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Metro stresses safety after several car-train accidents

Photo by Scott Snowden

METRO ACCIDENT: Los Angeles Metro and local first responders speak after a car-train accident at 7th Street and Colorado Avenue on Sept. 23.

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More attention has been put on the Metro Los Angeles' Expo line in 2023, as the line extended into East LA in June with several new stations. Each rail trip still ends in Downtown Santa Monica, at the corner of 4th Street and Colorado Avenue, with other Santa Monica stops being the 17th Street/Santa Monica College station and the 26th Street/Bergamot station.

With key stops like those in the area, keeping motorists alert of ongoing rail movements is a priority for Metro, particularly after several accidents have occurred in 2023, per the organization.

On June 23rd, an Expo train came in contact with a car making an illegal left turn at the 14th Street and Colorado Avenue crossing. Within a week's time, on June

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City Council votes unanimously to support California Proposition One

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In Tuesday's meeting, City Council voted unanimously to support California Proposition 1 at the request of Councilmembers Caroline Torosis, Jesse Zwick and Mayor Gleam Davis.

According to the item's accompanying notes, the extreme housing shortage coupled with the exorbitant cost of living throughout the State of California has led to the prevailing crisis of homelessness and housing insecurity.

"California State Proposition 1 will transform our state's mental health system. This landmark proposition will reallocate billions of dollars to Californians with the most severe mental health needs, including those living in encampments and those with the highest problems with addiction and substance use," it says.

"Proposition 1 is going to be on the March 5th 2024 California primary ballot and this is important for a variety of reasons. This is formally known as Treatment not Tents and it's going to be the largest infrastructure overhaul for the mental health services system in the state of California in decades," Torosis said, adding, "Quite frankly, we know that the system that we have designed is not working for us across the state and we know that we don't have enough resources to combat our growing homelessness and behavioral health crisis."

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DA candidates come to club meeting for intensive debate

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An expansive field of candidates for the role of Los Angeles County District Attorney squared off in a Nov. 15 debate held at the Santa Monica Public Library. Hosted by the Santa Monica Democratic Club for its November meeting, incumbent District Attorney George Gascón and seven challengers took part in lengthy discussion about a host of hot-button issues, including balancing reform and punishment tactics as DA and the recently-implemented Zero Bail system in the county.

The Democratic Club noted that the debate was "not made to be an echo chamber" despite the party affiliation, promoting differing views that the candidates brought forth. Only registered Democrats in the field were able to participate, excluding newly-registered independent candidate Nathan Hochman from the field. The 2024 election for Los Angeles County DA takes place in March, with CalMatters projecting a runoff election due to the size of the field.

Representing the wide field of DA candidates were incumbent Gascón and challengers Judge Debra Archuleta, Jeff Chemerinsky, Jonathan Hatami, John McKinney, Judge Craig Mitchell, Maria Ramirez and Eric Siddall. Speaking to around 150 audience members at the library and approximately 300 watching live via Zoom conference, the field consistently criticized Gascón's record as DA, with all but Chemerinsky having previously supported recall efforts against the incumbent.

In defense of his record, Gascón stated that "fake news" has

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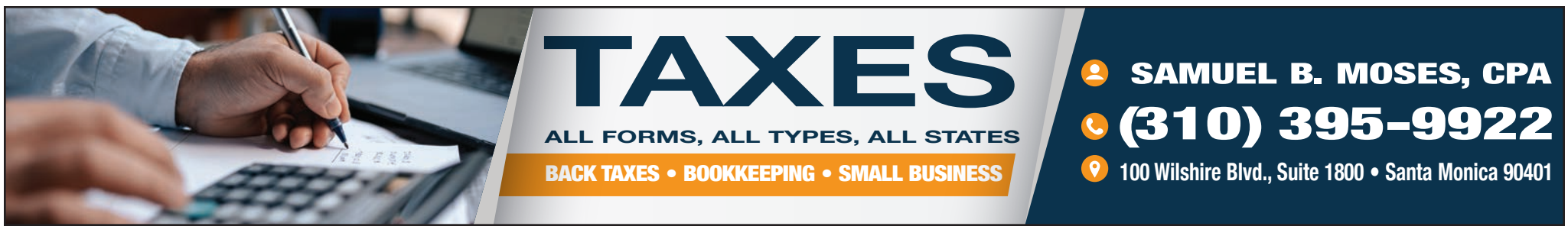

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Musk's X sues liberal advocacy group Media Matters over its report on ads next to hate groups' posts

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

Elon Musk's social media company X filed a lawsuit against liberal advocacy group Media Matters for America on Monday, saying it manufactured a report to show advertisers' posts alongside neo-Nazi and white nationalist posts in order to "drive advertisers from the platform and destroy X Corp."

Media Matters, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit, called the lawsuit "frivolous."

Advertisers have been fleeing the site formerly known as Twitter over concerns about their ads showing up next to pro-Nazi content — and hate speech on the site in general — while billionaire owner Musk has inflamed tensions with his own posts endorsing an antisemitic conspiracy theory.

IBM, NBCUniversal and its parent company Comcast said last week that they stopped advertising on X after the Media Matters report said their ads were appearing alongside material praising Nazis. It was a fresh setback as the platform tries to win back big brands and their ad dollars, X's main source of revenue.

The Media Matters report pointed to ads from Apple and Oracle that also were placed next to antisemitic material on X. On Friday, it said it also found ads from Amazon, NBA Mexico, NBCUniversal and others next to white nationalist hashtags.

But San Francisco-based X says in its complaint filed in federal court in Fort Worth, Texas, that Media Matters "knowingly and maliciously" portrayed ads next to hateful material "as if they were what typical X users experience on the platform."

