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Popular Downtown pizzeria Dagwoods set to close at the end of the year

Scott Snowden

PIZZA: Many Santa Monica residents grew up eating pizza slices from Dagwoods and it will be missed when it closes in December.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Popular Downtown pizzeria Dagwoods has announced it's set to permanently close at an as-yet unspecified date at the end of 2023. A note was sent out to subscribers to the restaurant's email newsletter on Tuesday morning, about the same that staff were told.

"Thank you for over 25 years of service, Santa Monica. It has been an honor and privilege to build so many relationships with our community," the email said. "Unfortunately, our time has come to an end. Dagwoods will close its doors at the end of 2023, at the earliest. Please get your last orders in. We're going to miss you!"

Restaurant Manager Orlando Hernandez told the Daily Press, "This morning my boss said he had a big announcement so he got everyone together and told us that unfortunately despite a number of efforts to generate more sales, he couldn't afford to pay everyone's wages any more."

Hernandez said that the eatery employs 16 staff and that the owner, a gentleman named Edward Han, was hoping to keep the restaurant open until the end of January 2024, but it will most likely close at the end of December, 2023. The pizzeria earned "Santa Monica's Most Loved Restaurant of 2020" and it managed to survive the pandemic, an event that caused countless closures within the catering industry.

Speaking to the Daily Press, Han said, "It's

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Rainfall to return to the region after months-long dry spell

THOMAS LEFFLER
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Like the rest of the Los Angeles area, Santa Monica has seen a dry period in the autumn months, with nothing in the way of measurable rainfall since a memorable downpour in late August. However, a storm currently brewing in the Pacific Northwest is set to pivot the precipitation trend.

The storm, monitored in the Gulf of Alaska on Monday, will continue to trek south with intentions of dropping into Southern California Wednesday. The National Weather Service (NWS) states that moisture will begin to move into the Los Angeles area on Wednesday, with increasing chances of rain throughout the day. By Wednesday evening, most areas in Los Angeles including Santa Monica can "expect to receive around 0.25 inches or less of rain," the NWS states.

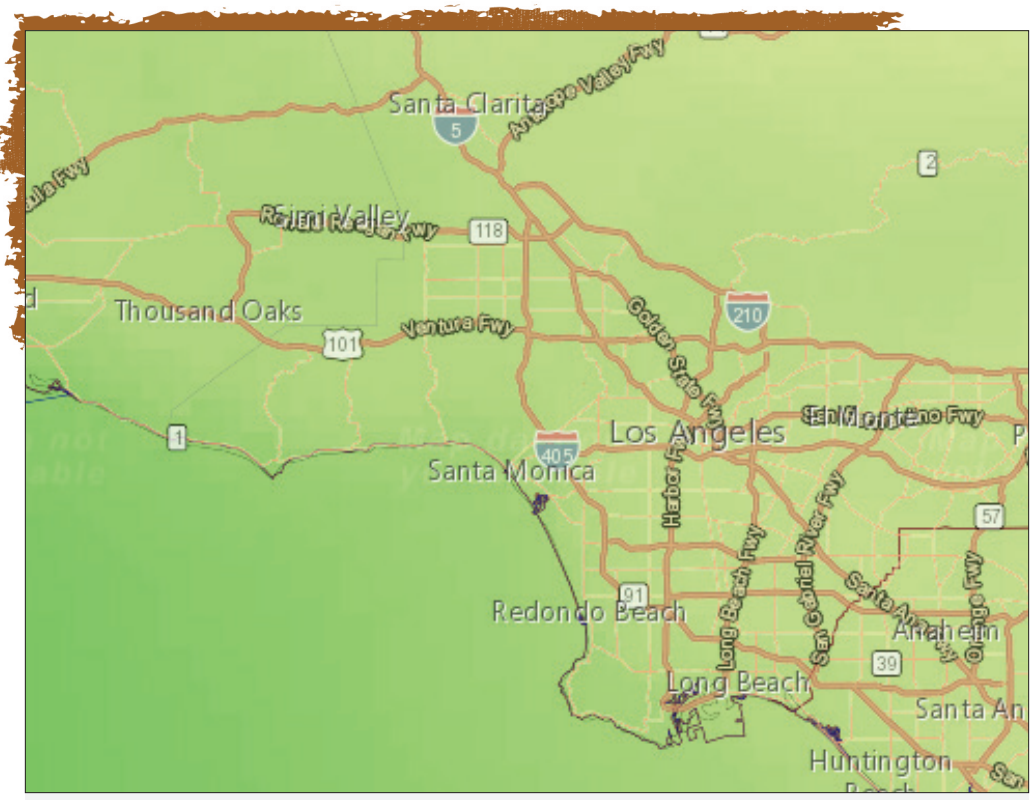
A stalling of the storm, something AccuWeather meteorologist Brandon Buckingham coined a "slow eastward progression," will keep rainfall lingering through the weekend. The NWS noted that there is "high confidence in good measurable rainfall" in the second half of the week, with a general 1-3 inch rainfall forecast for greater Los Angeles, though many areas will "be on the lower end" of that range. The AccuWeather forecast for Santa Monica specifically calls for around an inch of rain through Saturday.

While an inch of rain doesn't appear significant on the surface, the precipitation is due for the area. In late August, Tropical Storm Hilary dropped a 36-hour rainfall total of 3.52 inches, observed at the NWS Santa Monica Municipal Airport station. Since that date, however, the station has not recorded any measurable precipitation, leaving Santa Monica dry for the past three months. The dry spell also stands throughout Los Angeles, as Downtown Los Angeles is seeking its first measurable rainfall since Sept. 30. The 0.05 inches of rain in the downtown area since Hilary's arrival on Aug. 21 is only about 6% of the historical average in that timeframe.

