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The Polar Bear Swim returns to Annenberg Beach House this New Year

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The brave of heart and young of spirit are invited to participate in the Polar Bear Swim by plunging into the chilly ocean on Jan. 2 before returning to Annenberg Beach House for a dip in the warm pool and some well deserved hot cocoa.

After a pandemic induced hiatus in 2021, this family friendly outdoor community event is back for the 4th year. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with the first plunge for youth scheduled to start at 9:15 a.m.



Courtesy photo

SWIM: The annual Polar Bear Swim mixes a cold dip in the ocean with recovery in a warm pool.

"Polar bear swims are traditional in a lot of places that are a lot colder than Southern California, but I've always loved the idea of getting people out of their comfort zone and thinking of using the beach and the beach areas in different ways year round," said Beach Recreation Supervisor Heath Hamilton, who is organizing the event.

Indeed, there will be no need to cut a hole in the ice or have safety scuba divers on deck in case participants go into shock, as is the practice in some of the more frigid East Coast versions of the event. However, lifeguards and harbor patrol officers will be out as will the event mascot Pat the Polar Bear.

"We have great support from

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Testy times



Matthew Hall

PCR: Local Covid testing sites have seen a significant increase in demand recently as the Omicron variant speeds through the area. The site at Santa Monica College offers free PCR testing with an online appointment (https://book.curative.com/sites/32436).

Santa Monica parents express strong support for school district's COVID-19 policies

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Parents in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) like the district's masking policies and support vaccine mandates for students of all ages. But there was one outlier to the consensus: Malibu.

That's according to survey results from about 3,500 district parents, teachers and staff members that were released by the SMMUSD last Thursday, Dec. 16.

Overall, those who responded

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New Year volunteer and donation opportunities

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Giving back is often at the top of new years resolution lists, but as the holiday season fades away and the hustle and bustle of daily life returns, those good intentions can often slip by the wayside.

Fortunately, it has never been easier to donate to good causes in the community or get involved with volunteer work.

The We Are Santa Monica Fund

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Automatic Alarm 800Blk Berkeley St 3:21 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Washington Ave 12:49 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 1:23 a.m.
EMS 2900Blk Pennsylvania Ave 2:05 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Arizona Ave 3:11 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 5:18 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Neilson Way 5:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk 15th St 6:07 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 9th St 8:01 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 8:48 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Palisades Ave 9:01 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Ocean Ave 9:33 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 10:08 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 10:18 a.m.
Structure Fire 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:39 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:54 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk 20th St 12:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1700Blk Montana Ave 12:18 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 12:32 p.m.
Public Assist 300Blk Ocean Ave 1:50 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Ocean Ave 1:54 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk 16th St 2:19 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 700Blk Ozone St 3:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:47 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk Kansas Ave 3:53 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 18th St 4:00 p.m.
Vehicle Fire Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 4:22 p.m.
EMS 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:02 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 800Blk Grant St 5:37 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 6:13 p.m.
Public Assist 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 6:52 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 7:41 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:55 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 8:07 p.m.
EMS 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:29 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 21st St 8:47 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 4th St 9:05 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 2nd St 9:07 p.m.
Public Assist 1300Blk 15th St 9:14 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 9:19 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Pico Blvd 9:48 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 4th St 11:13 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Hill St 11:13 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR-END APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The Santa Monica City Council is now accepting applications for year-end appointments of members to the following City Boards and Commissions:

Board/Commission	Number of Appointments	Term End Date	Requirements
Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight	3	6/30/2023	Santa Monica Resident
	2	6/30/2024	
L.A. County West Vector Control District	1	6/30/2026	Santa Monica Registered Voter
Santa Monica Pier Corporation	4	6/30/2026	Resident or person who does business or are employed in Santa Monica.

Applications due by noon, January 4, 2022.
Appointments to be made by City Council, January 11, 2022.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income that may be materially affected by their official action. The applicant appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

All appointments are conditional on providing evidence of COVID-19 vaccination. Applications are available on-line at: www.smgov.net/boards All current applications on file will be considered.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 281 CALLS ON DECEMBER 22

