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New plant-based sandwich shop B&T's on Montana Ave offers alternative green grub

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While decent sandwich shops are in shockingly short supply in downtown Santa Monica, should you find yourself in the Montana neighborhood around midday and are in need of an urgent solution to an empty stomach, you have yet another option to consider, B&T's.

Situated in a gorgeous building at 912 Montana Ave, the very tastefully decorated sandwich shop is still only at a soft opening stage, but a more extensive menu will be on offer very soon along with longer opening times. In fact, the doors were only opened to the paying public for the very first time on Tuesday.

"It went incredibly well and the neighborhood was very welcoming to us," beamed Terrence Caldwell, co-founder and the "T" in the outlet's identity. "Right now we're doing limited hours and a limited menu, but we had a nice little line ready to come in when we opened at 11 a.m. And we had a steady drumbeat of customers until we ran out of breath at 2 p.m. So yeah, very good day."

According to Terrence, the shop offers 10 signature sandwiches all of which have their own flavor profile and everything is 100% plant based. "All the ingredients that we use are organic and locally sourced. We avoid fake imitation meat, so every sandwich has a main component, call it like the meat replacement," Terrence says.

"For instance, one of our main sandwiches uses a marinated

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Film festival shares its 'Influence' with multiple awards











Photos by Thomas Leffler

FILMS: The AMC Broadway 4 movie theater on the Third Street Promenade shared its space on Feb. 3 between typical releases and special screenings for the 2024 Santa Monica International Film Festival. The two theaters for the festival were packed throughout the day and into the evening, where several films walked out with awards recognition. The Ryan Moore-directed "Influence," depicting a filmmaker kidnapping a famous social media influencer, took home the Best Narrative Feature award. On top of the film award, "Influence" star Cheyenne Perez won for Best Performance. Other awards handed out included Best Comedy for "Trundle and the Lost Borscht of Atlantis," Best Drama for "Rochelles" and Best Experimental Film for "This Body Is A Shell." Festival founder David Katz, who grew up and attended school in both Malibu and Santa Monica, was proud of all of the day's selections. "It is such an honor to spend my life watching films and being able to put together ... some very diverse, unique programming that we put in this year's festival. We hope that everybody could see the high production value, the high quality, the great decisions filmmakers have made, and the choices that they (made) to get a project (done) that no one else would (do)," Katz said during the ceremony.

Second school district voting map hearing set for Saturday

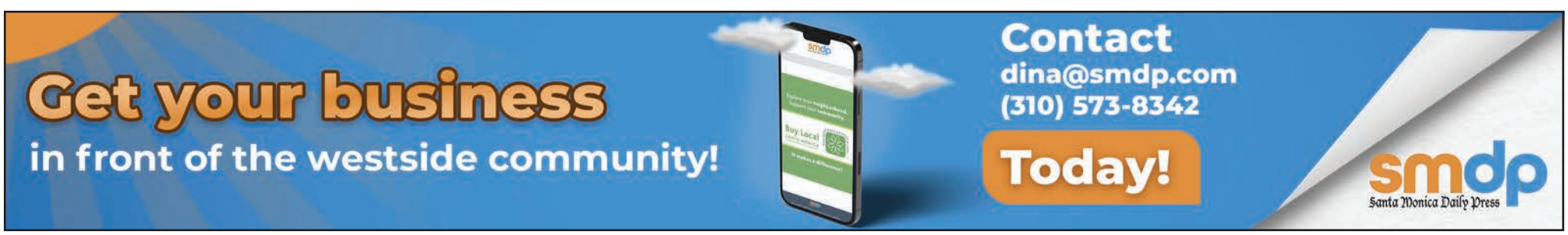
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The second leg of public hearings held by the Los Angeles County Office of Education Committee on School District Organization will shift the playing field from Malibu to Santa Monica.

On Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) District office, the committee will continue to receive input on the legality of the voting map submitted as part of the Trustee Area Voting Petition, which looks to establish district-based voting in SMMUSD. The first of these meetings took place Jan. 31 on the Malibu campus of Santa Monica College.

The petition was initially submitted in 2022 by Malibu attorney Kevin Shenkman on behalf of residents, claiming that SMMUSD's at-large voting system is unfair to minority voters and proposing a division of the district into seven geographic "trustee areas." The legal action is separate from a petition to split SMMUSD and form a Malibu Unified School District, however, county officials and proponents of splitting the district noted that establishing district-based voting would be moot if Malibu were to undergo unification (the legal term for splitting into its own district). At the Jan. 31 hearing, SMMUSD Board of Education Vice-President Jon Kean spoke on unification, calling it the "elephant in the room" and saying that potential unification solutions will need to be pushed back "for at least one legislative year" due to the petition hearings.

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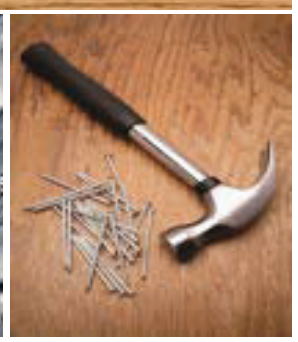
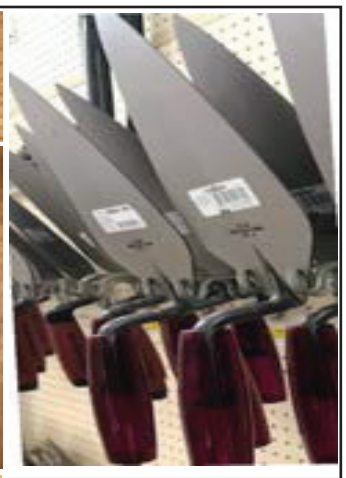
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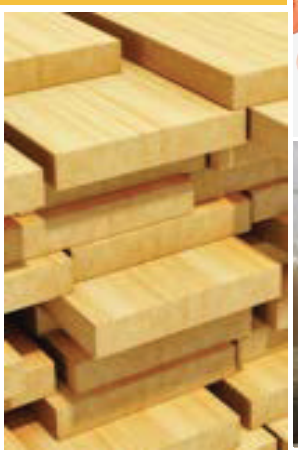


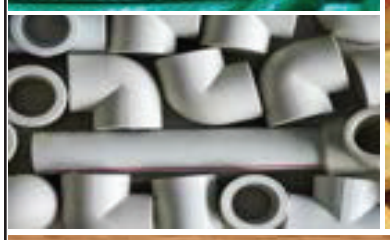
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Senate Republicans block bipartisan border package, scuttling deal they had demanded from Democrats

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Senate Republicans blocked a bipartisan border package Wednesday, scuttling months of negotiations with Democrats on legislation intended to cut back record numbers of illegal border crossings.

Many Republicans said the election-year compromise wasn't enough, even as supporters of the bill insisted it was the best possible in divided government.

The 49-50 vote, far short of the 60 ayes needed to take up the bill, came after most Republicans said they would vote against the legislation, which also includes $60 billion in wartime aid to Ukraine and $14 billion for Israel and was backed by President Joe Biden. GOP lawmakers had insisted that the money for conflicts abroad be paired with help for the U.S. border.

Forcing the showdown with Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said earlier that he would try to salvage the wartime funding, and would next push ahead on a crucial test vote for tens of billions of dollars for Kyiv, Israel and other U.S. allies — a modified package with the border portion stripped out.

The bipartisan group of senators who negotiated the compromise for the last four months said it was a missed opportunity to try and make some progress toward one of the most intractable issues in American politics.

In a speech on the Senate floor just before the vote, Republican Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma said that it was a chance for the Senate to decide "if we're going to do nothing, or something."

"It's an issue that's bedeviled, quite frankly, this body for decades," Lankford said. "It's been three decades since we've passed anything into law to be able to change border security."

Independent Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona blamed Republicans for not giving the bill a chance.

"Finally, it seemed, we had the opportunity to solve the nightmare my state has lived for over 40 years," she said.

Four Republicans voted to move forward with the legislation and six Democrats voted against it, some of whom said the border compromise went too far.

It is unclear if enough Republicans will vote to move ahead with the standalone legislation for the wartime aid, which also would need 60 votes in the 51-49 Senate. If it did pass, it would still take days for the Senate to reach a final vote.