X's complaint claims that Media Matters manipulated algorithms on the platform to create images of advertisers' paid posts next to racist, incendiary content. The juxtapositions, according to the complaint, were "manufactured, inorganic and extraordinarily rare."

It says Media Matters did this by using X accounts that just followed X users known to produce "extreme fringe content" and accounts owned by X's major advertisers. This, the complaint says, led to a feed aimed at producing side-by-side placements that Media Matters could then screen shot in an effort to alienate X's advertisers.

Media Matters said Monday that it stands by its reporting and expects to prevail in court.

"This is a frivolous lawsuit meant to bully X's critics into silence," the non-profit's president, Angelo Carusone, said in a prepared statement.

Meanwhile, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced his office is launching an investigation into Media Matters for possible fraudulent activity related to the group's report.

Advertisers have been skittish on X since Musk's takeover more than a year ago.

Musk has also sparked outcry this month with his own posts responding to a user who accused Jews of hating white people and professing indifference to antisemitism. "You have said the actual truth," Musk tweeted in a reply last Wednesday.

Musk has faced accusations of tolerating antisemitic messages on the platform since purchasing it last year, and the content on X has gained increased scrutiny since the war between Israel and Hamas began.

X CEO Linda Yaccarino said the company's "point of view has always been very clear that discrimination by everyone should STOP across the board."

"I think that's something we can and should all agree on," she wrote on the platform last week.

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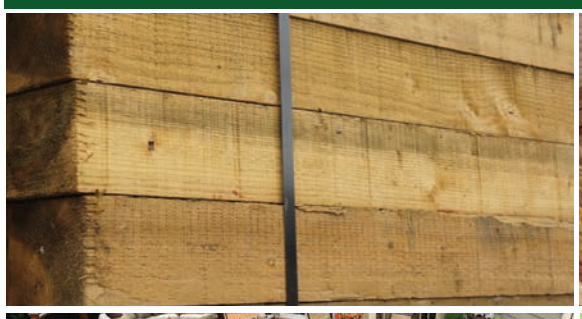

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Officials identify man fatally shot on a freeway by California Highway Patrol officer

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

A man who was fatally shot by a California Highway Patrol officer in a struggle in a middle of a freeway that was captured on video was a 34-year-old man from Los Angeles, officials said Tuesday.

The Los Angeles County Medical Examiner's Office said Jesse Dominguez's cause of death on Sunday afternoon has not been officially determined.

Dominguez had been walking in westbound lanes of Interstate 105 in south LA County, according to the CHP. An officer tried to convince the man to get off the freeway but he refused and that led to a fight, authorities said. Dominguez was carrying a taser that he used against the officer, CHP said.

"Following the pedestrian's use of the weapon against the officer, and in fear for his safety, the officer fired his service weapon," the statement said.

Dominguez was pronounced dead at a hospital. The CHP has not provided the officer's name or additional details about the altercation, including how many shots were fired and whether the agency has a specific protocol to deal with someone wandering on the freeway.

A minutelong video recorded by a bystander and posted on social media begins with an officer on top of Dominguez as the two grapple in the middle of a closed stretch of freeway. It was not clear who filmed the original video.

As they struggle, a shot is fired and the officer suddenly jumps to his feet while the other man goes limp on the pavement. The officer immediately fires at least four shots at the prone man, the video shows. For the remainder of the clip, the officer keeps his gun drawn while the man lies motionless.

The state attorney general's office, which did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday, is investigating the shooting in line with its policy of reviewing incidents when the deceased did not have a deadly weapon. A stun gun is not considered a lethal weapon under state law.

Dominguez's family told the Los Angeles Times that he was an aspiring actor who they believe was likely experiencing a mental health episode or drug-fueled crisis when he was killed. He had been struggling with substance abuse, a serious mental health disorder and homelessness, the newspaper reported..

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> - Akasha Dominguez

His family said Dominguez had been carrying a Taser for protection after threats from other residents at the sober living facility near the highway where he had been staying, the Times reported.

"I don't know why the officer thought to engage. If someone is walking on the freeway, something is not right. They're either in mental health crisis or something else is happening," Akasha Dominguez, his stepmother, told the newspaper.

Highway patrol officers aren't required to wear body cameras, but the agency uses in-car cameras.

The California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the union that represents rank-and-file officers, did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

Associated Press researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York contributed.

Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

WEDNESDAY
POOR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Small but clean. Small WNW swell moves in through the day, will show best over the afternoon. Shadowed SW pulse lingering. Light offshores and clean morning conditions.

THURSDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Clean but not much size. We'll see mainly steep NW swell running - enough to be rideable at a couple spots but probably maxing out at waist high (at best).

Weather

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. North northwest wind around 5 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/11/22	Wed	05:31 AM	5.17	H
2023/11/22	Wed	11:46 AM	1.39	L
2023/11/22	Wed	5:26 PM	4.32	H
2023/11/22	Wed	11:31 PM	0.56	L
2023/11/23	Thu	06:03 AM	5.71	H
2023/11/23	Thu	12:38 PM	0.53	L
2023/11/23	Thu	6:32 PM	4.26	H
2023/11/24	Fri	12:10 AM	0.90	L
2023/11/24	Fri	06:36 AM	6.19	H
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2023/11/24	Fri	7:30 PM	4.19	H
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2023/11/25	Sat	07:08 AM	6.53	H
2023/11/25	Sat	2:08 PM	-0.73	L
2023/11/25	Sat	8:22 PM	4.08	H
2023/11/26	Sun	01:21 AM	1.63	L
2023/11/26	Sun	07:41 AM	6.70	H
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Power#: 13
Jackpot: 313 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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6 12 31 33 69
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Jackpot: 289 M

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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 16 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/20
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Draw Date: 11/20
MIDDAY: 0 8 6

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3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
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METRO

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28th, another illegal left turn from a motorist resulted in an accident at 6th Street and Colorado Avenue. On Sept. 23, the crossing of 7th Street and Colorado Avenue was host to another train/car accident.