In 2023, Santa Monica's measurable rainfall total stands at 19.06 inches, with the majority coming in the January-March period, cresting with 7.85 inches of rain throughout March. The NWS report also mentioned that this week's storm system "will tap a weak atmospheric river," the culprit of the widespread rainfall in the Los Angeles area during those months.

Due to the winter and spring having hyperactivity in terms of rainfall, the dry spell throughout California did not impact drought conditions, which vanished in 2023. According to the United States Drought Monitor, nearly 98% of California was in at least "moderate drought" conditions at the start of the year, with 35% in the most concerning "extreme" and "exceptional" drought categories. As of Nov. 7, none of the state is under any of those conditions, with only 5.96% of the state considered "abnormally dry."

The early-year precipitation also curbed wildfire activity in the state. According to CalFire, there have been just over 319,000 acres burned in 2023, which is the lowest acreage burned since the 2019 wildfire season. The AccuWeather forecast notes that this week's rain influx "has the potential to effectively put a wrap on the wildfire season" across the state. Though not a wildfire, Los Angeles is still dealing with the aftermath of last week's massive pallet fire that indefinitely shut down a portion of the 10 Freeway in the downtown area.



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RETURN OF RAINFALL: A National Weather Service graphic shows that rainfall will come back to the area beginning on Wednesday.

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Schools to adopt policies on security, environment and P.E.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Thursday's meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will formally adopt and approve previously-discussed policies and plans in topics such as environmental education, physical education and school safety.

In alignment with a prior Board-approved Districtwide Sustainability Plan related to climate change awareness, the board will be adopting official policy on environmental education. The policy recognizes the threat of "global climate change" to California students and schools as "one of the most pressing crises of our generation." Highlighting the promotion of environmental literacy, the district's policy will prepare students "to be stewards of natural resources" and "living an environmentally sustainable lifestyle."

The district's environmental education program may be taught across a wide spectrum of subjects, including science, history and social science, English language arts, health and mathematics when practicable. The program will also provide for "active student participation" in resource conservation and management programs at school sites, with room for district officials to collaborate with other local educational agencies or community-based organizations to enhance curriculum.

Similar board policies have been passed by surrounding school districts since the turn of the century, including Culver City USD in 2006. The SMMUSD push to pass a board policy was aided by Santa Monica High School's Team Marine, who provided the board with its Climate Literacy Resolution passed at a Nov. 2 meeting. Team Marine students will help oversee implementation of the board policy along with several SMMUSD staff members, including Coordinator of Mathematics and Science Rosa Serratore, Samohi instructor of Life and Environmental Sciences Benjamin Kay and Samohi librarian Dana Bart-Bell.

Another board policy set to be adopted concerns physical education and activity, after a recent federal program monitoring audit determined the district did not have such a policy. To remedy the finding, the district is set to adopt a California School Boards Association sample policy and regulation, modified to align with district practices. The policy lays out the district's physical education program that "shall engage students in age-appropriate moderate to vigorous physical activity" including "aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and bone-strengthening" activities. For high school students, the policy states that overall physical activity courses should include "the effects of physical activity upon dynamic health," "the mechanics of body movement" and a host of activities like aquatics, gymnastics, individual and team sports.

The board is also recommended to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan for John Adams Middle School (JAMS) on Thursday. The safety plans for all other SMMUSD school sites were approved on Oct. 19, but the plan for JAMS was not ready at that time. After the approval of the JAMS plan, all schools will have emergency response plans, procedures, routines and structures consistent with the California Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System. Each site plan includes the roles and responsibilities of faculty and staff members during an emergency, emergency procedures, evacuation locations and school maps.

School board will meet at 6 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the District Office (1717 Fourth St.) Meetings are also available via zoom. Visit www.smmusd.org/ for more information.

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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RFQ# 110323 SMC Student Housing RFQ

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, responses to the SMC Student Housing RFQ in accordance with RFQ Documents.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: 12/13/23, 2:00pm

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: 11/29/23 10:00AM sharp. Meet outside front entrance to Bundy Campus at 3171 S. Bundy Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90066. Sign in Required.

The November 29th Pre-SOQ Conference and Site Tour is strongly encouraged but is not mandatory and is not a prerequisite for submitting a Statement of Qualifications. Additional details regarding the Conference and Site Tour will be forthcoming.

Bidding Documents may be obtained & sumbitted by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

Response must conform with, and be responsive to, the RFQ Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only responses submitted to the District in the manner specified and at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

Post Dates: 11/15/23

Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.6**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Worth watching. A storm just off the CA coast brings a bump in WNW swell and some potential weather. Modest new S swell on the rise, likely making for some little peaks through the day. Conditions dicey at this point, AM looking best.

THURSDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Model guidance has soured on the structure of the expected storm off the coast, shifting to shorter/mid-period W/WSW swell. Fun S swell tops out, we'll have to see if we get enough out of the coastal storm to cross it up.