Battery 1600Blk Ocean Ave 12:05 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Main St / Pico Blvd 1:06 a.m.
Shots Fired 1400Blk 4th St 1:17 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Centinela Ave / Interstate 10 1:31 a.m.
Suicide 2800Blk Neilson Way 5:29 a.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 2800Blk Neilson Way 5:54 a.m.
Vandalism 1500Blk Berkeley St 6:24 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:03 a.m.
Found Property 1800Blk Ocean Ave 7:15 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:04 a.m.
Found Property 2600Blk Main St 8:10 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 900Blk Palisades Park 8:27 a.m.
Burglary 1400Blk 14th St 8:37 a.m.
General Parking Problem 900Blk Ocean Ave 8:53 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk 19th St 9:07 a.m.
General Parking Problem 100Blk Arizona Ave 9:09 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 14th St 9:57 a.m.
Death Investigation 1500Blk 14th St 10:04 a.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Pico Blvd 10:09 a.m.
Forensics Request - Photo 1500Blk 14th St 10:31 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2000Blk 3rd St 10:39 a.m.
Identity Theft 1100Blk 7th St 10:42 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1000Blk 10th St 10:50 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300Blk 30th St 10:50 a.m.
Bike Theft 900Blk 9th St 11:08 a.m.
Speeding 23rd St / Pico Blvd 11:14 a.m.
Petty Theft 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:21 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 900Blk Harvard St 11:31 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1000Blk Broadway 11:36 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400Blk 2nd St 11:50 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:51 a.m.
Follow Up 1700Blk Appian Way 12:14 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 23rd St 12:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1700Blk Montana Ave 12:18 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900Blk Ocean Ave 12:19 p.m.
Vandalism 200Blk California Ave 12:21 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 12:32 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1500Blk Berkeley St 12:33 p.m.
Follow Up 2500Blk Euclid St 12:37 p.m.
Attempt Auto Theft 2500Blk Beverley Ave 12:48 p.m.
Grand Theft 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 1:06 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 3200Blk Donald Douglas Loop S 1:13 p.m.
Grand Theft 2900Blk Neilson Way 1:22 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk 25th St 1:22 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:29 p.m.
Vandalism 2000Blk Ocean Ave 1:31 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk 25th St 1:39 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2600Blk 31st St 2:04 p.m.
Found Property 1700Blk Stewart St 2:06 p.m.
Encampment 1800Blk Main St 2:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Pico Blvd 2:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:22 p.m.
Encampment 800Blk 10th St 2:26 p.m.
Warrant Suspect Pick Up 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:57 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk Ocean Ave 3:06 p.m.
Fire 700Blk Ozone St 3:36 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2600Blk Barnard Way 3:53 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 200Blk The Beach 3:58 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk 9th St 4:02 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1000Blk Pier Ave 4:15 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk Harvard St 4:18 p.m.
Encampment Olympic Blvd / 26th St 4:22 p.m.
On Foot 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:24 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 4:25 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk 9th St 4:49 p.m.
On Foot 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 4:52 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1200Blk 14th St 5:01 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:01 p.m.
Attempt Armed Robbery 1600Blk 7th St 5:07 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:07 p.m.
Runaway 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:18 p.m.
Arson 800Blk Grant St 5:38 p.m.
Vehicle Out Of Space 1000Blk Pearl St 6:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500Blk 6th St 6:05 p.m.
Fight 2600Blk Expo Line 6:14 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 500Blk 15th St 6:17 p.m.
Lost Property 1300Blk 4th St 6:17 p.m.
Battery Now 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:27 p.m.
Grand Theft 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:30 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 6:42 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:42 p.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 7:35 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2000Blk 14th St 7:53 p.m.
Burglary 1300Blk Yale St 7:58 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1300Blk 7th St 8:00 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop PCH / Entrada 8:13 p.m.
Grand Theft 1100Blk Idaho Ave 8:58 p.m.
Speeding 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 9:10 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 3100Blk Donald Douglas Loop S 9:34 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:37 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1100Blk 16th St 10:30 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1300Blk Ocean Ave 10:34 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Stewart St / Exposition Blvd 10:50 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Gale Pl / San Vicente Blvd 10:56 p.m.
Identity Theft 1200Blk 19th St 10:59 p.m.
Battery 4th St / Arizona Ave 11:01 p.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 11:06 p.m.

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth
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The Pilot Who Crashed the Party (A Dangerous Satire in Two Acts)

Tomorrow is Christmas and, if I needed a reminder, I just watched the 1938 movie "A Christmas Carol" based on Charles Dickens' novella. Sadly, this is our second "Covid Christmas" which is why I'm hoping for a much-needed joyous holiday. That's why I have my fingers crossed. (Which also might explain any typos.)

For Paul Sand, a friend and neighbor for thirty-five years, Christmas came early. The son of Ernest Sanchez, an aerospace tool designer, and Sonia Borodiansky, a writer, for decades Paul has been an actor, director, producer and playwright. Recently he received the perfect holiday gift from a long-time benefactor, enough money to fund a workshop to get his latest play, "The Pilot Who Crashed the Party," up on its feet with the ambitious goal of one day taking it to Broadway.

Paul knows a thing or three about Broadway having won a Tony for Best Performance by a Featured Actor in "Paul Sill's Story Theater." In it Sand played 11 characters, including a dog which, according to reviews, stole the show.

In person, I recently saw Paul's uncanny understanding of canines when we were schmoozing in the Shores library. We were chatting about his new play and remarkable career that included, at age 17, studying mime in Paris under the tutelage of the famed Marcel Marceau and, at 20, touring with mega-star Judy Garland.

Suddenly, in the lobby, we heard two growling dogs about to fight. Paul volunteered that he could mimic those noises and proceeded to do just that. He sounded so remarkably realistic we were immediately visited by a handsome Samoyed named Sherlock and his owner named Peter. Sherlock barked as though he was searching for the right words and Paul barked back so expertly Sherlock rushed over to continue the "conversation." Paul shrugged, "I only wish I knew what I said."