As some Republicans have grown skeptical of sending money to Ukraine in its war with Russia, Schumer said that "history will cast a permanent and shameful shadow" on those who attempt to block it.

"Will the Senate stand up to brutish thugs like Vladimir Putin and reassure our friends abroad that America will never abandon them in the hour of need?" Schumer asked as he opened the Senate.

The roughly $60 billion in Ukraine aid has been stalled in Congress for months because of growing opposition from hardline conservatives in the House and Senate who criticize it as wasteful and demand an exit strategy for the war.

"We still need to secure America's borders before sending another dime overseas," Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah wrote in a post on X.

The impasse means that the U.S. has halted arms shipments to Kyiv at a crucial point in the nearly two-year-old conflict, leaving Ukrainian soldiers without ample ammunition and missiles as Russian President Putin has mounted relentless attacks.

Ukraine's cause still enjoys support from many Senate Republicans, including GOP leader Mitch McConnell, but the question vexing lawmakers has always been how to craft a package that could clear the Republican-controlled House.

A pairing of border policies and aid for allies — first proposed by Republicans — was intended to help squeeze the package through the House where archconservatives hold control. But GOP senators — some within minutes of the bill's release Sunday — rejected the compromise as election-year politics.

The wartime funding also would invest in domestic defense manufacturing, send funding to allies in Asia, and provide $10 billion for humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and other places.

Schumer said the revamped package would include legislation to authorize sanctions and anti-money laundering tools against criminal enterprises that traffic fentanyl into the U.S. A separate section of the compromise border legislation that would have provided a long-awaited pathway to residency for tens of thousands of Afghan refugees was dropped in the slimmed-down bill.

It was not clear whether the new plan, even if it passed the Senate, would gain support from House Speaker Mike Johnson. House Republicans are still insisting on a border plan, even though they rejected the deal negotiated in the Senate as insufficient.

"We'll see what the Senate does," Johnson told reporters Wednesday morning. "We're going to allow the process to play out."

Some were skeptical that a standalone aid package would be viable in the House.

"I don't see how that moves in this chamber. I don't know how the speaker puts that on the floor," House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Ala., said, adding that he still wanted tougher border policies attached.

After Donald Trump, the likely Republican presidential nominee, eviscerated the Senate's bipartisan border proposal, Johnson quickly rejected it. Trump has also led many Republicans to question supporting Ukraine, suggesting he could negotiate an end to the war and lavishing praise on Russian President Vladimir Putin, including after Moscow's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Johnson said this week he wanted to handle wartime aid for Israel and Ukraine in separate packages, but a bill he advanced that only included funds for Israel failed on the House floor Tuesday night.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries said Wednesday that the "only path forward" is a comprehensive approach that includes funding for U.S. allies around the world, as well as humanitarian support for civilians caught in

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Southern Californians recount harrowing mudslides during deadly record-breaking storm

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Associated Press

Jesus Barron answered his wife's panicked phone call warning him that a mudslide was smashing into their bedroom in the hills of eastern Los Angeles County. Then, the line went dead.

"She called me and told me the mountain was coming down," he recalled Wednesday. "I thought the worst."

Wendy Barron escaped their Hacienda Heights home during Tuesday's historic downpours in Southern California, but it was seriously damaged when mud flowed down the hillside and blasted through the two retaining walls the family built when they moved in seven years ago.

"It's not enough to stop Mother Nature, of course," Jesus Barron said.

The storm fueled by the second of back-to-back atmospheric rivers to hit California in days came ashore last weekend in the state's north before it moved down the coast and parked itself over the south for days, turning roads into rivers, causing hundreds of landslides and killing at least nine people. It dumped more than a foot (30 centimeters) of rain in some areas, making it one of the wettest periods on record for the Southern California.

The Barrons' home is too damaged for them to live in for the next few months, though the couple was able to retrieve some belongings. Now, they needs to decide whether they want to return once it's repaired.

"We love it here," Jesus Barron said. "However, it wouldn't be easy to go through this again."

One final drenching was expected Wednesday before the system gave way to fair weather for most of the state by the weekend. But even after the rain, authorities warned of the ongoing threat of collapsing hillsides. After all of the rain and snow of the past week, it wouldn't take much for more water, mud and boulders to sluice down fragile hillsides, experts said. At least 520 mudslides have already occurred in Los Angeles alone.

The system dumped heavy rain and mountain snow in San Diego County overnight before giving way to scattered showers. Winter storm warnings and advisories continued in Southern California mountains and to the north in the Sierra Nevada.

Jill Shinefield has lived in Beverly Crest, a neighborhood in the Santa Monica Mountains, for 23 years. She watched this week as her neighbors evacuated and other homes got damaged by mudslides. She chose to stay because her home is not up against the hillside.

"We have in the past been concerned about fires, but we've never even really thought about mudslides," she said.

Around 430 trees fell in Los Angeles alone, the city said, and work crews have struggled to deal with the storm's aftermath.

One tree that held firm helped protect a home Sunday night in the Studio City neighborhood. The carob tree and an SUV that had been pushed out of its parking space blocked debris from crashing into Scott Toro's home when a mudslide hit his community.

"The mud came down the hill and it stopped 3 feet (about a meter) short of our front door," Toro recalled Wednesday as he cleaned up his yard. "It sounded like a helicopter crashing, or even a freight train coming through."

Electrical outages on Wednesday had been substantially reduced from their peak levels, but there were still more than 71,000 customers without power, mostly in northern and central parts of the state, according to Poweroutage.us.

People were urged to avoid touching downed lines and to steer clear of roads that are at-risk of flooding and mud. During the storm, at least 50 stranded motorists in Los Angeles were rescued from fast-moving swollen creeks, rivers, roads and storm channels, fire officials said.

Four of the nine people killed by the storm were hit by falling trees or limbs, according to Brian Ferguson, a spokesperson for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Another died when power failed and she lost her oxygen supply, one drowned in the Tijuana River near the U.S.-Mexico border and three died in vehicle crashes, he said.

Atmospheric rivers also pummeled the state last year and caused at least 20 deaths.

This winter's drenching does have a silver lining in that it helped boost the state's often-strapped water supply. The water content of the vital Sierra Nevada snowpack jumped to 73% of average to date, up from 52% on Jan. 30, state Department of Water Resources data showed. The snowpack provides about 30% of California's water when it melts.

At least 7 billion gallons (26.5 billion liters) of storm water in Los Angeles alone were captured for groundwater and local supplies, the mayor's office said. Just two years ago, nearly all of California was gripped by a devastating drought that strained resources and forced water cutbacks.

As the latest weather front moved east, it prompted warnings across the state line in Arizona, where the northern areas stretching southeast toward New Mexico were under a winter storm warning through 5 p.m. Wednesday. A wide swath of central Arizona, including Phoenix, remained under a flood watch until Thursday morning.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.2**

THURSDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach
Potential for another coastal low to move into the region with problematic winds. Decent pulse of NW swell mix on the cards right now. Mind the early AM deep high tide.

FRIDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
Fun zone blend of shorter and mid period WNW swells. Morning winds look ok. Stay tuned. Early AM high tide slows most spots.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with a west wind 10 to 20 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 59. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

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PETITION

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Though Shenkman's presentation in the hearing offered alternative maps, the initial map proposed in the petition would make non-contiguous districts merging parts of Malibu and Santa Monica. One district would fuse the eastern half of Malibu with Santa Monica's Sunset Park neighborhood, while the other combines the western half of Malibu with Santa Monica's NOMA and Wilmont neighborhoods.

The petitioners stated during the first hearing that the non-contiguous districts are necessary to give Malibu more representation in SMMUSD matters, something backed up by a bevy of Malibu-based public commenters. Shenkman and Demographer David Ely argued that it would not be "advisable" to draw a legal map with six Santa Monica trustee areas and one encompassing the whole of Malibu, because representation would not be properly split between the cities.

Attorney representing SMMUSD Frederic D. Woocher pushed back on that notion, saying a hypothetical split of trustee areas that gives one to Malibu still satisfies population requirements. The Jan. 31 hearing also included remarks from SMMUSD Board of Education member Maria Leon-Vasquez, who disagreed with the at-large voting system targeting minority voters. She added that she found it "insulting" that Malibu residents were being equated with being a member of a protected class under the California Voting Rights Act.