Weather

Wednesday: Showers, mainly after 10am. High near 66. East wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Showers. Low around 57. East wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 67. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
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2023/11/15	Wed	09:16 AM	6.29	H
2023/11/15	Wed	4:52 PM	-0.62	L
2023/11/15	Wed	11:33 PM	3.39	H
2023/11/16	Thu	03:20 AM	2.63	L
2023/11/16	Thu	09:55 AM	6.13	H
2023/11/16	Thu	5:45 PM	-0.51	L
2023/11/17	Fri	12:48 AM	3.28	H
2023/11/17	Fri	04:00 AM	2.90	L
2023/11/17	Fri	10:43 AM	5.83	H
2023/11/17	Fri	6:46 PM	-0.34	L
2023/11/18	Sat	02:19 AM	3.37	H
2023/11/18	Sat	05:03 AM	3.17	L
2023/11/18	Sat	11:45 AM	5.41	H
2023/11/18	Sat	7:54 PM	-0.16	L
2023/11/19	Sun	03:35 AM	3.67	H
2023/11/19	Sun	06:55 AM	3.33	L
2023/11/19	Sun	1:05 PM	4.95	H

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Power#: 21
Jackpot: 255 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/10
13 33 59 68 70
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 245 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/11
7 20 24 34 35
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy5
Draw Date: 11/13
7 16 17 25 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/14
MIDDAY: 7 3 3
Draw Date: 11/13
EVENING: 5 2 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/13
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2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Public Works Department of the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles, State of California, declares that the following monetary sums of construction and demolition (C&D) deposits have been held by the City of Santa Monica and have remained unclaimed for a period of over three (3) years and will become the property of the City of Santa Monica on the 2nd day of January, 2024, a date not less than forty-five (45) days after the first publication of this Notice.
Any party of interest may, prior to the date designated herein above, file a claim with the City's Public Works Department which includes the claimant's name, address, telephone number, amount of claim, and the grounds on which the claim is founded. With any questions, or to request a copy of the Unclaimed Money Claim Form please contact: cdwaste@santamonica.gov.
This notice and its contents are in accordance with California Government Code Sections 50050 – 50057.

Receipt #	Plan Check #	Building Permit #	Check Date	Check Number	Payee Name	C&D Deposit Amount Paid
CD050166	PC017641		5/10/2005	118	JOHANNE VAN TILBERG	($ 1,000.00)
CD050190	PC017745	C13038	5/26/2005	999	INTERIOR REMOVAL SPECIALIST INC.	($ 540.00)
CD050448	PC018416		12/22/2005	7463	MARK & ALYSSA TENNENBAUM	($ 2,550.00)
CD060327	06PC1009		10/6/2006	1172	TAKING THE 5TH LLC.	($ 30,000.00)
CD090143	08PC0677	09STP1042	6/24/2009	4969	GT Williams Construction	($ 1,000.00)
CD090269	09PC0762		11/2/2009	2321	INTERSCAPE CONSTRUCTION INC	($ 5,816.25)
CD100048			2/9/2010	12572	MENEMSHA DEVELOPMENT GROUP	($ 2,040.00)
CD100112	09PC1051		4/8/2010	22649	FORD E.C. INC.	($ 2,061.43)
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CD110057	11PC0110		2/11/2011	1802	JEREMY LANGER & MEREDITH BLAKE	($ 1,000.00)
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CD110386	09PC1158	11STP2382 / 11STP2383	11/30/2011	3589	ABC CONSULTANTS	($ 3,410.00)
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CD120006	11PC0937		1/9/2012	2208	BEATS ELECTRONICS LLC.	($ 30,000.00)
CD120144	12PC0596	12CBP0375	5/14/2012	102	ROBERTA COLLIER-WRITH / LION'S CAPITAL INC.	($ 11,004.00)
CD120194	12PC0700	12STP1303	7/3/2012	6142	ALLEN KOHL	($ 1,000.00)
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CD130370	13PC1329	13CBP0958	10/4/2013	47814	NATIONAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	($ 2,275.00)
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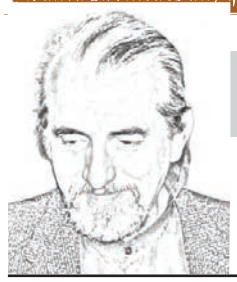

OPINION **CURIOUS CITY**

Charles Andrews

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Santa Monica Politics Part II

BUT FIRST – SOME GOOD NEWS!

And why don't you write about good news more often, Charles? There are so many good things going on in Santa Monica.

Yes, there are. And it's still a great place to live. Step outside and you may feel a delightful ocean breeze, see the sun shining, maybe on the blue Pacific, and if you look in the right direction, maybe no tall buildings. (Getting harder.)

But we don't need to fix the good things, do we? They won't increase crime, traffic, homelessness, water scarcity or overdevelopment, or the political influence peddling that makes them possible or at least a lot worse. So I write mostly about...

THE BAD THINGS

Because how ya gonna fix it if you don't know what's going on, don't know how we got here? Mostly, I don't understand either. But maybe my observations over 38 years in Santa Monica, and 12 years writing this column, have given me some notions. Educated guesses, if you will. So that's what I'm offering here, and in the previous column.

I know, it's a bit of work to try to figure this local stuff out, especially because the bad guys have become very skilled at covering their tracks, and making toads appear to be swans. But this special small city is worth that effort, I think. You have to understand why things are moving in the direction they are, so fast. And – sorry, sorry – you have to be willing to put in the effort to become informed, and, at the very least, vote. Bonus points: inform your friends and neighbors about what you have learned, and make sure they vote.

"WE CALL B.S.!"

Extra bonus points: go to some city-sponsored or neighborhood meeting, armed with your new knowledge and understanding, and if you think someone is trying to bamboozle us, tell them, in the courageous words of Parkland school shooting survivor Emma (now X) Gonzales – "We call B.S.!" The crowd at a rally against gun violence chanted back her simple, powerful, defiant three words as she read a litany of NRA B.S. talking points, and called out the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, for doing nothing, as he collected $30,000,000 in NRA bribes.

No, I didn't forget the "good news." It's not earth-shaking but I feel it is worth acknowledging. Two of our local eating establishments have been consistent good citizens of our community, for many years.