The accidents coming within a short time frame is rare for Metro, as only four accidents took place in the Santa Monica area of the Expo line in 2021 and 2022. Illegal left turns from motorists were the cause of incidents at the 11th Street and Colorado Avenue crossing on June 21, 2021 and December 1, 2021. The other two accidents occurred at the Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue crossing, one after a motorist ran a red-light signal on Nov. 21, 2021, and the other after an illegal left turn on Sept. 2, 2022.

Metro Media Relations Communications Manager Jose Ubaldo told the Daily Press that Metro has made several efforts to improve rail visibility. The organization has installed special train signals, separate from regular traffic signals, to "reduce confusion for motorists." Active "train coming" warning signs were also added, which activate when trains approach an intersection, as well as "no trespassing" and "look both ways" signs to reinforce both positive motorist and pedestrian habits.

Ubaldo noted that both motorists and pedestrians should "obey all traffic signals and signs" to prevent further accidents.

"Unlike vehicles, trains need a much longer (distance) to stop after brakes are applied," Ubaldo said. "It is important to note that most accidents occur when motorists violate red traffic lights, red turn left arrows, or 'don't walk' pedestrian signals."

> "Unlike vehicles, trains need a much longer [distance] to stop after brakes are applied"
>
> - Jose Ubaldo Metro Media Relations Communications Manager

In the case that a car does break down on the rail tracks, Ubaldo suggests to first "get yourself and your passengers out immediately" and to run at a 45-degree angle away from tracks in the direction of an incoming train to avoid "getting hit by debris from the collision." After a collision occurs, contact to local police or the Metro emergency line is suggested, with the Metro emergency number posted on signal cabinets at crossings.

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Photo by Scott Snowden

STRESSING SAFETY: Los Angeles Metro and local first responders were concerned after a car-train accident at 7th Street and Colorado Avenue on Sept. 23.

GAS PRICES IN SANTA MONICA

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SMDP and GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 8.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $5.03/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 56.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 18.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 6.9 cents in the last week and stands at $4.28 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $4.28/g yesterday while the most expensive was $6.49/g, a difference of $2.21/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.65/g while the highest was $7.79/g, a difference of $4.14/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.27/g today. The national average is down 25.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 36.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Riverside- $4.84/g, down 10.3 cents per gallon from last week's $4.95/g.

Orange County- $4.91/g, down 8.1 cents per gallon from last week's $4.99/g.

Ventura- $5.13/g, down 7.2 cents per gallon from last week's $5.20/g.

"As millions of Americans gear up to hit the road for Thanksgiving, the national average is seeing its longest streak of declines in over a year, reaching a ninth straight week as gas prices fall to their lowest since January," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "GasBuddy now counts over 65,000 stations with a price of $2.99 per gallon or lower, while 11 states are seeing average prices below $3. In addition, we could see five more states join the sub-$3 club by Thanksgiving. The fall in gas prices, largely seasonal due to weakening gasoline demand, could extend for another week or two, leading to potentially the lowest gas prices since 2021 by Christmas."

Santa Monica Daily Press

Professor's lawyer says video footage will clear his client charged in death of pro-Israel protester

JOHN ANTCZAK AND JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

California authorities said Friday they have not ruled out that a hate crime was committed in the death of a pro-Israel demonstrator following a confrontation with a college professor, whose lawyer says video footage will clear his client.

Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko said his office charged Loay Abdelfattah Alnaji, 50, with involuntary manslaughter and battery in the death of Paul Kessler, 69, after reviewing over 600 pieces of evidence and interviewing more than 60 witnesses.

"We were not pre-committed to any specific outcome or even criminal culpability, and we never treated the fact that criminal charges would be a forgone conclusion," he said.

Alnaji pleaded not guilty Friday to the charges, each of which is accompanied by a special allegation that he personally inflicted great bodily injury, which means he could be eligible for prison if convicted.

The two men got into a physical altercation Nov. 5 during protests over the Israel-Hamas war, and Kessler fell back and hit his head on the ground, which caused the fatal injuries, authorities have said. He died the next day.

Kessler was among pro-Israel demonstrators who showed up at an event that started as a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Thousand Oaks, a suburb northwest of Los Angeles.

> In filing these charges we relied on new physical and forensic evidence as well as findings regarding the injuries to the left side of Paul Kessler's face
>
> - Erik Nasarenko, Ventura County District Attorney

Alnaji's lawyer, Ron Bamieh, said his client did not cause Kessler to fall and was several feet away from him when that happened. He said that before the fall, Kessler was yelling profanities at Alnaji and shoving his phone in his face. Alnaji may have struck at the phone with a megaphone and unintentionally hit Kessler in the face, Bamieh said.

Alnaji then walked away from Kessler, who fell moments later, Bamieh said, adding that video footage shows that.

"Why he fell, I don't know," Bamieh said. "I just know my client didn't push him down. When I saw the video, I felt that my client is going to be fine. He's not even close to him."

Bamieh said his concern is the case is being influenced by "more passions than logic."

Authorities have said Kessler had non-fatal injuries to the left side of his face, but they have not specified what caused them or the fall.