While the majority of Jan. 31 public comment was in favor of more Malibu representation, several opposed the map and agreed with SMMUSD's reasoning, with the shift in Saturday's meeting to Santa Monica potentially changing the makeup of commenters.

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BORDER

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conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine.

The White House said that Biden believes there should be new border policy but would also support moving the aid for Ukraine and Israel alone, as he has from the start.

"We support this bill which would protect America's national security interests by stopping Putin's onslaught in Ukraine before he turns to other countries, helping Israel defend itself against Hamas terrorists and delivering live-saving humanitarian aid to innocent Palestinian civilians," said White House spokesman Andrew Bates.

"Even if some congressional Republicans' commitment to border security hinges on politics, President Biden's does not."

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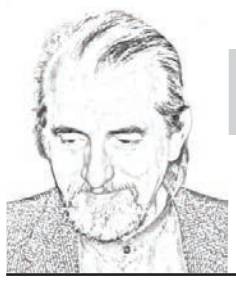
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Hot Tuna Sounds Delicious



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GRAMMY SHOW: Joni has a Brandi.

THE GRAMMYS

Were unwatchable for many years because they were so far behind the times. Under the leadership of Harvey Mason Jr., since 2021, they are now so much better, though they still manage to blow it on some important things. Masdon, as a songwriter-producer, for the likes of Aretha, Stevie, Whitney, Elton, Michael Jackson, he has been on the inside for years and is well respected. He gave a great speech, to the sounds of a string quartet composed of musicians of Israeli, Palestinian and Arab descent.

But with something as important as honoring those who passed in the last year, why do they keep mishandling it? Half the time the TV audience hasn't enough time to read what's on the screen, sometimes two sets of names/credits/photos, and half the time it isn't large enough. These were large personalities. They had three live performances going on during it, sometimes an upbeat number. Should we be tapping our feet, or be for at least a few moments contemplative? I know they're new at this, only 66 years, so maybe next year they can get it right.

Of course, Joni Mitchell's appearance and performance were incredibly moving, as she sat ensconced in a large, regal chair, smiling and tapping her cane. If she never wrote another song after "Both Sides Now," she would still be a legend, and it is particularly poignant to hear her sing it now. Her voice got stronger as she went along, with hand gestures and the old jazz vocalist coming out. What a courageous woman, who has always been a courageous songwriter. Her friend Brandi Carlile, credited with getting Joni out in public again after her brain aneurysm 10 years ago, gave her a perfect introduction. Including noting that this is the third time in her life that she has had to learn to walk (childhood polio). For the roses, for the ages.

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HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Did you go to our Ruskin Group Theatre at Santa Monica Airport last Saturday to see them in a concert setting? I sure hope so. They tore it up, playing two sets of not just the Django Reinhardt-style 1930s jazz (he and violinist partner Stephane Grappelli were simply exquisite, every note) they are known for, but also selections from their new release "Nova," (originals, French chanson, two-step, bossa nova, waltz), showing that while they don't veer too far from that milieu pioneered so brilliantly by the three-fingered (caravan fire) Belgian Roma jazz guitarist who became world famous, they have a copacetic versatility to related styles (no hip hop attempts at relevance) that serve both them and the music well. If you missed the Ruskin concert, which was sold out and as packed as I've ever seen the place, you can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday. 9 - 11:30. They should have copies of "Nova" there for sale. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

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TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting,

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By Sean Besser

Super Bowl Valentine's Day Edition

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Super Bowl Parties, Valentine's Day Happenings, and much more!

3rd Annual Santa Monica King Tides Celebration: "King tides" occur when the orbits and alignment of the Earth, moon, and sun combine to produce the greatest tidal effects of the year. Climate Action Santa Monica is organizing a morning meetup at Heal The Bay Aquarium this Friday to mark the annual occurrence, discuss the relevancy of rising tides in consideration of climate change, and collect images for scientific documentation of the tides for the Coastal Commission." FREE. Friday, Feb 9, 7:30 - 9:30a.m. @ Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-santa-monica-king-tides-celebration-tickets-759363796557

Dvorak 7 & Lucia Micarelli Concert: This is the Orchestra Santa Monica's first performance of the year and is FREE. Saturday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. @ Adams Performing Arts Center. https://orchestrasantamonica.org/event/february-10th-concert/

Lunar New Year Celebration Ring in the Lunar New Year with a special celebration at Cayton Children's Museum on Saturday, Feb. 10. Making for a fantastic way to welcome the Year of the Wood Dragon with family, the event features a special performance and parade from UCLA's ACA Lion Dance group as well as various crafting activities like lion puppet making. https://www.caytonmuseum.org/special-events

Exhibition - The Life of Vernon Brunson: The SaMo History Museum presents an examination of Brunson's remarkable life and his impact on the community through his creative and scientific endeavors and commitment to civil rights. Born into one of the first Black families in Santa Monica, Brunson was a poet, playwright, and columnist for the California Eagle newspaper. The exhibition positions Brunson within the context of Black architects like Paul Revere Williams, showcasing his collaborations and highlighting his impact on the architectural landscape. Now through the end of February @ Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th St. https://santamonicahistory.org

Montana Avenue Public Library Branch Open House: Join us for an Open House celebration and show your love for the library! The program kicks off at 10:30 a.m. with a special storytime featuring author Angela Joy, reading from her new picture book, Ordinary Days, about the legendary musician Prince. Then get creative with fun crafts for the whole family, enjoy yummy treats, sign up for Open+ self-service, and more. Saturday, Feb. 10 @ 1704 Montana Ave. https://santamonica.gov/events/montana-avenue-branch-open-house

Naked at the Getty Scavenger Hunt: This whirlwind tour of nudes uncovers a whole lot more than a few naked bodies. On teams, you'll work together to answer tricky, humorous questions about a cupid who pulls a Mike Tyson move, a sultry dog whisperer, slapstick with a lemon, an ancient game of wife swap, Toulouse-Lautrec's "moodel," Mischief's bear hide, and much more. Saturday, Feb. 10, 4p.m. https://watsonadventures.com/hunt/the-naked-at-the-getty-scavenger-hunt/

Craig Kroll Gallery Opening Reception: Chrissy Angliker, Lou Beach, Kelly Berg: Multiple artists are featured, including Lou Beach, who Filmmaker Terry Gilliam called "funny, smart, twisted, brilliant...the greatest collage artist on the planet." FREE. Saturday, Feb. 10, 4-6p.m. @ 2525 Michigan Ave. https://www.craigkrullgallery.com/

Hollywood On The Santa Monica Beach: "A glance back in time at Hollywood's influence on Santa Monica Beach that attracted "anyone who was anybody" from Charlie Chaplin to Pres. John F. Kennedy. Authors of Hollywood on the Santa Monica Beach Marc Wanamaker and Arthur C. Verge will share stories and photos from the book, and film historian Michael Yakaitis shows snippets of home movies from Marion Davies and William Randolph Hearst! The talk and Q & A will be followed by a screening of Show People starring Marion Davies." Sunday, Feb 11, 11a.m.-2p.m. @ Annenberg Beach House, 415 PCH. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/48yehnr7w0nfp6pywmzx9rt8xe/202402111100

Super Bowl Parties: Whether you care more about the game or what Taylor Swift will be wearing, there are lots of options around town for watching the big game, including a pig roast at The Bungalow, Barney's Beanery and 1212 Santa Monica on 3rd St. Promenade, and a few spots on Main St., including Jameson's Pub, The Library and The Tavern.