Before I get to Paul's play, I want to share his endearing story about Judy Garland who would soon be going on a tour of the country via train with her talented cast which was what Paul was auditioning for. So young and nervous, after his audition, Paul immediately went into the alley and, for lack of a better word, got sick. Suddenly he felt a soothing hand on his forehead... Judy! Paul was thoroughly embarrassed but Judy replied empathetically, "When we go on tour you can use my bucket." (Suffice it to say, Paul had gotten the job!)

Another story of Paul's many good fortunes during his youth is how he became a member of Marceau's troupe. A recent high school graduate, Paul flew to Paris knowing no one and not speaking French. He went to the "International Herald Tribune" hoping they knew how to contact Marceau. He met with columnist Art Buchwald who one day would be syndicated in 500 newspapers. Having grown up in foster homes, at 17 Buchwald enlisted in the Marines, became a Fighter Squadron Sergeant, moved to Paris after the war and had Marceau's contact info in his Rolodex.

Given his easy charm and enthusiasm, Paul talked his way into being the only American in Marceau's company. (Or maybe I should say he "mimed" his way because his pantomime audition was a bullfighter on his first day on the job.)

As for Paul's playwriting the initial play he ever wrote "Louis From Work" was for the legendary director/producer Jerome Robbins whose credits included West Side Story that won two Tonys and 10 Oscars! As was the custom, Paul's play, part of "The Festival of Two Worlds," was performed in an ancient village two hours from Rome and was a huge success. For his efforts, Paul received



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PAUL SAND: Actor, director, producer and playwright.

an award from Luchino Visconti the highly revered Italian filmmaker, stage director and screenwriter.

Regarding "The Pilot Who Crashed the Party," Paul says cryptically, "To me, the title says it all ... and then some." He confided, however, that he once shared the play with the late Gordon Davidson, the famed Artistic Director of Los Angeles' Mark Taper Forum, who produced over 300 plays. Optimistic,

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Obituary

by June Stoddard

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Ken Danziger

Ken Danziger (a.k.a. Kenneth Scott) was born on January 12, 1945 in Essex, England. Six months after being diagnosed with cancer Ken died on December 12, 2021 at his home in Santa Monica. Ken was an actor and director, and for the last twenty years devoted himself to the Didi Hirsh Suicide Prevention Center (SPC).

Ken's mother brought Ken to California in his teens where he began theater studies at El Camino College prior to returning to the UK, training at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, and then joining Joan Littlewood's Stratford East Theatre Company. Ken excelled in stage, film, and television acting in London, New York, and Los Angeles, as well as extensive voice work in radio, audio books and looping. For BBC Radio Ken was Cliff opposite Alfred Molina in A Small Family Business directed by Martin Jarvis, OBE. Theater credits included his Off-Broadway debut as Dad/Manager in Greek (Actors Playhouse & Matrix Theatre/LA) a play that shook the theatre community, and regionally, as Major Murgatroyd in Patience (Antaeus Theatre), Dr. Alfred Feldmann in Duet for One (Chester Theatre, Fountain Theatre), Lord Gordon in The Grace of Mary Traverse (Edgemar Center for the Arts). John Tillinger in Ashes, Ovation Award nominated (Fountain Theatre). He directed The Man Himself (Stages), and Mozart's Zaide (John Anson Ford Amphitheatre) to critical acclaim. In film Ken was best known for The Holiday, The Scout, Between Two Women, Jumpin' Jack Flash, Yellowbeard and numerous televisions credits.

Beginning in 1999 Ken became an accredited counselor, supervisor, and teacher for the Didi Hirsch SPC where he was able to use the wisdom, compassion and skilled listening from his years as an actor to train listeners that less is more, that words matter and can turn a story around, and that everyone can help prevent suicide. His SPC family is currently searching through their arsenal of "Ken-isms" to express their love and devotion and find a way to move on without his inimitable presence and wit and warmth; "onward!" as Ken would have reminded them.

Ken was devoted to his wife of 42 years, Tina Scott, who survives him. They met in London, moved to New York and Los Angeles where they made their home in Santa Monica for the last 40 years. Ken did not want a fuss made about him. That being said, devoted friends will do just that at the Fountain Theatre on a date TBD in May 2022.

In lieu of flowers donations in Ken Danziger-Scott's memory can be made to the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center, the Colburn School of Music, or to the Fountain Theatre.

Submitted by June Stoddard

SURVEY

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to the survey from Santa Monica's school sites said they felt "very satisfied" with safety protocols; "very satisfied" with the district's testing program; "very satisfied" with the district's screening process (including things like temperature checks); and "very satisfied" with the outdoor masking protocol.

When it came to vaccine mandates, the results were largely the same: "very supportive" on vaccine mandates for high school and middle school students and, while some school sites such as Olympic High School and Roosevelt Elementary School were a slightly more tepid, Santa Monica parents still had an overwhelmingly positive response to vaccine mandates for elementary school students.

Out west in Malibu, responses were decidedly more mixed.

There was no marked support for the district's safety protocols, with Webster Elementary and Malibu High School showing moderate support, while Malibu Middle School and Malibu Elementary respondents were less satisfied. But the starkest difference came in responses to questions over outdoor masking protocols and vaccine mandates. In fact, no Malibu school sites expressed overall support for vaccines or outdoor masking. In the city's two elementary schools, about twice as many parents said they were "very unsupportive" of elementary school vaccine mandates than those who said they were "very supportive."