They gave no details Friday as to what took place before the fall.

"In filing these charges we relied on new physical and forensic evidence as well as findings regarding the injuries to the left side of Paul Kessler's face," Nasarenko said.

"We were able to take video as well as digital footage, put it together and establish a clear sequence of events leading up to the confrontation," he said. "These new pieces of evidence, as well as the technology that we utilized, has permitted our office to file these criminal charges."

Nasarenko said investigators are working to determine whether the altercation was "accompanied by specific statements or words that demonstrate an antipathy, a hatred, towards a specific group." He added: "We don't have that at this point."

Authorities said Alnaji stayed when Kessler was injured and told deputies he had called 911. Before his arrest he had been briefly detained for questioning and his home was searched.

Alnaji, a professor of computer science at Moorpark College, has raised money for orphans and safe water wells in the Middle East and believes the war in Gaza is unjust and that the killing of innocent people cannot be justified on either side of the war, his lawyer said.

"He is a man of peace, who abhors violence, and believes in the truth of persuasive arguments and education, never violence," his lawyer said in a statement.

The district attorney said he met with Kessler's family and that they wanted privacy. He said Kessler had worked in medical sales for decades, taught sales and marketing at colleges and was a pilot. He leaves behind his wife of 43 years and a son.

The district attorney thanked local Muslim and Jewish leaders for not inflaming the situation with tensions rising across the country over the war.

"Throughout the last 12 days, the community of Muslim and Jewish leaders have shown restraint," he said. "Their comments have been measured. The respect for the criminal process has become well known. They trusted in law enforcement to arrive at this point."

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Record crowds are expected to take to the air and roads for Thanksgiving

DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

Despite inflation and memories of past holiday travel meltdowns, millions of people are expected to hit airports and highways in record numbers over the Thanksgiving break.

The busiest days to fly will be Tuesday and Wednesday as well as the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Transportation Security Administration expects to screen 2.6 million passengers on Tuesday and 2.7 million passengers on Wednesday. Sunday will draw the largest crowds with an estimated 2.9 million passengers, which would narrowly eclipse a record set on June 30.

Meanwhile, AAA forecasts that 55.4 million Americans will travel at least 50 miles from home between next Wednesday and the Sunday after Thanksgiving, with roads likely to be the most clogged on Wednesday.

The weather could snarl air and road traffic. A storm system was expected to move from the southern Plains to the Northeast on Tuesday and Wednesday. Parts of Maine, Vermont and northern New Hampshire are expected to get 3 to 7 inches (7 to 17 centimeters) of snow between Tuesday night and Wednesday.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said during a news conference Monday that the government has tried to better prepare for holiday travel by hiring more air traffic controllers, opening new air routes along the East Coast and providing grants to airports for snowplows and deicing equipment. He warned travelers to check road conditions and flight times before leaving home.

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> - Jennifer Bonham

"Mother Nature, of course, is the X factor in all of this," he said.

The good news for travelers by plane and car alike: Prices are coming down.

Airfares are averaging $268 per ticket, down 14% from a year ago, according to the travel site Hopper.

Gasoline prices are down about 37 cents a gallon from this time last year. The national average was $3.29 per gallon on Tuesday, according to AAA, down from $3.66 a year ago.

A survey of GasBuddy users found that despite cheaper pump prices, the number of people planning to take a long driving trip this Thanksgiving hasn't changed much from last year. Patrick De Haan, an analyst for the price-tracking service, said inflation has cooled but some things like food are still getting more expensive. Consumers are also charging more on credit cards and saving less.

"Sure, they love the falling gas prices, but a lot of Americans spent in other ways this summer and they may not be ready to open their wallets for Thanksgiving travel just yet," De Haan said.

Jennifer Bonham opted to take the train from New York to Kansas City to spend Thanksgiving with her fiance after checking out flights and finding them "astronomically expensive."

"My fiance had an idea. He's like, I wonder if there are trains? So we go to looking and it was honestly the best price that we got. I don't have any money. I'm a single mom. The cheaper, the better," said Bonham, while switching trains at Chicago's Union Station with her teenage daughter.

Thanksgiving marks the start of the holiday travel season, and many still haven't shaken last December's nightmare before Christmas, when severe winter storms knocked out thousands of flights and left millions of passengers stranded.

Scott Keyes, founder of the travel site Going, is cautiously optimistic that holiday air travel won't be the same mess. So far this year, he said, airlines have avoided massive disruptions.

"Everyone understands that airlines can't control Mother Nature," Keyes said. "What really irks people are the controllable cancellations — those widespread disruptions because the airline couldn't get their act together because their system melted down the way Southwest did over Christmas."

Indeed, Southwest didn't recover as quickly as other carriers from last year's storm when its planes, pilots and flight attendants were trapped out of position and its crew-rescheduling system got bogged down. The airline canceled nearly 17,000 flights before fixing the operation. Federal regulators told Southwest recently that it could be fined for failing to help stranded travelers.

Southwest officials say they have since purchased additional deicing trucks and heating equipment and will add staff at cold-weather airports depending on the forecast. The company said it has also updated its crew-scheduling technology.

U.S. airlines as a whole have been better about stranding passengers. Through October, they canceled 38% fewer flights than during the same period in 2022. From June through August — when thunderstorms can snarl air traffic — the rate of cancellations fell 18% compared to 2022.

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DEBATE

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dominated the dialogue surrounding the DA's office, and that the county supported his election in 2020 and still supports a reform agenda that "has made a difference." One of the first questions asked of the field was if they consider Los Angeles a safer place since Gascón took the position, something candidates rejected expeditiously.