CPK

Even just a few years ago, several local restaurants would offer something to veterans and active duty military on Veterans Day: a free entree, dessert, discount. Krispy Kreme used to offer coffee and a donut, ANY donut, but stopped, as did IHOP and other restaurants. But not California Pizza Kitchen, in the 200 block of Wilshire. They have offered vets a free entree (with drink and bread and olive oil) for at least a decade. They have a limited Veterans Menu to choose from but it's not shabby. Choice of three pastas (large plateful), four full salads, six pizzas, and three drink choices. They treat you like any paying customer – better, even, as you will get several smiling "thank you for your service" greetings from staff. You know what? It's heartwarming to get that, from strangers, 50 years after the fact. (I was drafted, and by great good chance was sent to Germany, not Nam.)

JERSEY MIKE'S

Broadway and Lincoln, makes the best sub sandwiches, in my book, and they also give back to the community several times a year. This weekend, 11/18-19, all locations will donate 20% of sales (not profits) – minimum $2.5M – to Feeding America, through local food banks. Treat yourself, and feed the hungry. They also have been giving back to Santa Monica for at least a decade.

SM POLITICS

I covered a lot of ground in the last column (CURIOUS CITY, Daily Press 11/01/23), and even three columns wouldn't cover it all, but let's see what I can add. Repeating that this is one man's opinion, but based upon decades of observing, listening to all sides, attending meetings, chatting (including both Movers and Shakers), reading. My personal biases are taken into account, of course. (If I wanted to live in Miami Beach, or even downtown LA, I would've moved there.) We get a lot of people passing through, for a year or two – and voting, from "postcard" endorsements – with no notion of what the fallout will be years after they leave. They know nothing about this city, its rich history and place in the LA landscape. And they don't care.

Look around you. Drive north on Lincoln, above the freeway. It's insane what is being built here, and other places in SM. Insane for residents, but perfect sense for those who stand to make billions from such overdevelopment. Almost all those richly benefitting live somewhere else and really don't care what effect it has on us, only that they can get the permission from politicians and bureaucrats to rush it through. In 2004 we were under 87,000; by 2022, under 90,000. In this decade we are losing nearly 2% a year in population. Is it because of a "housing shortage"? No, that is a corrupt myth, coming out of Sacramento and lapped up by some of our local politicos. They don't care if it's not true; it fits their agenda. California's population dipped for the third straight year, down 138,000. CA lost a seat in Congress because of that.

AN AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

That's what we have. SantaMonicans for Renters Rights (SMRR) was a desperately needed new organization that got rent control passed in the '70s and kept many in their Santa Monica homes. But they became more of a political party over the years, as you could not (one exception) be elected to City Council without their blessing. So Council members marched to the beat of the SMRR drum, and it meant that for a renters' advocacy group to remain in control, they had to have more and more renters. More and more housing units. Do you see that part of the puzzle now? SMRR is losing power, but people like Denny Zane, a co-founder, still wield a lot of influence. Former mayor Sue Himmelrich has also been a SMRR big wig, and her husband Mike Soloff got the fast track to the Housing Commission, until some folks started muttering that was nepotism. Duh. Too bad SMRR is so busy making sure SM has a never-ending supply of renters, instead of doing anything to create home ownership, the only solid way to guarantee Santa Monicans can stay in Santa Monica.

Well kiddies, there may have to be Part III because there are still a few goodies I can throw out, to inform and confuse you even more. It's less than a year until the next election, and we need some great candidates for Council to step up, and we need a residents' PAC to support them. We can do this.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

November 1 - December 31

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New program provides an oceanfront view for environmental conservation

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A longstanding Santa Monica institution and an upcoming catalyst in oceanic research have teamed up to protect the city's trademark oceanfront views.

In late October, Hotel Casa Del Mar opened its latest event and meeting venue, called The Conservatory, and will partner with the Schmidt Ocean Institute on a 2024 event slate stressing public engagement in oceanic education. The institute was established in 2009 with focus on "discoveries needed to understand our ocean, sustain life, and ensure the health of our planet," and The Conservatory gels with the organization's Ocean Rising initiative connecting culture and ocean ambassadorship.

Casa Del Mar is no stranger in attempting to shield its oceanfront views from harm, previously partnering with local organization Heal the Bay on charitable efforts, as hotel leadership sees "the health of the ocean" as something deserving of "making a contribution to."

"We've long felt a wish to be part of the community, part of the beachfront scene here, and there's sort of a social responsibility and desire (for that)," said Casa Del Mar General Manager Max Jonas.

Stating that the hotel is "extraordinarily fortunate" to sit "right in the front row seat" of the ocean and beach, Jonas is looking forward to the "exciting opportunity to raise awareness" on environmental and biodiversity issues.

"The pace that humanity moves on is sadly often in (the) opposite direction to the health of the ocean, which supports so much (along with) the ecosystem in itself … it's something we have a very direct connection to," Jonas said.

Over the next decade, the Schmidt institute will be sharing observations from seas around all seven continents, with several expeditions in 2023 focusing on concepts like the frontiers of biodiversity and the stability of ocean health. The group traveled to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in March in search of hydrothermal "lost cities," as well as a trip to Puerto Rico in April to study health diagnostics of deep-sea coral.

In October, the institute discovered pristine coral reefs in the waters surrounding the Galápagos Islands, something Galápagos National Park Directorate Danny Rueda Córdova said would provide "a solid foundation for decision-making that effectively protects these ecosystems."

Courtesy Photo

ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS: Hotel Casa Del Mar's event venue, The Conservatory, will promote oceanic research and education groups such as the Schmidt Ocean Institute.

Aside from aiding in awareness of the institute's work, Casa Del Mar also benefits from The Conservatory being a host for medium-sized events, with the space able to accommodate up to 120 guests for a reception-style event or daytime presentations from a number of groups such as the Schmidt institute.