Both SMMUSD Board Vice President Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein and Board Member Laurie Lieberman said they believed the number of respondents made the survey results valuable as district leaders decide how to more forward as the third year of the pandemic begins.

"We received a good cross-section of responses from parents, staff and secondary students from all schools and district offices," Tahvildaran-Jesswein said in a statement provided by the district. "The data set is expansive and provides valuable information to our school board and district leadership for our continued discussions of protocols and interest in off-ramping certain protocols."

Lieberman wrote in an email that the survey results would be combined with expertise from health experts as the board determined protocols going forward. In the past, both Lieberman and Tahvildaran-Jesswein have spoken in favor of vaccine mandates for at least some ages of students.

"As we move into the new year, advice from public health and other officials at the county, state and federal levels of government is also developing and changing as the new Covid variant spreads," Lieberman wrote. "We will need to pay close attention to medical and public health experts while also staying in touch with our school community as we consider the timing and details of modifications in SMMUSD protocols."

According to SMMUSD Board Member Craig Foster, representing Malibu, the answer to the disparity between Malibu and Santa Monica responses was implementing rules for the whole district that would apply to each school site based on different markers.

"I would certainly like to see there be a broad set of criteria for the whole district," Foster said. "And then they're implemented on a site-specific basis, which would allow for schools that are smaller or have particular circumstances to have different experiences of what the overall plan looks like. I think that would be good. And I think it's possible. And in a district with this much diversity of school experience, it would be a smart thing to do."

The criteria would be based on both COVID-19 metrics and logistics, Foster suggested.

In response to questions about the usefulness of the survey–which drew 3,524 respondents–Foster said it was "tricky."

"I think surveying parents is tricky because even under the best of circumstances you hear from not all the parents, and typically those who are most motivated on whatever side of the issue they're motivated on," Foster said, adding that he was "less focused on the survey" and "more focused on putting in place policies that are rational and make sense of the circumstances."

The board was expected to discuss protocols, including the possibility of vaccine mandates, at an upcoming board meeting. No official date has been set for that hearing.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 5:11 A.M.

SMPD Officers were dispatched to a call of a suspicious person in the alley on the 800 block of 4th St. Upon arrival, Officers observed a female standing next to a car and noticed a male running toward the car and turning on the vehicle. After several commands to stop, the male turned off the car and exited, spontaneously stating he had cut the catalytic converter from a nearby vehicle in the subterranean garage. Officers found multiple tools known to be used to cut catalytic converters and noticed a partially cut catalytic converter on the vehicle the subject had mentioned. Elizon Munoz Hernandez was arrested for Burglary, Possession of Burglary tools, Receiving stolen property, and Conspiracy to commit a felonious crime. The female that was with him, Giselle Senead Carrillo, was booked for conspiracy to commit a crime and was later cited out.

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DONATE

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is a one stop shop for local charitable giving. Established at the outset of the pandemic to raise COVID-19 relief funds, the organization has recently altered its donation categories to serve a broader range of causes.

These causes include supporting small businesses, providing resources to BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ organizations; ensuring access to healthy food and places for play and exercise; investing in sustainability; and sharing resources with families who need extra support. Donations can be made at calfund.org/wearesantamonica/.

Individuals who donate to the fund can write off their contributions as tax deductible, while supporting non-profit organizations and community initiatives in need of funding. The fund is managed by the 501(c)3 California Community Foundation, which is able to provide this tax deduction benefit and helps review non-profits who apply for grants from the fund.

"Santa Monica is a wonderful community and the people that live here have such big hearts and I think anytime that you can invest back in the place that you live, it helps make it a better and a stronger community," said Debbie Lee, Chief Communications Officer and staff liaison to the fund's advisory board.

Grant applications are currently open for registered nonprofits that operate in Santa Monica and support one of the fund's broad causes. Grants are available for up to $25,000 and applications can be submitted at tinyurl.com/WeAreFundApplication.

For individuals who wish to give their time the City has a database of volunteer opportunities at www.weare.santamonica.gov/get-involved. Listed below are a selection of current opportunities that span a range of community initiatives.

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

The 100 Homes Initiative is an effort run by the City to move 100 people from Santa Monica's interim shelters into permanent housing across Los Angeles.

The initiative is seeking volunteers to assist in three ways: by phonebanking property owners to find buildings that will accept federal housing vouchers, by donating furniture and household items and by helping manage moving day logistics. Those interested in getting involved can fill out a short survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/100homes.

"That would probably be right now to be the most beneficial way for people to get involved and contribute towards a very important need in our community," said Lee in regards to the 100 Homes Initiative.

Other nonprofits addressing homelessness that are seeking volunteers include The People Concern, Upward Bound House, Step Up On Second and Chrysalis.

Chrysalis is seeking volunteers to help their formerly homeless clients practice job interviews, perfect their resume and write cover letters. This mentoring work has a six month commitment and is completed entirely remotely. Volunteers can sign up at https://tinyurl.com/ChrysalisVolunteer.

