wheels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today's ambition is a net flung as far as you're able, followed by an arduous, sweaty retrieval that will prove to be, when finally complete, fruitful indeed. The bounty will include new leads, potential relationships and money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Certain relationships come with a wider range of emotions. One in particular is giving you extremes. Whether it's now in a season that leaves you feeling wholehearted or holehearted, your feelings will change soon.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Things look one way in the daylight, and then the night gives you a different way to view the scene. "As the evening twilight fades away, the sky is filled with stars, invisible by day." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your subconscious has a gift for you. It will bubble to the surface of your awareness in a passing thought, an intuitive nudge, a creative inspiration or a dream in the night. The idea is a solution that could solve many problems at once.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People want your company, but you're reticent to give it. There's something else that's important to you that you haven't been tending to. You'll feel more generous with others after you've taken the time to do what you enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today, only the most interesting subjects will earn your attention. Once your attention has been captured, you are completely absorbed and may even lose track of time as the world outside your focus dissolves into mist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is human nature to be attracted to a free offer, and also to devalue such an offering. Give something small for free, but never something truly valuable. Let people pay you with some commodity, be it money, attention, time or other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It takes courage to take what's on the inside of you and display it for all to see. You could stand to give yourself more credit for being brave enough to share your ideas, wants and feelings. You'll be admired for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people typically prefer to stay out of the spotlight, but it doesn't mean they don't need to feel seen just like everyone else. Seize the opportunity to publicly praise a person who doesn't usually seek attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't avoid hard work, but if there's an easier way to do the job, you want to know about it. There's too much you want to accomplish to waste time and energy doing things the hard way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whatever you are feeling, express it. Good or bad, a feeling that's bottled up causes tension in the body. Holding it in takes energy that could be better used on your projects, relationships or in building your immune system.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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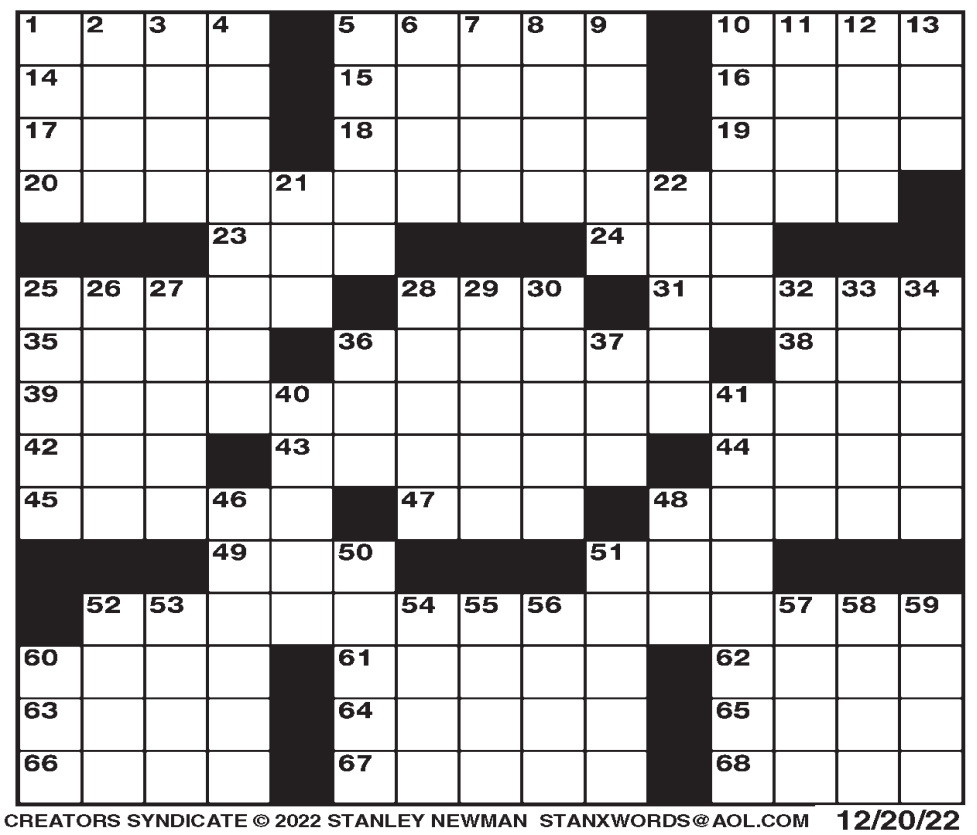
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Newsday Crossword