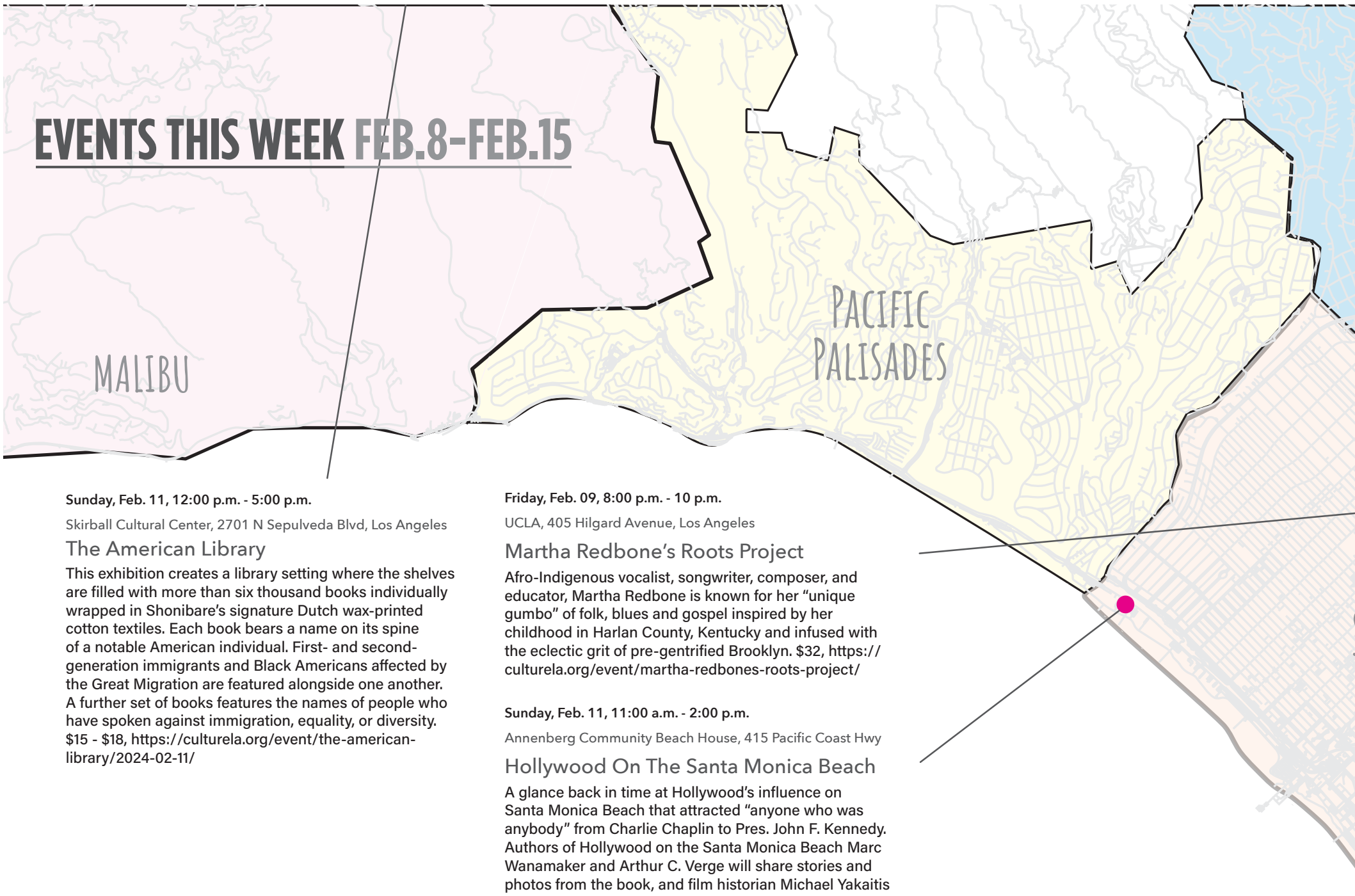
WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Smorgasburg Vendor to Open Kava Nectar Bar in Ocean Park: Kava Nectar Is Made from Natural Roots of the Kava Plant. Kavahana, a permanent vendor at well-known food event Smorgasburg, will hold the grand opening for its inaugural retail location which it describes as the first-of-its-kind "kava nectar bar." Saturday, Feb. 10, Noon to 11 p.m. @ 306 Pico Blvd. (next to the old Vidiots space). https://www.kavahana.com/events

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EVENTS THIS WEEK FEB.8-FEB.15



Sunday, Feb. 11, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles

The American Library

This exhibition creates a library setting where the shelves are filled with more than six thousand books individually wrapped in Shonibare's signature Dutch wax-printed cotton textiles. Each book bears a name on its spine of a notable American individual. First- and second-generation immigrants and Black Americans affected by the Great Migration are featured alongside one another. A further set of books features the names of people who have spoken against immigration, equality, or diversity. $15 - $18, https://culturela.org/event/the-american-library/2024-02-11/

Friday, Feb. 09, 8:00 p.m. - 10 p.m.

UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles

Martha Redbone's Roots Project

Afro-Indigenous vocalist, songwriter, composer, and educator, Martha Redbone is known for her "unique gumbo" of folk, blues and gospel inspired by her childhood in Harlan County, Kentucky and infused with the eclectic grit of pre-gentrified Brooklyn. $32, https://culturela.org/event/martha-redbones-roots-project/

Sunday, Feb. 11, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy

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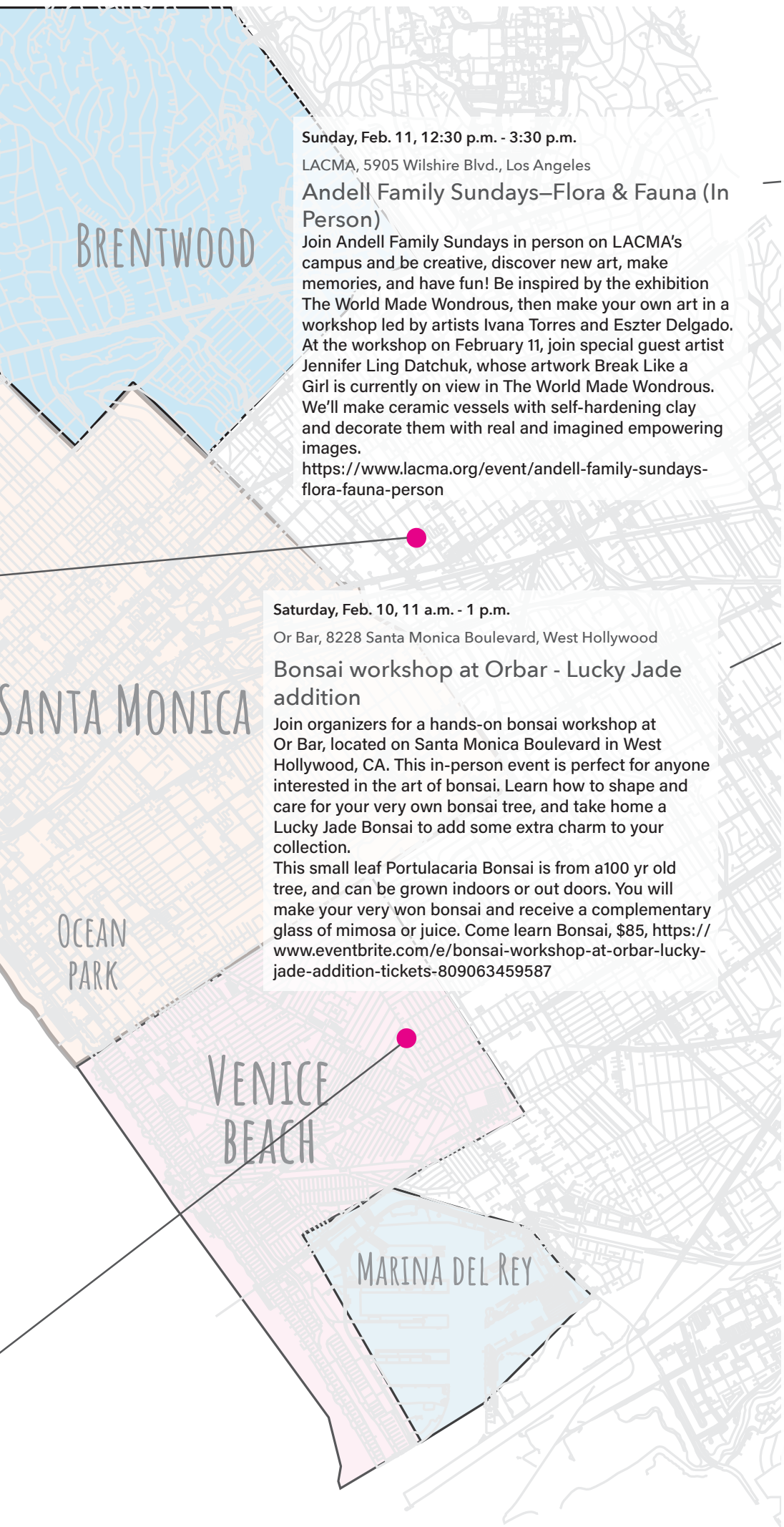
Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Friday, Feb. 09, 8:00 p.m.