"The focus … was that we will be able to provide a venue for these sort of ocean health-focused groups to come and hold fundraisers or focus group meetings, and have that backdrop to remind everybody why we're here," Jonas noted.

A 2024 event schedule for The Conservatory will be released soon, with the hotel and institute identifying both local and national charities slated to benefit from the venue. Two of those charities will be The Bay Foundation, a non-profit environmental group attempting to restore and enhance Santa Monica Bay, and Philippe Cousteau's ocean conservation organization EarthEcho International.

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Wilmont residents rattled by recent bike accidents

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Residents of the Wilmont neighborhood are demanding changes to local roads following two crashes at the same intersection in just two weeks.

Tania Mooser died at 19th and Idaho in October and Paul Postel survived a crash at the same place last week albeit with four broken and two bruised ribs.

Postel didn't know Mooser had been killed at the intersection two weeks earlier but as a resident of the neighborhood, he's familiar with the two-way cross intersections. He said he approached the intersection knowing he had the right of way but cautious of the cross traffic as many people don't give the right of way when they should. He said he saw the driver stop, move forward a couple of feet and then stop a second time as he approached the intersection. Seeing the car come to a complete stop, he proceeded to ride through the intersection when the car suddenly accelerated, striking him and sending him sprawling to the ground.

"I'm an avid cyclist," he said. "I live here in Santa Monica and actually, my wife and I only have one car and she takes it to work so if I'm going anywhere in Santa Monica I'm riding my bike."

He said he learned of Mooser's death while lying on the ground after his crash.

"When I was laying on the ground and some bystanders had come and I think some woman said she was an EMT and, you know, she was holding my neck and telling me not to move and someone, an older woman came up saying, someone was killed here two weeks ago and, you know, I was laying on the pavement at the time, I mean, I didn't know what to think of it."

City Council is expected to discuss several ideas for improving road safety Tuesday night (after deadline for this story) and Postel said he supports any effort to prevent similar accidents in the future.

Other nearby residents are planning to attend the meeting to voice their support for additional safety efforts.

Ken Dapper lives nearby and was one of the first to respond when Mooser was killed. The experience left him shaken and motivated him to get involved with the problem. He hosted a memorial for Mooser at his home and will speak at the council meeting.

"I'm advocating that especially within the vicinity where we live, there are three schools, not high schools, grade school through middle school, more measures should be taken at these stops to be 4-way stops or speed bumps or make the markings more legible or premarkings before stop signs, whatever the city is doing with this measure to make sure they follow through."

Dapper said he wants to give his first person experience to the council and work to prevent anyone else from having the same experiences in the future. He also said he wanted more input from local police officers on safety measures.

"I have spoken to the police multiple times and investigators and they all say that they wish they (council) consulted with them more about what to do," he said.

Resident Leah Polk said she also wanted to see more action in the area after seeing both recent crashes and many others.

"I live right at that intersection and walked outside just after both recent incidents – plus I've witnessed several other near misses over the years," she said. "A few months ago two cars came within about an inch of a pretty nasty crash right in front of me as I walked to pick up my kids at school and then just yesterday I saw a car have to slam on its breaks headed north on 21st Street at Idaho because a teenager on an electric bike shot right through that intersection without stopping (it's also a two-way stop like 19th and Idaho)."

Many intersections in the Wilmont neighborhood are two-way, not four-way and one of the ideas before council will be moving more to four-way in addition to adding warning signs.

Once his ribs heal, Postel plans to get back on his bike as both he and his wife are avid cyclists but he's already feeling less safe, even as a pedestrian, following his crash.

"I don't want to ride in fear, but I do riding around town. I think I am certainly going to be more cautious. I mean, I thought I was careful with cars before. But sure, I'm sure it's going to have an effect on me honestly. I've been out walking around the neighborhood a few times, just crossing the street and it kind of freaked out. I mean, I'm sure that'll lessen over time but it's pretty, pretty scary."

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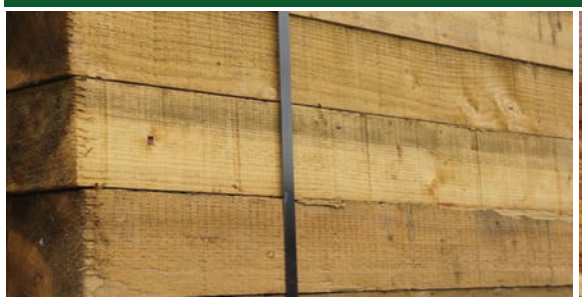

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been a slow decline since then [the pandemic] and I've just got to the point where I feel like juice is really not worth the squeeze. There are too many economic factors that are squeezing us and the conditions just are no longer suitable for this kind of business model."

Han says that another restaurant model might be more suitable, such as a full service restaurant where tips for staff are much higher. He also lists economic issues like the ever increasing cost of inventory, employee retention and even the drop in foot traffic around the Downtown area as factors that have contributed.

Interestingly, both Han and Hernandez mentioned that delivery services like DoorDash, Uber Eats and Grubhub have had a significant impact on the future of the pizzeria.

"They're not helping in any way. They get in-between and squeeze themselves between me and the customers. And they cut out the profits for the mom and pop businesses, they're not helpful. So they're definitely influencing this decision," Han said.

Hernandez says that during the pandemic, many customers used these services because the restaurant only had a very small number of delivery drivers. He says that regular customers understandably got upset and were disappointed in the drop in quality of service. "It's not always easy to hire delivery people, so we had to use these third party companies. But we got a lot of complaints from customers, saying food was left outside [and then often stolen] or not delivered at all."

Not only was the food good at Dagwoods, but the building itself was a small number in Santa Monica that retained an old-school, almost Art Deco aesthetic, one that feels like it should be cherished given the ever-growing jungle of steel and glass.