OUTPOURINGS by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Reduce speed
5 Rolled-up sandwiches
10 Blueprint detail, for short
14 City-related, for short
15 Hunter's weapon
16 "Not guilty," for example
17 Spanish cheers
18 Walking __ (elated)
19 Clasp in one's hand
20 Raves from theater critics
23 Pocketbook or suitcase
24 Serving of corn
25 Breakfast strip
28 Org. for Tiger Woods
31 Taxi-fare calculator
35 "Once __ a time . . ."
36 Indoor sports venues
38 Nintendo game console
39 Watching films on Netflix or Hulu
42 Approximate landing hour: Abbr.
43 Was used up
44 A Great Lake
45 Powered by sunlight
47 Prof.'s helpers
48 Synthetic fabric
49 Floor-washing implement
51 Weep
52 Gowns that drape gracefully
60 Twosome
61 Financial worth
62 Solemn pledge
63 Gumbo vegetable
64 Signs of the future
65 __ importance (trivial)
66 Pass out poker hands
67 Moral principle
68 Having no clutter

DOWN
1 Urban air pollution
2 Amazing thing
3 Dollar bills
4 Turkey part that may be broken for luck
5 Incorrect
6 Jewelry on a finger
7 Miles away
8 Ballerina's bend
9 Bring out, as dinner
10 Shape of a ball
11 Snow-clearing vehicle
12 Snakelike fishes
13 Unmannerly man
21 007 creator Fleming
22 "You are not!" reply
25 Vehicles for school kids
26 Is __ (probably will)
27 What ocean reefs are made of
28 Make a paper copy of
29 Italian salami city
30 Black __ (cattle breed)
32 Spin a baton
33 "Old MacDonald" refrain
34 Gotten out of bed
36 Physicians' org.
37 Qty.
40 Cupid's projectile
41 Before you know it
46 Having no ethics
48 Rock taken from a mine
50 Turn on one foot
51 Top of a wave
52 Counterfeit thing
53 Pre-euro Italian coin
54 Christen
55 Secluded valley
56 Sand hill
57 Out of harm's way
58 Sicilian volcano
59 Photographed
60 Peas' natural container