FIGHTING FOOD INSECURITY

Meals on Wheels West is one of the leading providers of free nutritious meals in Santa Monica, and is always seeking volunteer drivers to deliver its meals to homebound neighbors of all ages. This is a critical resource for elderly residents, veterans, formerly homeless individuals, the immunocompromised, people with disabilities and individuals with acute mental health issues.

Driving shifts begin at 10:45 or 11:45 a.m. and last for around two hours. Individuals interested in signing up can email Jen Kappelman at jen@mealsonwheelswest.org or visit the online scheduler at https://west.mowscheduler.com/helpwanted.

The Westside Food Bank is another key provider of food locally and supplies the Virginia Avenue Food Pantry that has supported around 200 families who experienced food insecurity over the course of the pandemic. Individuals are able to donate dried foods and canned goods directly at the food bank on 1710 22nd St.

IMPROVING EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

The Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club is looking for volunteers to assist with their youth programming for one or more hours a week. There are a wide range of opportunities and commitment lengths available.

Volunteers can assist with athletics, arts and crafts, tutoring, computer skills, the teen center, fundraising and more. More information is available at https://www.smbgc.org/get-involved/volunteer/.

Another key community need is increased funding for the Santa Monica Public Libraries, which lost 40 percent of its staff during the City's pandemic-related budget restructuring. Currently the Main Branch Library, Pico Branch, and Ocean Park Branch have reopened with limited hours and services, while the Fairview Branch and Montana Avenue Branch remain closed to the public.

Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library is an advocacy organization dedicated to restoring funding to the libraries. The organization also helps fund the library's summer reading program, Dia Celebration and the Arts & Literacy Festival, and library branch Teen Advisory Councils.

The organization is currently looking for volunteers who can contribute in the areas of fundraising, advocacy, social media marketing and graphic design. Those who are interested can email friendsofsmpl@gmail.com.

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LAUGHING MATTERS

FROM PAGE 3

Davidson told Paul, "The theme of your play, everybody goes through and will be easily translated worldwide" Davidson predicted, "One day "Broadway."

Since he already has actors on board, Paul's looking for a space large enough to workshop the play. So as not to entirely use up the Christmas present an ideal space would be a modestly priced empty theater or an empty hangar-like at the airport.

As I've nearly run out of my allotted 800 words, my holiday wish for tomorrow is summed up by the hopeful sentiments of the very wise Tiny Tim, "Merry Christmas to us all and God bless us, everyone." (Also, if you happen to have an empty hangar laying around please e-mail Paul.)

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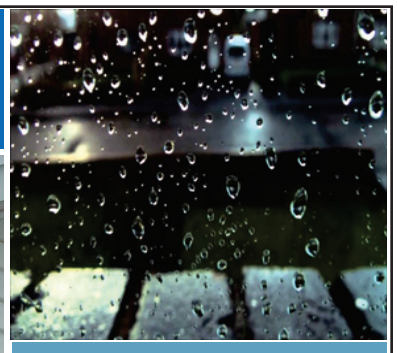
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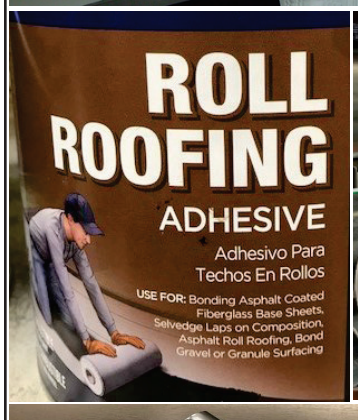
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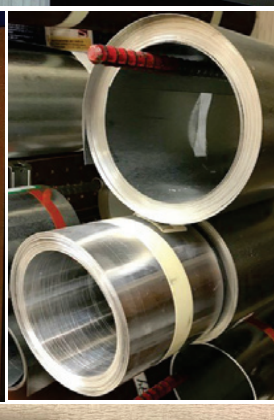
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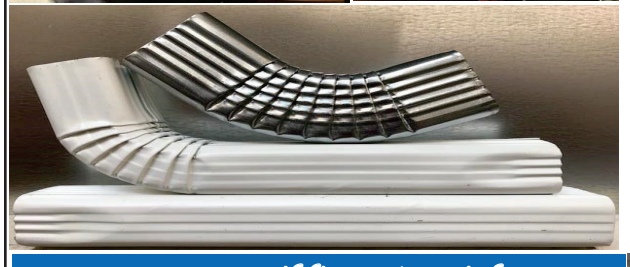






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SWIM

FROM PAGE 1

the Los Angeles County Lifeguards and the Santa Monica Harbor Patrol, so people love to see the boats when they come out and the jet skis," said Hamilton. "Pat comes out and is very photogenic, kids love to get their pictures taken."

Swimmers are challenged to complete a 300 yard swim around a buoy in the ocean, while the littlest swimmers are encouraged to simply take a few paddles in the water. Post plunge the warm waters of the Annenberg Community Beach House pool will be waiting and heated to a cosy 93 degrees.