Han inherited the restaurant from his family and says he won't sell the property, he'll just make it available to rent for another, different restaurant or franchise.

Assistant Manager, Sasha Berry, said that she was going to attempt to contact a social media influencer called Keith Lee. "He goes to dying businesses and restaurants and tests the food to see if it's actually any good. That way people can visit before the place shuts down and maybe even help pick up business. So I'm going to reach out to him during my lunch break," she said.

A customer, Logan, who ordered and ate in during our visit told us, "I grew up eating here, this was a staple of my childhood, this is very nostalgic for me. I didn't know it was going to close until you just told me. Oh man, that's such a bummer. So many good places are disappearing. I'm going to miss this place."

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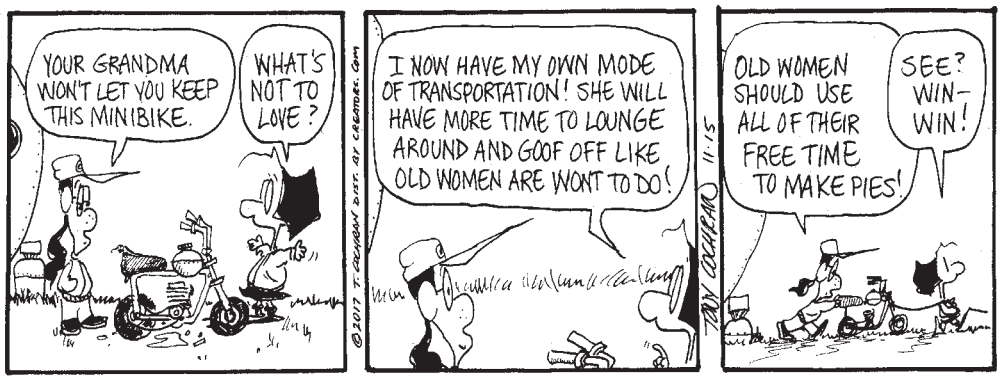

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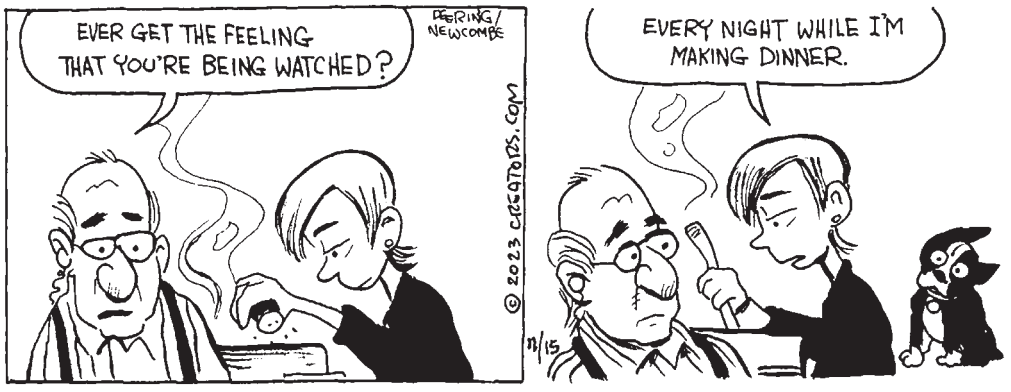

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

"JUST RAKE THEM INTO A PILE."

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

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Beyond the Black Stump

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This is a year of pursuing passions that love you back. A group that celebrates your originality will also give you a complete feeling of belonging. More highlights: successful detective work, a satisfying professional accomplishment, and an unexpected gift that adds new dimension and adventure to your days. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 13, 2 and 8.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Talk about your hopes for a project though they may seem currently unreasonable or the wrong size for your circumstances. Circumstances have been known to change to fit your ideas of what they could be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today is infused with the optimistic notion that progress is being made. It all starts with rapport. You were born with the gift of charm, and you'll use it to connect with interesting people for informative conversation and commerce.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The current venture may not be what you had in mind, but even if you can't exactly do what you want to do right now, it's never too late to be who you want to be. How would your ideal self handle this one?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your mind has been participating in a problem and it will now participate in the solution. Do not doubt your ability to happily resolve the issue. You wouldn't be moved to handle it if you didn't subconsciously know you could.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People who stand to profit from your desire will attempt to entice you at every turn. Instead of leaping to some vision of what others want, dig deeper. What have you been thinking about? What feels right?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll dream big, then focus your effort on one plausible section of the vision. The more realistic the goal, the more chance you have of creating it. Accrue small successes. They will be the building blocks of a big one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You need someone on your side, and it may as well be you. You'll pretend or perform to help things go smoothly. Whether in work or play, you'll be wise to go with the comedian's adage and "commit to the bit."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While everyday problems intrigue you, ordinary solutions will hold no interest. In this way, your creativity is a blessing and a curse. You'll cull from disparate influences to build something remarkable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Instead of putting things off until that famously absentee day called "tomorrow," you will put your life in order now. Happiness and organization go hand in hand, and it's all because you think ahead and take action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are many ways to do what you do. Sometimes, you do it like a job -- other times, like a game. Today, you do it like a prayer of need and of gratitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While falling in love can be a wondrously rare occurrence for most people, celebrating love can happen any time at all and as often as you wish. You'll savor the details and relish memories as well as hopes and dreams of love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Feeling good, in any way and in as many ways as you can, will strengthen your field of energy. The stronger this field is, the more able you are to attract what you want or repel what you don't want.