The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice

Yachty By Nature

Come Sail Away with Southern California's SMOOTHEST Yacht Rock band, Yachty by Nature. A crew of six talented musicians taking you on a sunset cruise to the guilty pleasures of 70's and 80's smooth soft rock. Don't miss the boat, Captain Carl steers us toward Pleasure Town and Scotty McYachty crushes the vocals on the playlist of your life. Playing all your favorite hits from Hall & Oates, Michael McDonald, Toto, Steely Dan and so much more. Pop the champagne, your smooth grooves await. $19.50, https://www.ticketweb.com/event/yachty-by-nature-the-venice-west-tickets/13283283



Sunday, Feb. 11, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LACMA, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles

Andell Family Sundays–Flora & Fauna (In Person)

Join Andell Family Sundays in person on LACMA's campus and be creative, discover new art, make memories, and have fun! Be inspired by the exhibition The World Made Wondrous, then make your own art in a workshop led by artists Ivana Torres and Eszter Delgado. At the workshop on February 11, join special guest artist Jennifer Ling Datchuk, whose artwork Break Like a Girl is currently on view in The World Made Wondrous. We'll make ceramic vessels with self-hardening clay and decorate them with real and imagined empowering images.
https://www.lacma.org/event/andell-family-sundays-flora-fauna-person

Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Or Bar, 8228 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood

Bonsai workshop at Orbar - Lucky Jade addition

Join organizers for a hands-on bonsai workshop at Or Bar, located on Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood, CA. This in-person event is perfect for anyone interested in the art of bonsai. Learn how to shape and care for your very own bonsai tree, and take home a Lucky Jade Bonsai to add some extra charm to your collection.
This small leaf Portulacaria Bonsai is from a100 yr old tree, and can be grown indoors or out doors. You will make your very won bonsai and receive a complementary glass of mimosa or juice. Come learn Bonsai, $85, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bonsai-workshop-at-orbar-lucky-jade-addition-tickets-809063459587



THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Held at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Michèle Lamont with Viet Thanh Nguyen will discuss her book, "Seeing Others: How Recognition Works - and How It Can Heal a Divided World," beginning at 8 p.m. at The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater - New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica. General admission $20, GA ticket plus a signed book copy $45, GA ticket plus a signed book copy and a signed book copy of "A Man of Two Faces" by Nguyen $70. Can be bought at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michele-lamont-with-viet-thanh-nguyen-tickets-764846716117.

COMEDY ON MAIN

Featuring comedians from Netflix, BET, Amazon Prime and more. Doors at Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St., open at 8 p.m. and show begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets $10 online, $15 at the door, use code MAIN for half off tickets while they last. Can be bought at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-on-main-sm-tickets-694553286577. For more, contact Reid at 301-213-5129 or reid.clark35@gmail.com.

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 9

KING TIDES CELEBRATION

Experience one of the wonders of nature, the highest tides of the year with Climate Action Santa Monica. When the planets and sun are at their closest, and the orbits of the earth and sun are just right, the King Tides, the highest tides of the year, will occur. These high tides give us a glimpse into the future of sea level rise and how these changes will affect our beach, coastal infrastructure, and our community. Begins at 7:30 a.m. at Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk, Santa Monica. Tickets are free, reserve a spot at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-santa-monica-king-tides-celebration-tickets-759363796557.

DANCE THEATRE

Join Invertigo Dance Theatre in an evening of collective cupid creativity and fun at MidiCi Pizza in Marina Del Rey. Starts at 5 p.m. at MidiCi the Neapolitan Pizza Company, 13488 Maxella Avenue Unit 100, Marina del Rey. Meet and greet Valentine's reception from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., dinner consisting of appetizer, one cocktail, salad, pizza or pasta entree and dessert. Tickets $50, Tickets with VIP Seating for extra $50 donation. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-in-love-with-invertigo-dance-theatre-tickets-796183605597.

DANCE AT THE ODYSSEY

Odyssey Theatre Ensemble returns with its annual six-week celebration of contemporary dance that has established the company's unique "Dance at the Odyssey" festival as the go-to place to view new work by cutting edge companies and choreographers. Begins at 8 p.m. with a performance of "How I Became Kinder, and Kinder," by choreographer Azuki Umeda. Tickets $25. Odyssey Theatre is located at 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd. For more, go to odysseytheatre.com.

DRUNK THEATRE

A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Starts at 9 p.m. at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., Santa Monica. Tickets $20, limited pre-sale discount $18, early bird group discount $15 for groups of 4 or more, VIP seating $35. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drunk-theatre-la-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-tickets-792142769347.

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10

VALENTINE'S GLASS SALE

Save the date! A chance to find beautiful, creative, and one-of-a-kind gifts for Valentine's Day. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. In conjunction with the Virginia Ave. Park Valentine's Day Celebration. 2200 Virginia Ave. Proceeds help support the SMC Art Department and events at Virginia Ave. Park.

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

Looks like another AMAZING morning at the MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN. Please join organizers at this monthly Open House, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month. Hot coffee, warm conversation and a stroll through the historic Main Street Garden on a cool Saturday morning will put a smile on anyone's face. Reach out to gardens@santamonica.gov if you'd like to put a few hours of volunteer work in on this day. They always have projects we can use help with. In a continued effort to address food insecurity, we are hosting a NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE in February. Please considering stopping by to say hello and helping us help others. Main Street Community Garden 2318 Main St. 9 - 11 a.m.

UCLA GLUCK TROMBONE QUARTET

UCLA Gluck is coming back to the library! The Trombone Quartet plays a unique set of musical styles, solely on trombones. Their repertoire represents a wonderfully eclectic selection of songs, ranging from the classical canon to popular music and jazz. 10:30 a.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an Open House celebration and show your love for the library! The program kicks off at 10:30 a.m. with a special storytime featuring author Angela Joy, reading from her new picture book, Ordinary Days, about the legendary musician Prince. Then get creative with fun crafts for the whole family, enjoy yummy treats, sign up for Open+ self-service, and more. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 11

HOLLYWOOD ON THE SANTA MONICA BEACH

A glance back in time at Hollywood's influence on Santa Monica Beach that attracted "anyone who was anybody" from Charlie Chaplin to Pres. John F. Kennedy. Authors of Hollywood on the Santa Monica Beach Marc Wanamaker and Arthur C. Verge will share stories and photos from the book, and film historian Michael Yakaitis shows snippets of home movies from Marion Davies and William Randolph Hearst! The talk and Q & A will be followed by a screening of Show People starring Marion Davies. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP: #389 SANTA MONICA BLVD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT STUDY**
- **Submission Deadline Is March 4, 2024, at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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B&T'S

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eggplant as its main component and it has a very nice meaty texture, it almost looks like a roast beef. So every sandwich has that main component that's made using vegetables that are marinated in a way that really brings out the natural flavors," he says.

"We also offer condiments like aioli sauces that are made using fresh organic ingredients like a cucumber aioli, plus a chimichurri of balsamic vinegar, again all using organic and locally sourced ingredients," says Terrence, adding that other flavors include jalapeno, cilantro and green peppercorns. However, everything on the menu is suitable for vegans, but some items do contain nuts.

The other half of B&T is Brittany Caldwell and they met while they both worked in the tech industry in San Francisco. Terrence originally hails from Colorado, but attended college in Los Angeles, so he was already familiar with the area. "It was an easy transition, so that really helped," he says.

"This is our first restaurant and Britt and I began adopting more of a plant-based diet just a couple of years ago. The impetus was largely just to improve our mental and physical well being. And we really saw improvements because of it," says Terrence, adding that the store's slogan is "This is for sandwich lovers" because they want the emphasis to be on the flavors, regardless of whether it happens to be vegan-based.

This sentiment is also echoed on the shop's website. "Our goal is to bring plant-based options to sandwich lovers. B&T's is not for the strictly vegan — we use ingredients that everyone knows and loves ... instead of confusing and fake meat imitations that turn people off from incorporating plant-based items into their routine. We show the plant-based-curious that you're not relegating yourself to a lifetime of tofu and hummus."