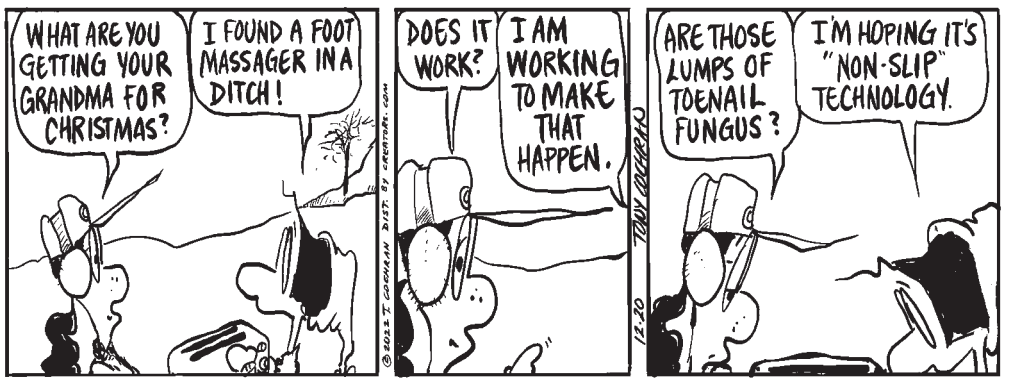


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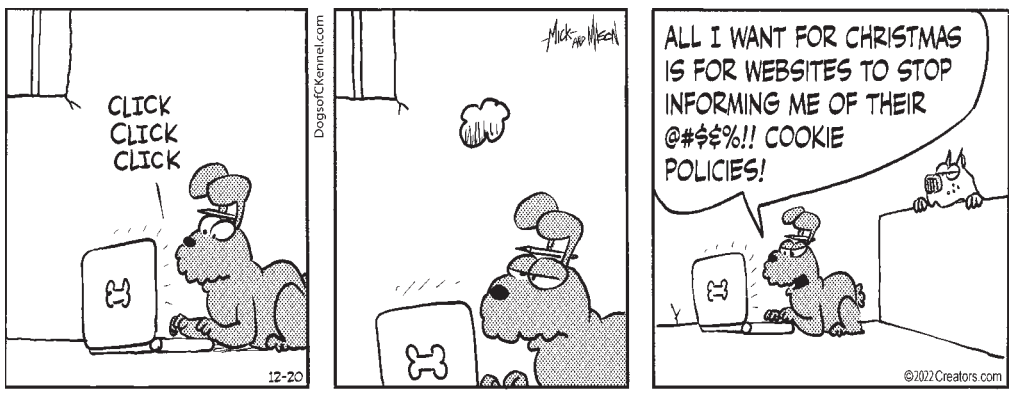
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By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



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By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



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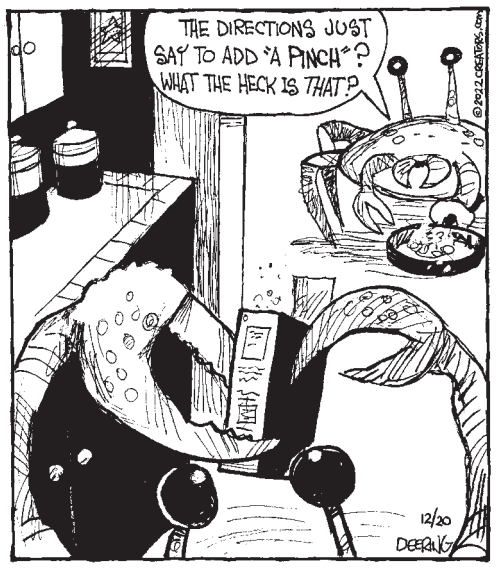
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"SANTA'S HELMETS DON'T LIE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 12 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5699

Cattle market

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WISE Minds
A Veterans Benefit!

What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 20

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Join a community-led discussion of an exciting mystery novel each month. Currently held on Zoom. Email library@santamonica.gov to join. 7 - 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 21

WINTER SOLSTICE LIGHT-UP CARD WORKSHOP
Celebrate the shortest day of the year and the start of winter by creating a light up card for the holidays. Drop in. For all ages. Main Library. 3 - 4:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA OCEANAIRES AT SANTA MONICA PLACE
The Santa Monica Oceanaires come to Center Plaza for the holidays! Listen to beautiful a capella music from this talented, local barbershop chorus. Join in the holiday cheer at Santa Monica Place this season! 395 Santa Monica Place 2 - 3 p.m.

HOLIDAY FERRIS WHEEL LIGHTING AT SANTA MONICA PIER
Every holiday season, Pacific Park lights the chilly December nights with fun and festive holiday icons and patterns on the world-famous Pacific Wheel Ferris wheel. The wheel's 174,000 LEDs shine brilliantly over the Pacific's rolling surf, and this year's holiday light program will include animated snowflakes, reindeer with blinking noses, holiday emoji, and an 80-foot tall snowman that waving cheerily from above the Pier.

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 22

NFL FOOTBALL GAME DAYS AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Support your favorite football team and watch the game on one of over 20 TVs at Tavern on Main's NFL football watch party, every Monday, Thursday and Sunday. Up your game time snacks with amazing food and drink and celebrate the win with friends and fans. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St.