"People right now don't feel safe … that's a real problem," said Chemerinsky, who did not support recall efforts against Gascón but still took the incumbent to task. "I think people need to feel confident that the law is working for them … we've lost that sense of confidence right now. I think that goes back to the lack of confidence in our District Attorney."

Other candidates pointed to the rise in violent crimes, retail theft and hate crimes against populations like the Jewish community as severe blemishes on the incumbent's record.

"Violent crime is up," said McKinney, whose time in the Major Crimes Division included securing a first-degree murder conviction for Eric Holder Jr., convicted for the fatal shooting of Los Angeles music artist Nipsey Hussle. "You can see it, you can hear it, you can feel it … crime is up, that's why you're all here tonight, that's why you're all looking at the District Attorney's race five months in advance."

On the balance between prioritizing reform or punishment as a DA, several candidates pushed public safety as the top job of the position, with Gascón stating that public safety is about holding people accountable with "thoughtful policies" and while people that need to be "locked up" should be sent to prison, it cannot be the only answer. Mitchell took a harder stance in the direction of punishment, stating that it is not a "dirty word" and that his time working on Skid Row made him realize that criminals "need a place for reform."

A place of more agreeance came during discussion of the county's newly-implemented Zero Bail policy. Starting in October, every police agency in the county has followed a new bail system that largely eliminates the need for cash bail while evaluating severity of a crime, a suspect's risk to the public and repeat offenses.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, officers now have three choices with an arrestee: cite and release (arrestee is released at location of the arrest), book and release (arrestee booked in jail and then released on own recognizance) or magistrate review for select cases.

At a recent Santa Monica City Council meeting, councilmembers voted 4-3 to join a lawsuit over the system, agreeing with critics that say it will contribute to rising crime trends.

Gascón defended the policy, stating it is for "poor people" who cannot pay bail even though they're "not posing a danger," and that those who are at risk still should not be released.

Critics of the policy included Hatami, who stated that many crimes he considered harsh remain under zero-bail conditions, and nobody should ever be released with charges such as sexual battery, child abuse or elder abuse. Ramirez added that while the system's ethics are "admirable," the zero-bail implementation has been "flawed" due to just looking at the charge itself, not based on a "complete review" of the arrestee.

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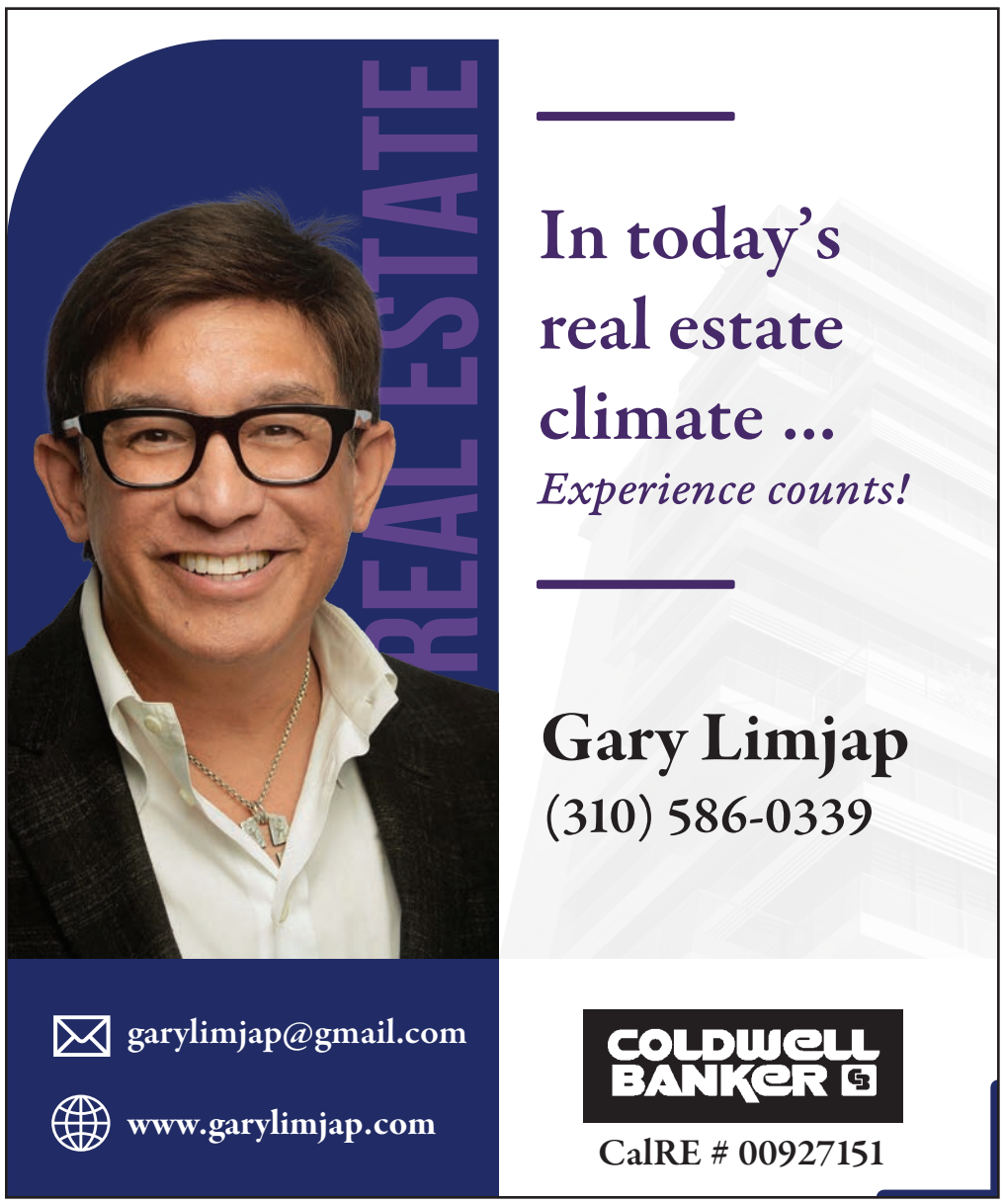

COUNCIL

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all told, set to create over 11,000 new housing beds in various different settings. It would be a $6.38 billion bond and provide additional expanded service for tens of thousands of Californians," said Torosis.