As such the store describes itself as where "Bay Cities meets Erewhon." For the next few days, the limited menu will still be in place and hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Sunday and Monday, but the aim is to soon be open to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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IT'S EASY BEING GREEN: Brittany and Terrence Caldwell (3rd and 4th from left) and staff at B&T's on Montana Avenue.

NOTEWORTHY

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first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great decadent fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. And the band is smokin'! EM performed stunning shows every Tuesday for a couple of years at Harvelle's, every week in this column I HIGHLY RECOMMENDED her and urged you to go – and now she's gone. Don't. Miss. Toledo Diamond. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

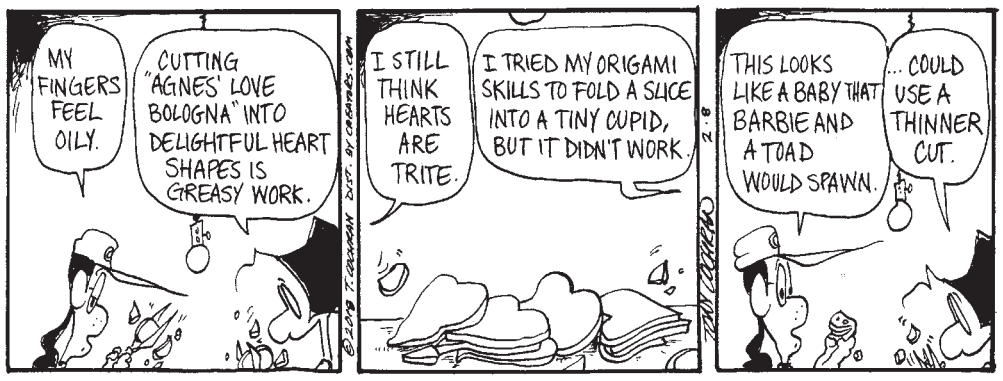
Next Thurs - GOVERNMENT MULE – How can I recommend this band when I have never seen them live? Two reasons. They have had a rabid following, for years, and some time ago when I got to see their rhythm section play with other musicians, I thought Holy Moley, how good are these guys as a full band? Next Thurs p.m.,Wiltern Theatre, LA, $57-1,111.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: GOVERNMENT MULE, Wiltern, 2/15; "AN EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY MAN," Ruskin Theatre, 2/17, 24; "IT'S ONLY A SHOW," Ruskin Theatre, 2/17, 24, 3/9, 16, 23; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 2/18, 25; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 2/19, 26; SCHUBERT, BEETHOVEN, LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 2/15, 16, 17, 18; MALKKI CONDUCTS BRAHMS, Disney Hall, 2/23, 24, 25; PRICKLY PAIR, JEFF PLANKENHORN, McCabe's, 2/23; TAJ MAHAL, Luckman Fine Arts Complex, 2/23; SHAWN PHILLIPS, McCabe's, 2/24; "HIGHWAY 1, USA"/"THE DWARF," LA OPERA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 2/24, 3/3, 6, 9, 14, 17; JUDY COLLINS, Luckman Fine Arts Complex, 3/2; ROBERT FRIPP, David Singleton, An Evening of Conversation, Questions, Insights, McCabe's, 3/3; DIANNE REEVES, Disney Hall, 3/3; TERRY REID, McCabe's, 3/8; CHRISTONE "KINGFISH" INGRAM, Fonda Theatre, 3/9; SOUTHSIDE SLIM, Harvelle's, 3/15; PHILIP GLASS, COMPLETE ETUDES, Disney Hall, 3/20; ESA-PEKKA SALONEN, SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, 3/22; LOS STRAIGHTJACKETS, McCabe's, 3/24; SLEATER-KINNEY, Wiltern, 3/28, Belasco, 3/29; YO YO MA, KATHRYN SCOTT, Disney Hall, 4/3; SPRINGSTEEN, Kia Forum, 4/4, 7; "LA TRAVIATA," LA Opera, 4/6, 14, 18, 21, 24, 27; SAINT-SAENS, ORGAN SYMPHONY, LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 4/12, 13, 14; HERBIE HANCOCK, Disney Hall, 4/20; ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS, The Soraya, 4/21; RHIANNON GIDDENS, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 4/25; MOZART, STRAUSS, DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 5/2, 3, 4, 5; DVORAK, ORTIZ, DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 5/9, 10, 11, 12; "TURANDOT," LA Opera, 5/18, 26, 30, 6/2, 5, 8; KRAFTWERK, Disney Hall, 5/21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30; CHRIS STAPLETON, Hollywood Bowl, 6/26, 27; ROLLING STONES, SoFi Stadium, 7/10, 13.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He 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

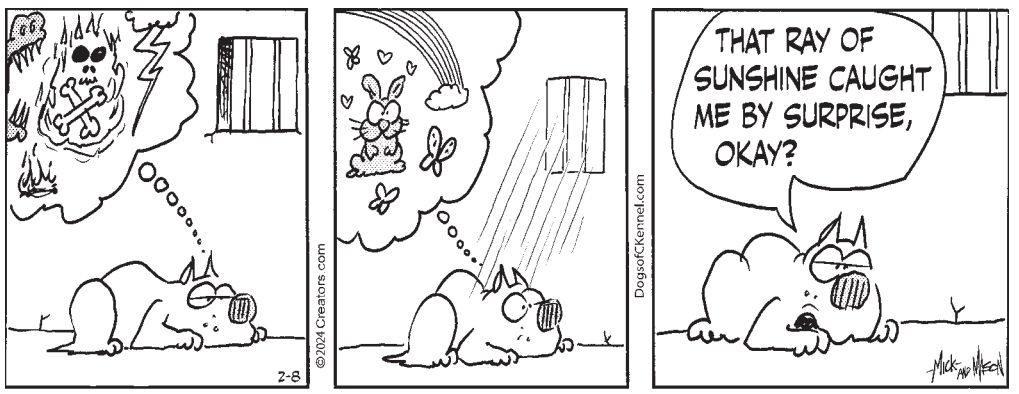
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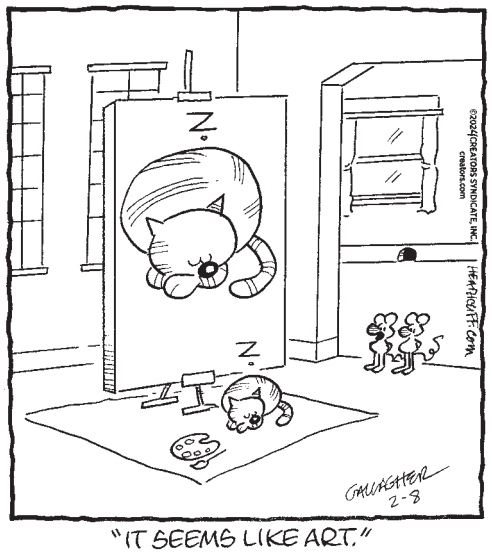
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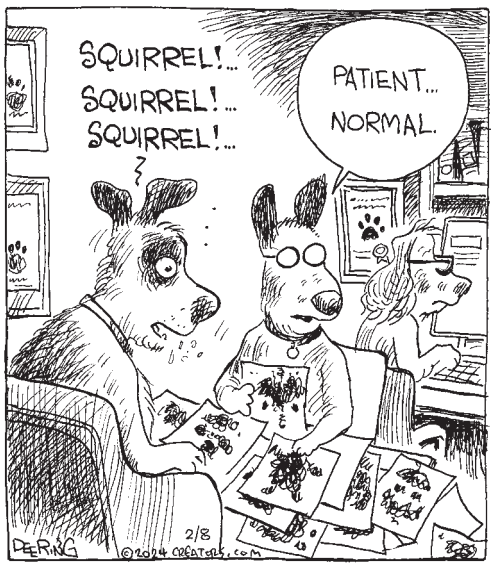
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"IT SEEMS LIKE ART."