MENORAH LIGHTING AT LOEWS SANTA MONICA BEACH HOTEL
Join Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel in the lobby at nightfall for a Hanukah treat and Menorah lighting with our resident Rabi from December 18-26. A special Hanukah menu will be available for the holiday at Blue Streak restaurant. 1700 Ocean Ave. 5 - 7 p.m. https://www.loewshotels.com/santa-monica/discover/holidays

MENORAH LIGHTINGS AT THIRD STREET PROMENADE
Celebrate Hanukkah with nightly menorah lightings taking place throughout the month of December on the 1400 block of Third Street Promenade. 5 - 6:30 p.m. 1300 Block Third Street

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC AT LOEWS SANTA MONICA BEACH HOTEL
Sip on handcrafted holiday cocktails and let the festive entertainment bring the magic of the season to life at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. All That Jazz – Thursdays from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave.

HOLA IBIZA AT LOULOU
Grab your friends and family and come experience the magic Mediterranean Isla Blanca at ¡Hola Ibiza! Night at the Santa Monica French-Mediterranean restaurant, LouLou. Every Thursday at 6:30pm, starting December 1st, guests can fully taste and experience the Bohemian Chic lifestyle with live musicians and performers such as the group Spanish Guitar LA and limited-time specials of authentic Spanish paella, tapas, and sangria! LouLou, 395 Santa Monica Place #300

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 23

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC AT LOEWS SANTA MONICA BEACH HOTEL
Sip on handcrafted holiday cocktails and let the festive entertainment bring the magic of the season to life at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. Acoustic Evenings – Friday from 6 - 9 p.m. Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave.

THE ARTIST COLLECTION AT LOEWS SANTA MONICA BEACH HOTEL
Join for this year's Holiday Edition, spotlighting Artist Susu Zheng. Susu Zheng is the founder of Susu, a handbag brand with a new flagship boutique in Santa Monica. Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Ave.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 24

SANTA MONICA BEACH BELLES AT SANTA MONICA PLACE
Come watch the Santa Monica Beach Belles perform high-flying kicks that will "wow" the whole family at Center Plaza. Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place. 12 - 4 p.m.

ICE AT SANTA MONICA
Visit Winterlit's Ice at Santa Monica to experience all-day ice skating. Skate under the stars at the only 8,000 square-foot outdoor ice rink on the Westside and enjoy no timed sessions, no limits and an all-day skate pass lets you skate to your heart's content and includes re-entry. $20. 1324 5th Street. https://downtownsm.com/winterlit

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.9**

TUESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Little off-season SSW swell holds. Minor NW swell blends in. AM winds look favorable — look for the Dawn Patrol to be especially slow again before the tide drops.
WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Up a notch from the start of the week as SSW swell nudges up. Minor NW swell blends in. Potential for AM offshore flow.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 62.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 47.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/12/20	Tue	06:16 AM	6.06	H
2022/12/20	Tue	1:29 PM	-0.50	L
2022/12/20	Tue	7:46 PM	3.59	H
2022/12/21	Wed	12:22 AM	1.89	L
2022/12/21	Wed	06:53 AM	6.53	H
2022/12/21	Wed	2:12 PM	-1.13	L
2022/12/21	Wed	8:35 PM	3.71	H
2022/12/22	Thu	01:05 AM	1.98	L
2022/12/22	Thu	07:33 AM	6.89	H
2022/12/22	Thu	2:56 PM	-1.57	L
2022/12/22	Thu	9:23 PM	3.77	H
2022/12/23	Fri	01:50 AM	2.05	L
2022/12/23	Fri	08:16 AM	7.09	H
2022/12/23	Fri	3:42 PM	-1.78	L
2022/12/23	Fri	10:13 PM	3.80	H
2022/12/24	Sat	02:37 AM	2.10	L
2022/12/24	Sat	09:01 AM	7.08	H
2022/12/24	Sat	4:30 PM	-1.77	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/17
33 56 64 66 68
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 158 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/16
8 35 40 53 56
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 465 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 12/17
3 4 11 27 39
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 17 M