"I don't think it's reasonable for the City of Santa Monica to solve this crisis alone. We sure didn't get here alone. And I absolutely think it's incumbent upon us to urge our elected officials and our constituents to support this important overhaul to the rental health services act," she said.

Davis added, "Supporting this proposition would be very much in line with our stated budgetary priorities of a clean and safe Santa Monica, as well as addressing the ongoing issue of homelessness. So I think this is something that we already have recognized as something we need to do and having the state recognize that it needs to commit more resources will be very helpful."

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre rounded off the quorum's comments by adding a very personal note, "I have a younger brother who was diagnosed with a paranoid schizophrenia and he has unfortunately been through the criminal justice system and every time that he went to jail, he came out worse. And now, fortunately, he's in a hospital, getting treatment and we're seeing some progress. So I present the importance of having a different approach and I think this funding will expand those types of services that are sorely needed in our society. So I urge everybody to support this."

The motion to support the proposition and direct the City Manager to issue a press release, together with letters of support from the City to the Governor, Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Rick Zbur, was made by de la Torre, seconded by Councilmember Phil Brock and passed unanimously 6-0 as Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete was absent for the entirety of the meeting.

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PROPOSITION 1: Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously to support California Proposition 1, which will work to transform the state's mental health system.

THANKSGIVING

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Even still, consumer complaints about airline service have soared, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. There have been so many complaints, the agency says, that it has only compiled figures through May.

The airlines, in turn, have heaped blame on the Federal Aviation Administration, which they say can't keep up with the growing air traffic. In fact, the Transportation Department's inspector general reported this summer that the FAA has made only "limited efforts" to fix a shortage of air traffic controllers, especially at key facilities in New York, Miami and Jacksonville, Florida.

Meanwhile, staffing levels in other parts of the airline industry have largely recovered since shedding tens of thousands of workers early on in the pandemic. Passenger airlines have added more than 140,000 workers — an increase of nearly 40% — according to government figures updated last week. The number of people working in the business is the largest since 2001, when there were many more airlines.

Associated Press reporters Melissa Perez Winder in Chicago and Alexandra Olson in New York contributed to this story.

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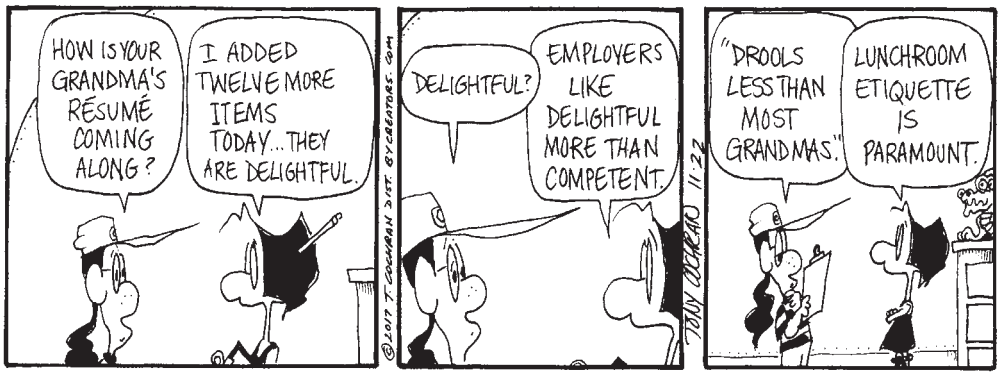

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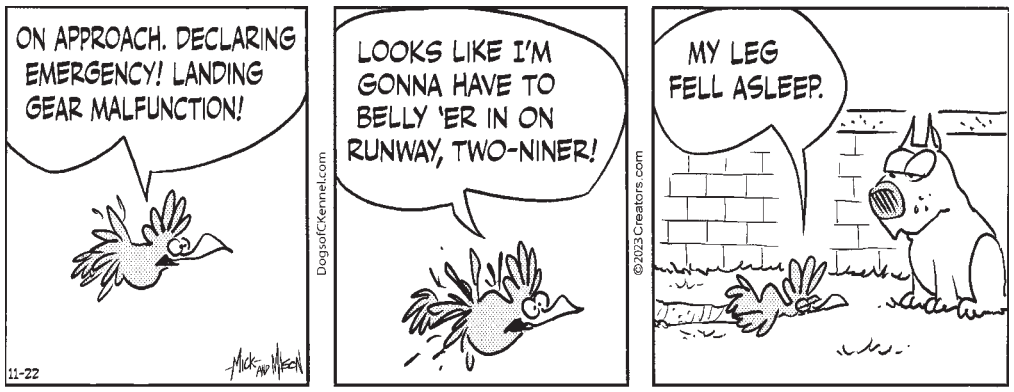