The event will also featured a donation drive for the City's 100 Homes Initiative, which is a project to move 100 individuals out of interim shelters in Santa Monica and into permanent homes across Los Angeles. So in addition to a swimsuit and a towel, participants are asked to bring small kitchen and bathroom items such as sponges, dish or hand soap, paper towels, and disinfectant wipes to donate. For more info on the 100 HOMES Initiative and ways to get involved contact humanservices@santamonica.gov.

Registration for the event is open at https://tinyurl.com/SMpolarbearswim and in-person registration will be available, but limited, on the day of the event. All are welcome to join in.



Courtesy photo

BEAR: The event will be held on Jan. 2.

"We've had people participate all the way from little kids younger than eight that have to have their adults get in the water with them, all the way up to people in their sixties, seventies and eighties that have come out and done the swim," said Hamilton.

While the Polar Bear Swim is intended to kick off the new year with a splash, the Beach House has other exciting activities coming up in 2022. Hamilton said to keep an eye out for the return of community classes such as beach volleyball, yoga and synchronized swimming and visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com for more information.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica Education Foundation Kicks Off Calendar Year-End Campaign with $50,000 Match

Through December 31, donors can double their impact for Santa Monica students Santa Monica, Calif., December 17, 2021 – Thanks to an anonymous donor who has offered a $50,000 matching gift, parents and community members can now double their support for Santa Monica schools. This generous community member is offering a dollar-for-dollar match for all donations to the Ed Foundation up to $50,000 through Friday, December 31.

"We are honored that a member of our community has come forward with such a generous gift, and I hope it inspires others to give," said Alison Havel, President of the Ed Foundation Board of Directors. "Donations help fund important social-emotional programs for students, along with arts programs and instructional assistants. During this season of giving, I hope many people will take advantage of this matching gift to help our students and schools."

Donations to the Ed Foundation support a variety of programs and additional staff at each public school in Santa Monica. This includes elementary instructional aides, who work with students in small groups, elementary arts programs, and a stretch grant for each school. In addition to using stretch grants for STEM and other enriching programs, many schools are using their stretch grants this year to bring in social-emotional programs to support students, from elementary school through high school. These social-emotional programs help students reduce stress, and develop social and academic skills so they have a better sense of themselves and are ready to learn.

For more information, go to smedfoundation.org. Donations can be made at smedfoundation.org/donate.

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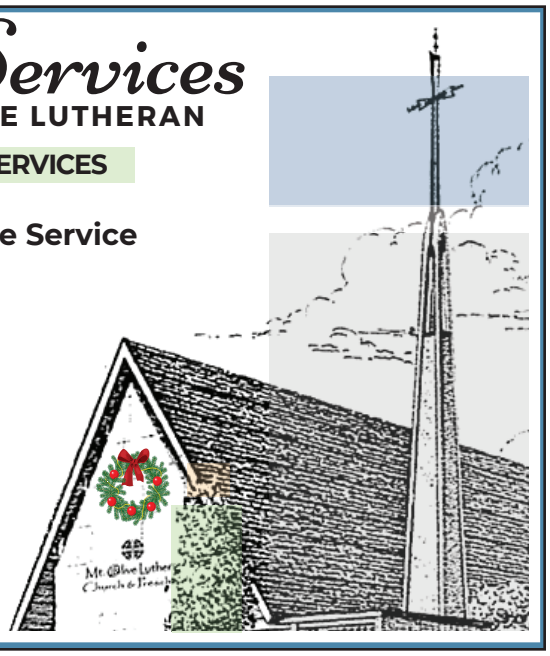
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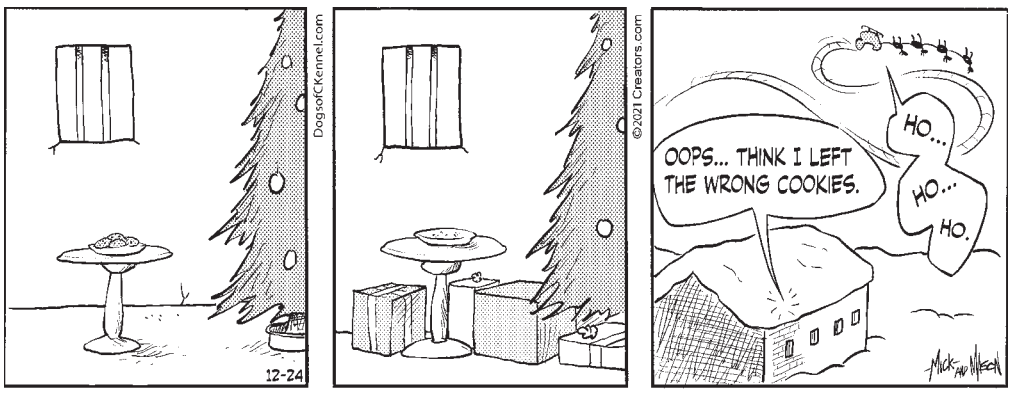
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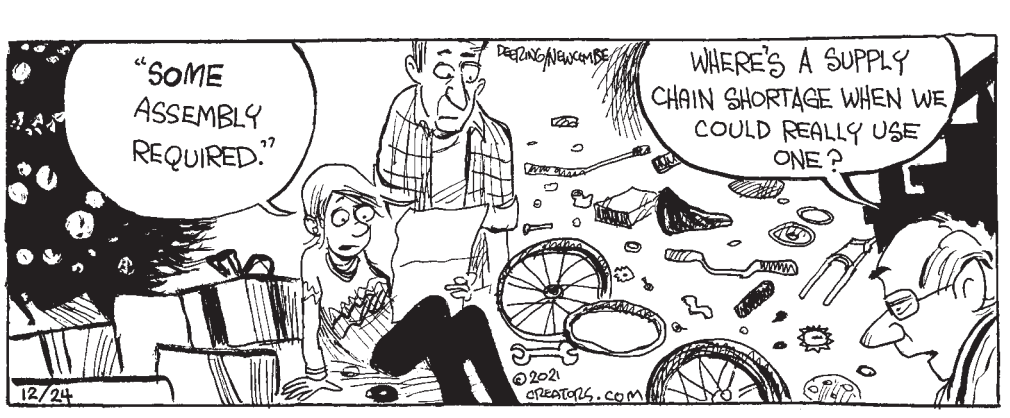
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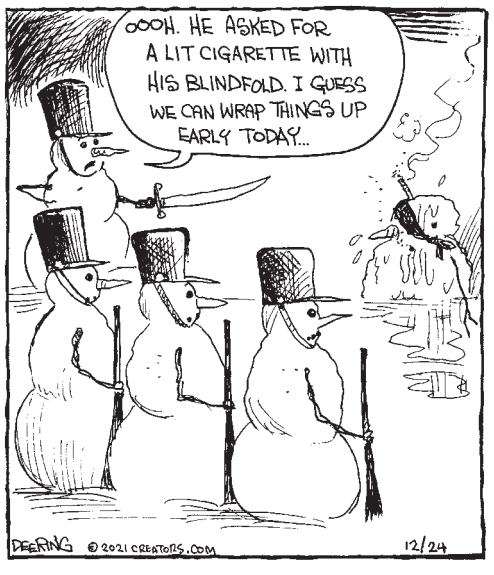
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"NAUGHTY KITTEN?"