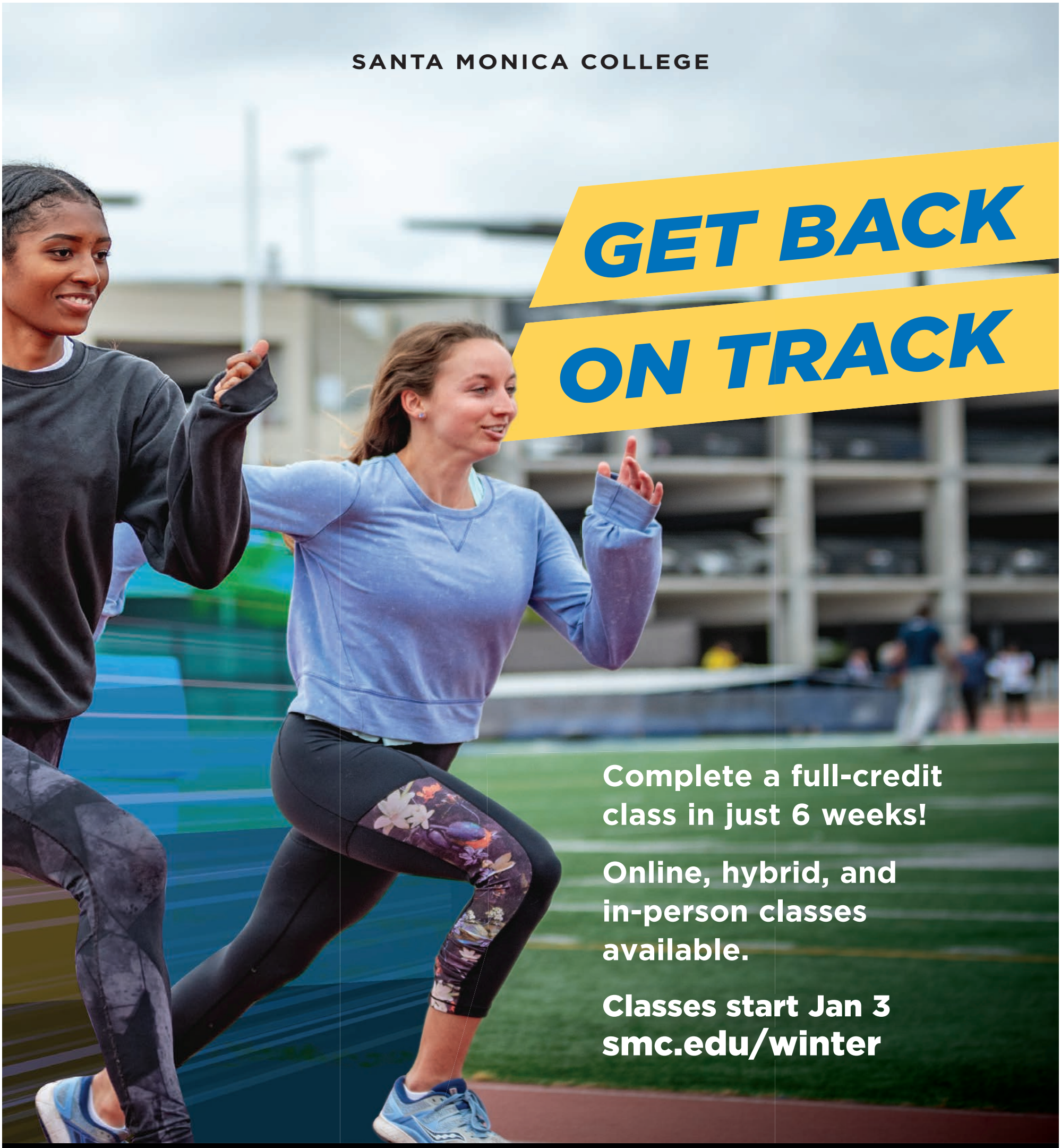
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EVENING: 7 6 3

Draw Date: 12/18
MIDDAY: 0 7 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/18
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:48.39

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