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Strange Brew

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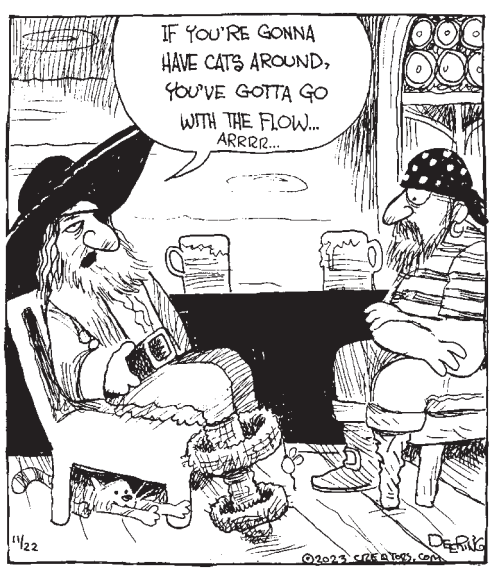

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Alert	Drop	Lull	Ruts
Bridge	Float	Muddy	Silt
City	Glacier	Observe	Surge
Cleaning	Ground	Rain	Swim
Coastal	Gutter	Rare	Tank
Crew	Hazard	Relief	Tide
Damage	Height	Remote	Torrent
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Mistakes are the best teachers, with lessons swift and deep. When you believe wholeheartedly that it's OK to make mistakes, it frees you from needing much assurance from others as you move toward your bliss.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). History will be like a purse you can root around in. You'll find useful information and lenses that broaden, sharpen or color the way you see your world. Just remember, purses are useful to hold things, not to live in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If there was a promise of success to cover all endeavors, projects, investments and relationships, joy would dwindle for all who possessed it. It's the risk that makes things worthwhile. Without risk, there is no surge of joy to be had.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's all about the company today. When you're with people who are uplifting and fun to be around, lovely environments become dreamy and the less-than-ideal scenes provide fodder for amusement and bonding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Throw out the list of things you are supposed to do and wing it instead. You'll probably accomplish everything from the list and more -- and yet your approach will be free and fun loving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Since you will go deeper into your state of mind, if it's not a positive one, reset yourself early while you still can. Focus your thoughts so they sing what matters in the tone that will be a pleasure to continue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've inherited family, landed near neighbors, and assimilated into schools and workplaces. Of your numerous and varied relationships, very few were specifically chosen by you. You'll get to choose today though, which you'll do, happily ... deliberately.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your routine isn't supporting you as it could be. It seems there's time to do the work you must do, but little time to explore. It's the extras that bring about your highest level of creativity and vitality. Prioritize them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You avoid wasting money. Is dining out or vacationing a waste? What will you have to show for it in the end? The answers surprise you. Experiences will stick with you long after the value of material goods has diminished.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As the leader of a group, you think about what will be best for your people, and sometimes what's best is taking a break from leading them. Learning how to occasionally operate independent of your direction will strengthen the group.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are two reasons to cross a goal off your list -- because it's accomplished or because it's not compelling enough to move you to action. Make your goals earn their place. When you trim the list, you make room for new options.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're physically strong and the odds are with you for exceeding prior performance and/or winning at sports. Exercise will give you an energetic boost that's better than anything you could buy in a bottle.

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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ACROSS
1 Right __ (90-degree shape)
6 Pond fish
10 __ and don'ts
13 Lo-cal salad-dressing phrase
14 Lyft competitor
15 Wistful sound
16 Had some water
17 Batman or Spider-Man
19 Reduced-price event
20 Winter hrs. in Maryland
21 On a couch
22 New Mexico cultural center
24 Worked undercover
26 Fruity frozen dessert
29 Most peculiar
32 Lone Ranger's sidekick
33 Long part of a vacuum cleaner
35 Lingering mark
37 German conjunction
38 Olympics dueler
41 Luau instrument
42 Beverage served on tap
44 Folk knowledge
45 Judges' attire
47 Tapped into, as expertise
49 Overlook, as faults
51 Very small amounts
53 Unwanted lawn plant
54 "It's about time!"
57 Cocktail cooler
59 Go on horseback, say
62 Person harvesting honey
64 Auctioneer's hammer
65 Sprinter's path
66 Be nomadic
67 Entries on a list
68 CPR expert
69 Slow-cooker meal
70 Not long-winded