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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Newsday Crossword

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1 Hairdresser's shop
6 Donation
10 Burger bun tidbit
14 Utah city
15 Just sitting around
16 Creme-filled cookie
17 Low-budget indie movie
20 Take-charge type
21 Right-angle shape
22 Palm fruits
23 Take a chair
25 Residence
26 Swamp grasses
28 __ Antonio, TX
29 Lasting mark
33 Hosiery without heels
35 Video game pioneer
36 "Sting like a bee" boxer
37 Designates officially
39 Potter pal Weasley
40 Type in again
42 Newspaper department covering city news
44 Genesis garden
45 __ XING (street sign)
46 Join forces
47 Garden soil
49 Greeted
50 Oscar actress Julianne
52 Small sphere in a pot pie
54 Study hard
58 Store in a sandwich chain
61 Skin cream ingredient
62 Cupid's Greek alias
63 Brown photo tint
64 Any intrusive plant
65 Bowl-shaped roof
66 Best possible

DOWN
1 Potato, slangily
2 River through Florence
3 Hit the mother __ (strike it rich)
4 Be in charge of
5 Neither here __ there
6 Young woman
7 Admired celebrity
8 Winter bug
9 Connective tissue
10 Most cushiony
11 Lake between Ontario and New York
12 "Electric" fishes
13 __ Perignon champagne
18 Boards, as a train
19 River blocker
24 "My guess is . . ."
25 Lacks, for short
26 Occupied a throne
27 Two-wheeler with a motor
28 Glided on snow
30 Insertion symbol
31 Cropped up
32 Roller skating venue
33 Butcher scale deduction
34 Halley's discovery
35 Working together
38 President before Eisenhower
41 Funded, as a scholarship
43 Got rid of
45 Hunted, with "upon"
48 Keogh plan alternative
50 Stubborn equine
51 Bassoon's cousin
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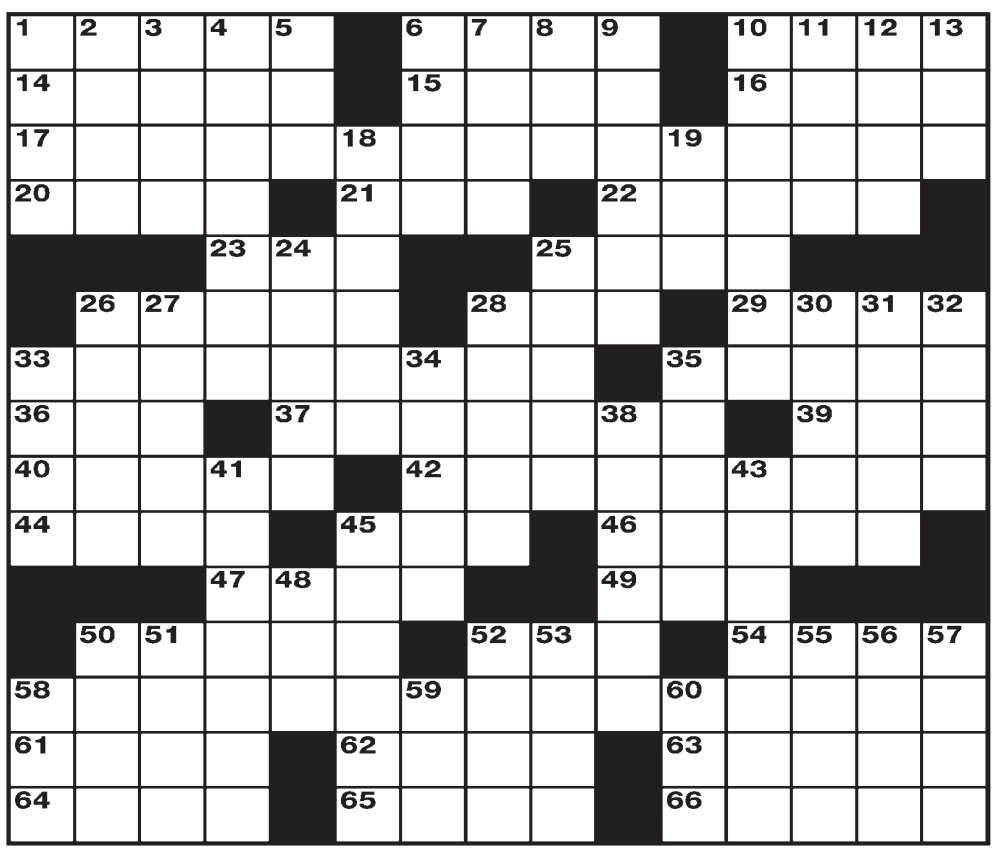

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COMPUTER CLASS - HOLIDAY E-CARDS WITH CANVA
Learn the basics of Canva, a free design tool, and make a holiday e-card. An email address is needed to set up your own account (optional). Intermediate level. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

'TIS THE SEASON: COPING WITH HOLIDAY STRESS & GRIEF
Visit the NAMI Westside Los Angeles information table for resources and referrals to help you and your family cope with the stresses of the holiday season. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 6 p.m.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC
Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30PM-7:00PM at Virginia Avenue Park- Park Center. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 4:30 - 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
Agenda and information available at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/ City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 16

EAST PICO SAFETY PROJECT POP UP AT SANTA MONICA MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
The East Pico Safety Project Team will be at the Santa Monica Mobile Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., collecting feedback about people's lived experiences on East Pico Boulevard between 28th Street/Stewart Street and Centinela Avenue. The project will explore improvements to maximize safety by implementing quick build improvements along the corridor. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BEACH DUNES RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE
On Thursday, November 16th SAMOCAN will be welcoming Nico Predock, from the City of Santa Monica, and Alexandra Tower, from the Bay Foundation, to speak about Santa Monica's Second Dune Restoration Project to the Beach with a brief presentation by CASM's Climate Jobs Corp member Jasmine Contreras. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-santa-monica-beach-dunes-restoration-project-tickets-747492990657, 12 - 1 p.m.