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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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 8)

This solar return rises like a colorful hot air balloon in a perfect sky, adventurous, thrilling and yet also serene, offering you a view of life you've long worked for. More highlights: A love story is written in stardust. You'll enhance your style, polish your profile and perfect your charm. You'll finish an educational goal and apply what you know to improve lives and make memories. Pisces and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 39, 2, 22 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're the one who keeps things interesting in relationships by staying alert to possible sources of fun. You're good at figuring out common interests and where there isn't a lot of it, you create it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Among his more imaginative quotes is the declaration of Benjamin Franklin, "If your head is wax, don't walk in the sun." You can avoid all meltdowns by tuning into your sensitivities and avoiding that which might set them off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships that start with attraction can end in repulsion, but it rarely goes the other way. Your aversions will be valid indicators, like bowling ball bumpers, keeping you in the lane and out of the gutter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll change because you desire change. And while you may not be able to make yourself want something more than you organically do, seeing someone who has it could add fuel to your motivation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you find the nexus between what you want and what people want from you, everything gets easier. They buy what you're selling, they feel honored by your attention, and your work becomes a pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Enjoy yourself first, and inspiration will join later. The muses are floating around now, like children at recess, looking for someone on the playground to play with. They'll get in on the game that looks like fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've already put so much energy into learning how to best present yourself and your work that it is now second nature for you to make a stellar impression. It will pay off today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The challenge in question demands profound reflection, though it happens over the course of many hours and days. Your mind will be churning in the background. You'll look at your choices, think about your history and decide about your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To be human is to make mistakes often. Cultivating a kinder, gentler inner voice is the order of the day. You'll find yourself alone, but not for long. Your creative mind is like a beacon to other creative minds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are slowly developing new expectations of a relationship. This is a good time to check them against reality to make sure you're wanting something that fits with what others are willing and able to give.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). All fires start small. There's a warm ember in you now, ready to catch on. To follow your attraction is to fan the glow and feed it the kindling that can set your heart ablaze.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Courteous, obedient and respectful is the usual mode, though you can also be feisty if need be. It's a side you may let people know about. You are willing to fight for anyone you care about, starting with yourself.

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

4	7	2	9	8	5	1	3	6
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Newsday Crossword

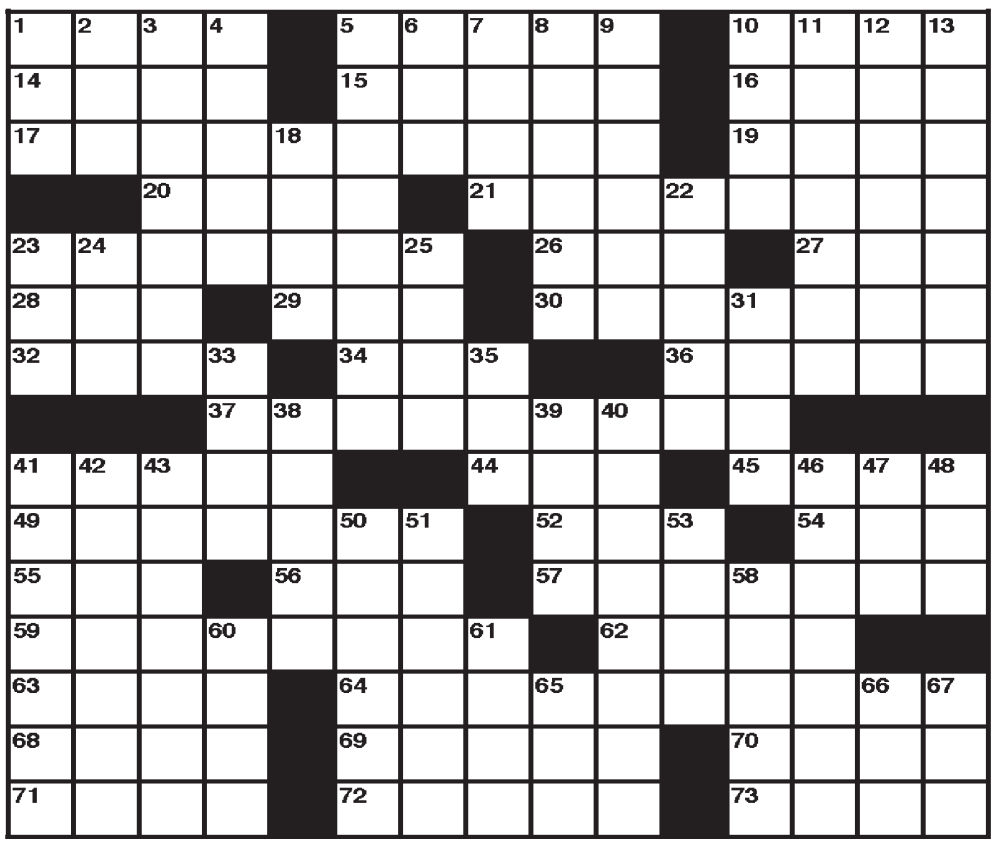
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ACROSS

1 Studies to relax in
5 Shaker partner
10 Composer Bartók
14 Best-selling sandwich
15 Greek peace goddess
16 Shortly, to Shelley
17 Historic rights document
19 Thin nail
20 Trellis strip
21 "And so on"
23 Regarding that matter
26 Online exchanges
27 Hair holder
28 Global games grp.
29 Selfhood
30 Alphabets, essentially
32 "Beyond" beginning
34 Director DuVernay
36 1904's __-Japanese War
37 Gable's *GWTW* topper
41 Lip enhancer
44 "Am __ understand..."
45 "Major" animal
49 Takes off the books
52 Venerable peace activist
54 Ramadan's end
55 Virtuoso
56 Word for a name changer
57 Where Dante studied
59 It's southeast of Anaheim
62 First name of the "Queen of Country"
63 London stroller
64 Summertime side
68 Detroit River's destination
69 Unmitigated
70 Part of some headsets
71 *Jurassic Park* star
72 Buttercup cousin
73 Theme of the puzzle

DOWN

1 Benedictine title
2 Nostalgic period
3 Don't keep up
4 Tracking tech
5 Detroit River's origin
6 ". . . good witch __ bad witch?"
7 Intensely
8 Necessarily involve
9 Instructional file
10 Crib sheet user
11 Fires up
12 Machines with shovels
13 "What's more . . ."
18 Perfection phrase part
22 Latin stars
23 Steve's Apple successor
24 Furrowing implement
25 Stellar phenomenon
31 Dress painted by Degas
33 It adjoins the altar
35 "__ dreaming?"
38 Yoga posture
39 One small step
40 What LLDs typically are
41 Got hold of
42 Spy novel pseudonym
43 Roofless
46 Royal emblems
47 Do wrong
48 "Give Kids a Smile" org.
50 Leave one's feet
51 *Julius Caesar* setting
53 Cries of support
58 ACA signer
60 IRS guys
61 Regarding
65 Lacrosse team
66 Alias introducer
67 DOJ branch



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TOWN

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Seoulmates Grand Opening: Seoulmates is a fast casual Korean spot serving up unique dishes inspired by Christina Hong's love for LA street food and her Korean Umma's home cooking. . First 50 guests will receive a FREE Off Menu item in collaboration with Ginza Nishikawa Japanese Milk Bread, our Spicy Pork Sando! They will also be handing out housemade Korean Banana Milks as well! Saturday, Feb. 10 from 12 - 4p.m. @ 11419 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.colonycooks.com/

Ray Garcia Takes Over the Stoves at The Rose in Venice: Garcia first made a name on the Westside helming the popular Fig restaurant inside the Fairmont Miramar and now is back out west managing one of LA's busiest restaurants with plans to refresh the California Italian menu that chef Jason Neroni previously oversaw for seven years. 220 Rose Ave. https://la.eater.com/2024/2/6/24063125/ray-garcia-the-rose-venice-restaurant-new-chef-jason-neroni-sprout-la

Brew Works Partners with Bludso's BBQ to Release a Roasted Malt Smoked Lager: "We've been wanting to do a smoked beer for a long time," said Dominic Larubina, lead brewer at the Brew Works, adding, "With legendary Bludso's BBQ moving in around the corner, it finally provided the perfect opportunity." The draft is available at both Bludso's (1329 Santa Monica Blvd.) and Santa Monica Brew Works (1920 Colorado Ave.). https://smdp.com/2024/02/05/brew-works-has-partnered-with-bludsos-to-release-a-roasted-malt-smoked-lager/

Layla Bagels Makes The Infatuation's "Best Bagels in LA" List: This Ocean Park Blvd. shop is what "the Westside has been waiting for: a lovely little counter service spot with great coffee and outrageously delicious bagels piled high with the freshest produce available." 1614 Ocean Park Blvd. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/la-best-bagels