DOWN
1 "No ifs, __, or buts"
2 Romance novelist Roberts
3 Hockey player guarding the net
4 Pen-and-ink drawings
5 Reindeer relative
6 "Ornery" fellow
7 Borders on
8 Person on commission, for short
9 Chairs a meeting
10 Meal plan
11 Storybook brute
12 Wearing loafers or sneakers
15 Shields from the sun
18 Swamp stalk
20 Suffix for language names
23 Woodwind instrument
25 Small bouquets
26 Theater ticket remnant
27 Sharpened, as a skill
28 Ideal partner
30 Underwater explorer
31 Walks off with
34 "__ the ramparts . . ."
36 Take a break
39 Conspirators
40 Genealogy diagram
43 New version of a movie
46 Run, as machinery
48 Showing good judgment
50 Lamb's mother
52 Kitchen strainer
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55 Any sports squad
56 Gave temporarily
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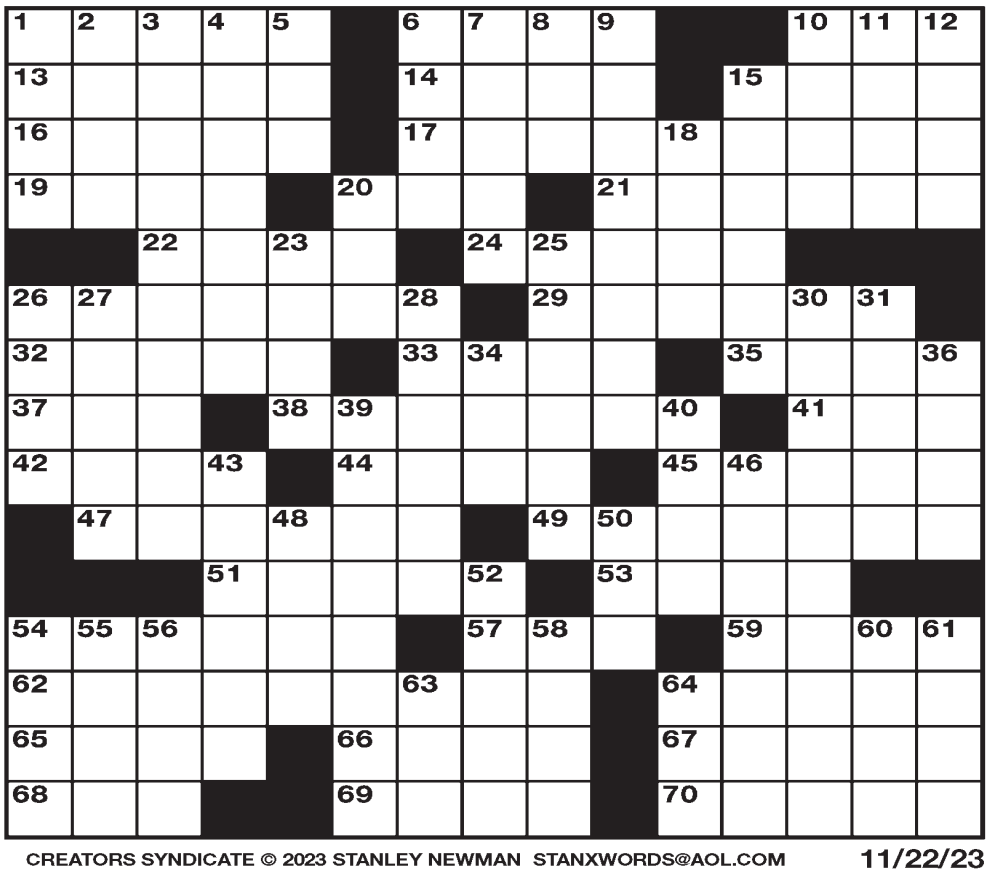

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This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, 8 p.m. $40

COMING OUT WEST: LGBTQ+ ELDERS SHARE THEIR STORIES
Santa Monica History Museum and The Outwords Archive present an exhibition of oral histories, ephemera, and historical objects from LGBTQ+ elders with ties to Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Bay area. Featured in the exhibition are celebrated members of the LGBTQ+ community: Jewel Thais-Williams, proprietor of the renowned LGBTQ club Jewel's Catch One. Chuck Williams, namesake of the venerated Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law. Judy Abdo, former Santa Monica city councilperson and one of the nation's first out-lesbian mayors. L Frank, Tongva-Ajachmem artist, writer, activist and tribal scholar. Event takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th Street, Santa Monica. $5, free for kids, seniors, students, active duty military members and SNAP cards.

COMEDY SHOW: THE IRL SHOW
Finally, a pro-level stand-up comedy show for high school teens 13 and up. Catch comics from Comedy Central, HBO, and late-night TV doing their best PG-13 material. Talk to the comics after the show to meet and learn from the best! Begins at The Crow, 2525 Michigan Avenue, Santa Monica at 8 p.m. with 7 p.m. free teen open mic. Tickets $10 with student ID, $15 general admission.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 25

EAST PICO SAFETY PROJECT POP UP AT TRADER JOE'S
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. Trader Joes, 3212 Pico Boulevard, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT VIBES AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Tavern on Main knows that everybody's been working for the weekend! Keep those vibes going with killer cocktails, food and hot tunes provided by a variety of seriously talented DJs every Saturday from 9pm to 1am Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St

COME SUNDOWN
Come Sundown will be performed at the Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., beginning at 8 p.m., with other performances taking place Dec. 1-3. Come Sundown is the story of a young woman working to save the planet who is called to the wilds of New Mexico by the death of the Father she never knew. Once in the mountains she discovers an aspect of herself she had lost; and the potential for love is awakened in her by two ancient nature spirits, Spirits who are old by day young by night. Poetic and lyrical, Come Sundown weaves the themes of planetary degradation through a lovely, mystical tale of a disillusionment turned to hopefulness. First produced at the Ruskin Group Theater in 2011, this come Sundown is rewritten, restaged and boasts a fine and talented cast. Tickets $30, $15 for students and seniors.

KING CHRIS AND THE GROOVE THING
KING CHRIS and the GROOVE THING will be playing at Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St., beginning at 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m., tickets available at the door after 8 p.m. Two drink mininum. Born in a Louisiana bayou, KING CHRIS gathered his sensibilities as a singer as a young boy in churches and spiritual gatherings, where he was educated on the power of music and the spirit of the song. King Chris brings his Soultopia show from the Juke Joints to L.A.

DIY HOLIDAY GIFT WORKSHOP
A DIY Holiday Gift Workshop will take place at the IPSB-School of Integrative Pyscho-Stru, 3400 Airport Ave Ste 25, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will feature the making of artisanal cooking oils, hot cocoa mix, preserved lemons and honey fermented garlic under the guidance of master artisan Sabrina Ortolano. The workshop venue is cozy and intimate to get the most out of the experience. The event provides all the essential supplies - oils, herbs, hot cocoa ingredients, vessels and decorations, to help you personalize the gifts and make memories in the process. Tickets are $50. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.ipsb.com/event-details/diy-holiday-gift-workshop-2.

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