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.3°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
NW swell mix creeps up through the day. Onshore W/NW wind increasingly likely.

SATURDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Storm track is active along the West Coast but is trending too close to the coast for much surf. There could be some residual energy filtering in from Friday's storm.

WEATHER

Friday: Rain, mainly before 10am. High near 60. West southwest wind around 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Saturday: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/12/24	Fri	01:37 AM	3.53	H
2021/12/24	Fri	05:33 AM	2.94	L
2021/12/24	Fri	11:27 AM	4.75	H
2021/12/24	Fri	7:04 PM	0.21	L
2021/12/25	Sat	02:28 AM	3.74	H
2021/12/25	Sat	06:55 AM	2.95	L
2021/12/25	Sat	12:25 PM	4.23	H
2021/12/25	Sat	7:50 PM	0.53	L
2021/12/26	Sun	03:14 AM	4.07	H
2021/12/26	Sun	08:49 AM	2.67	L
2021/12/26	Sun	1:48 PM	3.69	H
2021/12/26	Sun	8:41 PM	0.85	L
2021/12/27	Mon	03:54 AM	4.51	H
2021/12/27	Mon	10:22 AM	1.99	L
2021/12/27	Mon	3:31 PM	3.34	H
2021/12/27	Mon	9:34 PM	1.16	L
2021/12/28	Tue	04:33 AM	5.03	H
2021/12/28	Tue	11:27 AM	1.12	L
2021/12/28	Tue	5:04 PM	3.26	H
2021/12/28	Tue	10:25 PM	1.43	L
2021/12/29	Wed	05:12 AM	5.60	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 12/22
7 16 19 48 68
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 400 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 12/21
25 31 58 64 67
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 187 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 12/22
11 16 20 21 26
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/22
4 11 30 31 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/22
EVENING: 3 1 0
Draw Date: 12/22
MIDDAY: 4 9 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/22
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:47.55

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 24)

As far as rides go, this year will be the exciting sort that people line up for, including climbs, swoops and thrilling twists. You'll have the most fun when you stay loose and yet well-aligned. A long process comes to a happy end. You'll be certified in some way. Surprises in your personal life bring out your best. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 16, 7 and 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get what you weren't quite ready for and it's brilliant... proof positive that you don't have to be perfectly prepared to be able to make the most of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Authenticity is not something you can easily describe or define because it's different for each person and situation. But you know it when you see it and you feel it when you're in it. Honest goodness is the prevailing note today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The spotlight swings to you for good reason. You have demonstrated that you know what to do in its glow. You've earned this attention. Your practice is paying off. Enjoy it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't worry about who's better and who's best. As you find satisfaction with being good at something, loving and learning it, you feel rich indeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-doubt is normal, especially right before the big moment. Dig a little deeper for the rock-solid kernel of confidence that prompted you to take a chance in the first place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The opportunity of the day looks a lot like work, which of course it is. The opportunity of the day is work leading to more work followed by the deep, profound satisfaction of work well done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who don't warm up to many people will feel safe around you. It's not so much what you say, but the way you say things. Your connection with people of different generations will be especially nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a strong inclination about how you should be spending these moments. Follow it. Don't get hoodwinked into thinking that the other people around you know better. Your way is best for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever mood you strike, it gets magnified by the particulars of the day. So, start with joy. Just when you think you couldn't get any happier, you will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The only way to get the kinks out of your plan is to start working it. When the flow of productivity stops, it's the blessing that shows you what to fix. You'll fix it and continue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because solving problems makes you smarter, you don't see problems as frustrating. You see them as interesting little challenges, a point of view that will support your success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may have the impulse to save things that will not be of further use to you. If you're not totally convinced of the inherent value of something, discard it. Love it or lose it.