EaterLA's List of "19 Superb Santa Monica Restaurants" This list includes a good mix of high end places like Citrin & Pasjoli and casual spots like Heavy Handed & Bay Cities. https://la.eater.com/maps/best-santa-monica-restaurants-los-angeles

VALENTINES DAY HAPPENINGS:

Birdie G's Cheers To Love: All guests will be treated to a complimentary rose, fun Valentine's Day card and sachet of Smoked Rose Almonds (a tribute to Chef/Owner Jeremy Fox's "meet-cute" with his wife Rachael). Get in the festive mood with à la carte specials, such as Gougères with chicken liver mousse & rose-beet jam, Egg Yolk Raviolo with ricotta & 'nduja and Fig-Glazed Duck Confit, paired with pink & sparkling wines from legendary producers (Champagne Pierre Paillard, Château Peyrassol) or playful cocktails (a spicy Eros' Arrow). 2421 Michigan Ave. http://www.birdiegsla.com/

Cassia Multi-Day Celebration: With Valentine's Day on a Wednesday, the Cassia team is extending the fun into the weekend. Enjoy à la carte specials like Oyster Mushroom Satay with peanut sauce & pickled Chinese cabbage, Singaporean Chili Crab Dip with clay oven bread, Hainanese Chicken Confit with duck fat fried rice and a whole Wok-Tossed Lobster with chilis, scallions, mushrooms & chow fun noodles. 1314 7th St. https://www.cassiala.com/

Cookie Good "Valentine's Day Cookie Box": The heart-shaped candy box is as much a part of Valentine's Day as Cupid and red roses. They've taken inspiration from some of their favorite "nuts & chews" to create a Valentine's Day Cookie Box. 2448 Wilshire Blvd. https://cookiegood.com/products/the-valentine-box

Esters All-Day Festivities & Prime Rib: They are popping corks as early as noon and pouring Champagne by-the glass from magnums to pair with oysters, caviar and cheese & charcuterie platters. Starting at 5 p.m., they are offering up Prime Rib, served with creamy mashed potatoes & charred broccoli, to pair with a themed wine flight. 1314 7th St. https://www.esterswineshop.com

Galentine's Afternoon Tea @ Fairmont Miramar: Features a 3-course menu of scones, pastries, and finger sandwiches, paired with a selection of loose-leaf teas. Feb. 10-11, 12 & 3p.m. in the Library and Ocean Terrace. 101 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/dine/afternoon-tea/

The Georgian: They are offering a 3- course "Be Mine Menu," for $110/person, beginning with Oysters served with Black Pepper Mignonette, Burrata topped with Grilled Asparagus, Brown Butter, Guanciale, Toasted Almonds, and Dungeness Crab all served family style. 1415 Ocean Ave. https://resy.com/cities/lax/venues/restaurant-at-the-georgian/events/valentines-day-menu-2024-02-14

LouLou: Enjoy a $99 Prix Fixe menu with live musical performances by Chloe Perrier & the French Heart Jazz Band. 395 Santa Monica Place https://www.opentable.com/r/loulou-rooftop-restaurant-and-lounge-santa-monica

Mon Ami: Expect a cozied-up Mediterranean 4-course dinner for $89 per person, plus a wine pairing for an additional $29. 1541 Ocean Ave. https://www.monamism.com/valentines-day-menu

Rustic Canyon: Offering a "choose your own adventure" 6 or 8-course menus, with Oysters on the Half Shell with pink guava mignonette, Baja Bay Scallops & Sunchokes in XO sauce and Duck Leg Confit with red wine-braised cabbage & rhubarb, with the option to shave black truffles on certain dishes. 1119 Wilshire Blvd. https://rusticcanyonrestaurant.com/

BIRDIE G'S VALENTINE'S DAY COCKTAILS

Further Afield: LA Art Show: "The Most Comprehensive International Contemporary Art Show in America" is back with more than 180,000 square feet of exhibition space, including domestic and international galleries. Wednesday - Sunday, Feb. 14 - 18 @ LA Convention Center. https://www.laartshow.com/

Looking Ahead Around Town: Frieze Art Fair (2/29 -3/3), LA Wine & Food Festival (3/1-3)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice

Dr. Ryan J. Smith appointed as St. Joseph Center President and CEO

St. Joseph Center, one of the largest grassroots organizations in Los Angeles County focused on providing housing, mental health, job training, and other vital services to underserved communities, announced today that Dr. Ryan J. Smith has been appointed to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective March 1st, 2024.

Dr. Ryan J. Smith is a dynamic leader in the social services sector, with 20 years of experience in non-profit management. As a staunch advocate for the power of community for social good, Dr. Smith has made a lasting impact in California and nationwide by championing equity in public services, particularly in the realms of social and economic justice.

Currently serving as an Affordable Housing Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles, Dr. Smith brings management, systems change, and community engagement experience to his new role as President and CEO. Prior to joining St. Joseph Center, Dr. Smith served as the Chief Strategy Officer for Community Coalition—an organization founded thirty years ago by Mayor Karen Bass with the mission of transforming the social and economic conditions of residents in South Los Angeles and beyond. Notably, Dr. Smith managed the successful Make LA Whole anti-poverty campaign, securing over $200 million in city funds for high-need communities.

"I am humbled and excited to join the incredible team at St. Joseph Center," said Dr. Ryan J. Smith. "I hope to build upon its incredible legacy, fostering an environment where outreach and engagement, housing, mental health, and job training programs are always at the heart of our work."

"St. Joseph Center is a critical partner in providing services and housing Angelenos across the County. They have been key in the establishment of Los Angeles County's Pathway Home – RV program. I look forward to Dr. Smith's leadership in this next phase of the organization." – Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell

"Dr. Smith is a visionary with a proven track record of success. With a lifetime of work focused on equity, he is the smart, mission-focused leader St. Joseph Center needs to advance the agency's efforts in homeless services," said Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, CEO of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the former President & CEO of St. Joseph Center.

"Throughout his life, Dr. Smith has been committed to making a positive impact in California and across our nation. His initiative, success, and passion for advancing equity in public services have been underscored by his distinguished career. I look forward to working alongside him in his new role as CEO to find solutions to our housing crisis and create more opportunities for Angelenos in need," said Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove.

Before his tenure at Community Coalition, Dr. Smith served as Interim CEO and Chief External Officer for LA Unified's Partnership for Los Angeles Schools, an organization supporting over 15,000 students and their families. In this role, Dr. Smith provided instrumental support in the development, communications, policy and advocacy, and community engagement programs.

"For two decades, Dr. Smith has brought his experience, energy, and focus into building programs and opportunities for those in our underserved communities and will be vital to maintaining St. Joseph's mission of hope through empowerment," said Culver City Mayor Yasmin Imani-McCorrin.

St. Joseph Center is an inclusive, diverse force for change, working to provide underserved, low-income families, as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable, and self-supporting members of the community.

For almost fifty years, St. Joseph Center has been at the forefront of supporting unhoused men and women across Los Angeles. Last year, St. Joseph Center connected over 2,400 individuals with housing, provided over 45,000 hours of mental health care, and served over 46,000 hot, nutritious meals to homeless men and women at their Bread and Roses Café. St. Joseph Center has also been a leading advocate for the advancement of underserved women in the workplace, with their digital web technology job training program, Codetalk, low-income and underserved women are given the tools and skills they need to find employment in the technology industry.

A report from the USC Price Homelessness Policy Research Institute found that a homelessness outreach effort led by St. Joseph Center in the summer of 2021, Ocean Front Walk Encampment to Homes Project, was able to "move 93% of its clients into permanent housing — far above the normal rate than standard outreach programs," said the report. "The findings show the program's ability to immediately offer housing and spend more time with clients to gain their trust helped house more people and provide other services, such as transportation, health care and employment assistance."

"In the days ahead, I plan to work side-by-side with the incredible team of staff and volunteers at St. Joseph Center, partnering with the community at large to meet the needs of our underserved neighbors," said Dr. Smith.

Dr. Ryan J. Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Doctorate of Education from UCLA, and is a recipient of both the National Annie E. Casey Children and Family Fellowship, and the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs.

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