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JOB HUNTING WITH CHRYSALIS
Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. October's selection is A Thousand Steps by T. Jefferson Parker. November's is MAUS I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History by Art Spiegelman. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, 6 - 7 p.m.

TRUTH COMMISSION
Faith community leaders in Santa Monica plan to hold a "truth commission" concerning violent confrontations against picketing hotel workers in Santa Monica, as well as the exploitation of unhoused migrant workers brought in to replace them. 5 p.m. St. Augustine by-the-Sea 1227 Fourth Street

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 17

L.A.'S LANDMARK RESTAURANTS & ICONIC CALIFORNIA FOODS
Author, chef and culinary educator George Geary discusses the iconic eateries and national restaurant chains featured in his books L.A.'s Landmark Restaurants and Made in California. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDER CLUB: FOOD & NUTRITION
Learn about the best foods to fuel your body, with Providence St. John's and the Farmers Market of Santa Monica. Refreshments provided. For ages 2-5. Limited space; registration is required. Email library@santamonica.gov to register. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 18

FRIENDSGIVING AT ISHIHARA PARK LEARNING GARDEN
A day to thank each other for being supportive, and perhaps get a little peek into the life of a Worm Bin !! Maybe its time to Start your own! Have extra gently used toys or Childrens' books lying around? They are preparing for the Annual Toy Swap in December. Help help make the Holidays special for everyone. Don't have kids toys/books? They are also accepting donations of New Socks to help keep feet warm for those experiencing permanent housing challenges. Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd 9 - 11 a.m.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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NOTABLE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of award-winning current and classic fiction, held via Zoom. Contact library@santamonica.gov for the link. October's selection is 10 Minutes, 38 Seconds in This Strange World by Elif Shafak. November's is The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MULTIMEDIA SALE
Marvelous Multimedia Sale of DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, graphic novels, manga, and books inside the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Central Courtyard on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Can't make it to the sale, visit the Bookstore on Mondays & Saturdays from noon - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. We're on Instagram & X @friendsofsmpl. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

AUTHOR TALK WITH STUART GIBBS
Stuart Gibbs, author of several best-selling middle grade series, debuts his two newest books, Spy School Goes North and The Quest of Danger. A book sale and signing follows. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 2 - 3:15 p.m.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19

SMC WIND ENSEMBLE
Kevin McKeown, Director. Don't miss an exciting concert with a focus on living composers on the 'best' coast, centering on modern works for the Wind Ensemble. SMC Performing Arts Center, The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage $10, https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/bed530ce-1a48-48aa-8778-2d3cdc9aa7a5

GLOBAL MOTION WORLD DANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCE
Raquel Ramirez and Sri Susilowati, Artistic Directors. Come experience the excitement and learn about other cultures through performances by SMC dancers showcasing world dance styles — including West African, Flamenco, Ballet, Asian, Hawaiian, Mexican Folklórico, Salsa, and more! The performance includes works by guest artists, faculty, and student choreographers. See smc.edu/dance for details. Broad Stage, $20, https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/a9be4ee9-52d0-4dc3-a473-77211d0a4709

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 20

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION
Agenda online at https://santamonica.granicus.com/boards/w/70e8bee24c0dcfd9/boards/9995 Brentwood Art Center, 1625 Olympic Boulevard 6:30 - 8 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
Agenda online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 7 p.m.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr, 7 - 10 p.m.

VIRGINIA AVE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Agenda online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=52743. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATION & DEMENTIA
Beginning with a basic understanding of Alzheimer's disease and its effect, Alzheimer's Los Angeles will explore communication principles necessary to maintain meaningful connections. They will also use scenarios and offer tips and useful strategies to help with communication issues over the course of the disease. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ O'BRIEN'S
20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Every week the show has a theme, and all the questions and/or answers revolve around that theme. That makes it possible to figure out the answer even if you don't know it. And every question is followed by a song, which is usually an additional clue to the correct answer. O'Brien's Irlsh Pub & Restaurant, 2226 Wilshire Blvd, 8 - 10 p.m.

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 21

GAME DAY FOR TEENS
Celebrate International Games Month by playing board games at the library. Explore new adventures, solve murders, and give your heart to a princess. Teen session for ages 10-18. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 4 - 6 p.m.

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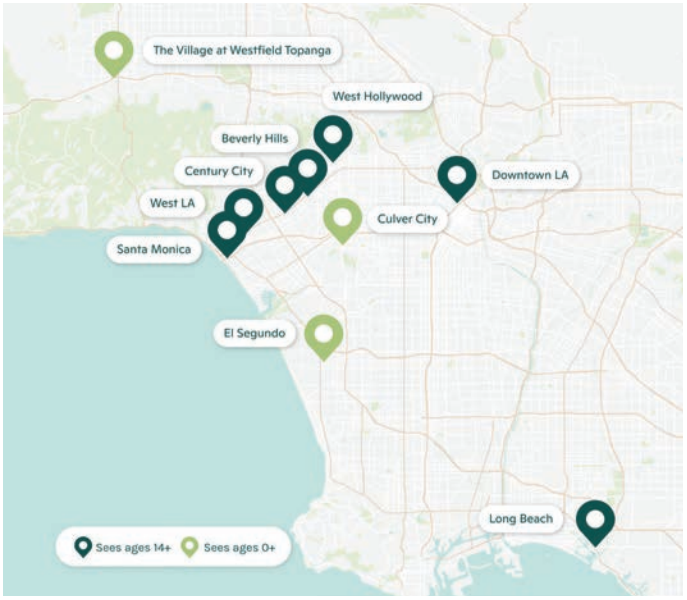

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