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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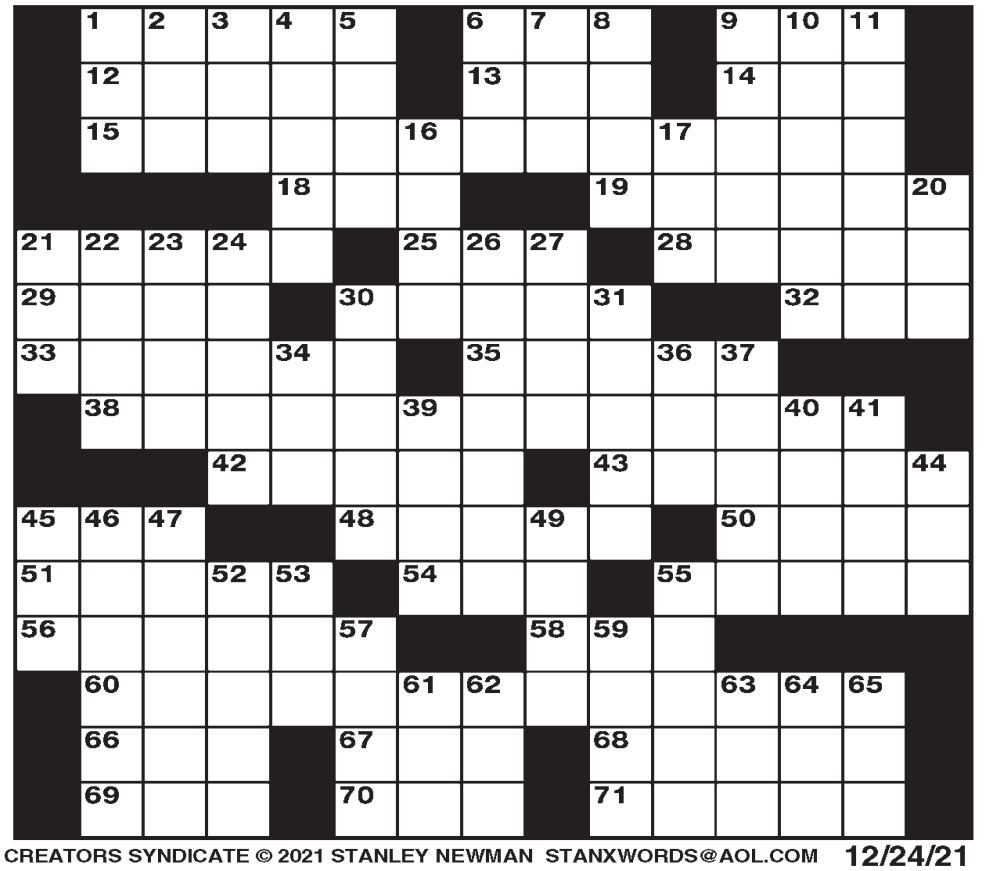
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9 Vaccines.gov proprietor
12 Live now
13 Outmoded
14 Site of the Tell legend
15 Two of the crew
18 Chaotic scene
19 Summer hummer
21 Crew boss
25 Tulane rival
28 One of the crew
29 Sikorsky of aviation
30 Whodunit story
32 *Uno* less than *quattro*
33 Took a second look at
35 Arrays of options
38 Two of the crew
42 Isolated work groups
43 Nintendo exergaming product
45 Balky beast
48 Steal away, in a way
50 Latter-day top choice
51 One of the crew
54 GPS reading
55 One of the crew
56 It's in a nutshell
58 Pinch hitter's aim
60 Two of the crew
66 Flock member
67 Knowbefore-youfly.org partner
68 Conversation starter or ender
69 35mm purchase
70 What fills some shells
71 Geometrician's vertical reference

DOWN
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11 Ash fragment
16 $2 in nickels
17 Quirky behavior
20 Had something
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23 Romance novelist Roberts
24 Hair braid
26 Springfield surname
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30 15-Grammy Brit
31 Bowled over
34 Sashimi fish
36 Verse opener
37 Works with wormholes
39 Cameo, e.g.
40 Page sent online
41 Bank of France
44 Euro denomination
45 Sound of distress
46 Upholstery material
47 Stretch out carelessly
49 9 Down's locale, today
52 Deeply personal
53 Safe Toys and Gifts Mo.
55 Alto instrument
57 Scrammed
59 Party time, for short
61 Scrammed
62 Pack preceder or follower
63 Propellant used by NASA
64 Sorority letter
65 Boasts



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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Barge	Films	Plan	Trim
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