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Restaurant Spotlight: Wallflower Indonesian eatery and cocktail bar



Art Gray

FOOD: Wallflower, located at 609 Rose Ave in Venice, has weathered the ups and downs of the pandemic.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

As outdoor dining reopens and local restaurants begin the road to recovery the Daily Press is highlighting one excellent eatery a week sharing its history, pandemic struggles, and signature dishes.

This week the spotlight is on Wallflower — a South East Asian gem tucked away on Rose Avenue serving modern Indonesian fusion food alongside killer craft cocktails.

THE STORY BEHIND WALLFLOWER

Wallflower was founded in 2015 as a collaboration between architect and restaurateur Dustin Miles and former head chef Harryson Tobing, who hails from Lake Toba in Northern Sumatra.

Miles sought to combine the ethos and aesthetic of the cozy neighborhood-centric cafes he fell in love with in New York with the soulful aromatic delights of Indonesian food.

While his background is in architecture and design, Miles came from a family of hospitality workers and always dreamed of launching his own restaurant.

"I think my earliest memory is in a restaurant where I was sitting on a barstool waiting for my mom to clean up the bar," said Miles. "It's kind of in my blood."

After moving to Venice, Miles left his architecture firm and launched Wallflower as an unassuming candle-lit gathering place where local creatives can come together over a plate of crispy duck rolls and enjoy handcrafted cocktails.

Miles utilized his design skills to build an alluring ambiance incorporating minimalist lighting and natural materials with soul, texture, and warmth. While working with a limited budget, the team used a lot of reclaimed materials and repurposed furniture to build the interior.

SURVIVING THE PANDEMIC

As was the case for many locally owned businesses, the past year has been a rollercoaster ride for Wallflower. While at times it looked like the small restaurant would be pushed off the edge, the team banded together to stay afloat.

"The memory of the first shut down order is seared into my brain. It was tragic because we had really worked so hard the last five years and had just gotten into a really good place," said Miles. "It felt like pulling the reins back on a racehorse."

The team gritted their teeth and tried to make to-go work, but found

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Santa Monica Animal Shelter relaunches volunteer program

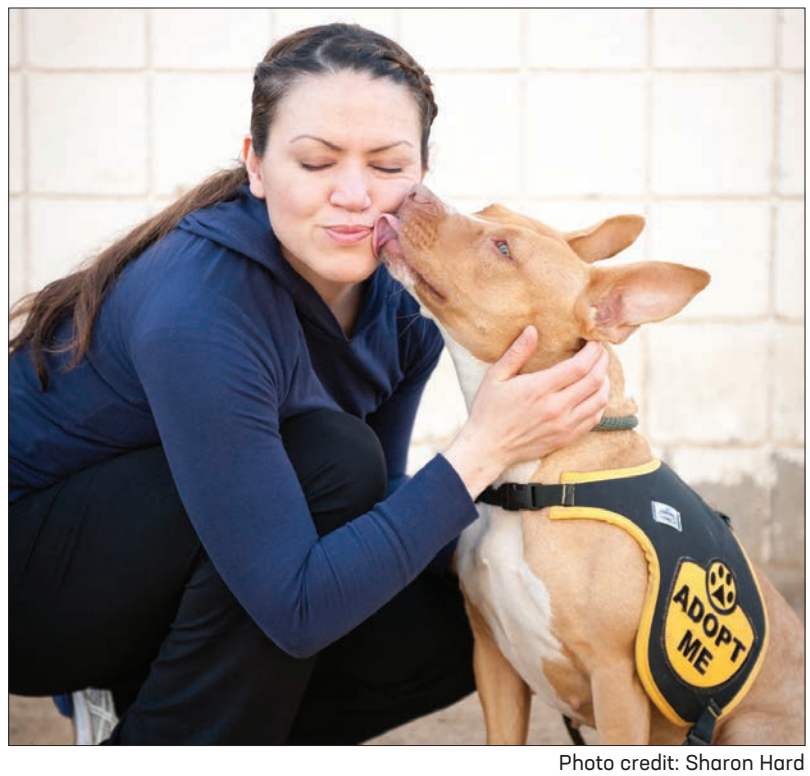


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ANIMAL SHELTER: Volunteer Carmen Molinari with shelter dog.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

After working with a slashed budget and reduced staff for many months, the Santa Monica Animal Shelter is relaunching its volunteer program to help further its commitment to rehabilitating rescued pets.

Volunteers play an important role in the operation of the shelter and the team is looking forward to welcoming community members back with Covid restrictions in place.

"The volunteer program is incredibly rewarding because you see that transition from an animal that came in helpless to one that

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Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission begins accepting applications

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's first civilian police oversight body is now accepting applications from residents who feel they are qualified to promote the best practices in community-oriented policing.

Following last summer's protests pertaining to racial justice and the killing of black men and women around the country, City Council initiated a community engagement process and formed a 15-member Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee, which later made a number of recommendations to local

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 198 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 17

Traffic/Vehicle Stop Main St / Pacific St 12:58 a.m.
Fire 400blk Broadway 1:05 a.m.
Death Investigation 1100blk 7th St 1:44 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 2300blk 3rd St 2:44 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 2300blk 3rd St 2:47 a.m.
Grand Theft Now 1500blk Idaho Ave 3:23 a.m.
Vandalism Now 400blk Broadway 3:35 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 900blk 4th St 5:09 a.m.
Death Investigation 2700blk 11th St 5:47 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1000blk 3rd St 6:45 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk 2nd St 6:56 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1500blk 4th St 6:56 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 7:10 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 7:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 17th St / Olympic Blvd 7:43 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1100blk 12th St 8:00 a.m.
Burglary 2300blk 5th St 8:01 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 300blk California Ave 8:08 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1100blk 3rd St 8:15 a.m.
Death Notification 2000blk 3rd St 8:29 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:32 a.m.
Burglary 300blk California Ave 9:14 a.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 9:17 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:28 a.m.
Battery 1400blk Palisades Park 9:31 a.m.
Petty Theft 800blk 20th St 9:51 a.m.
Auto Burglary 500blk Hill St 9:53 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2900blk 3rd St 9:55 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1400blk Marine St 10:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2400blk Main St 10:03 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1400blk Palisades Beach Rd 10:08 a.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk 14th St 10:22 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1500blk 10th St 10:34 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 10:35 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 3000blk 4th St 10:59 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 11:05 a.m.
Auto Burglary 500blk Hill St 11:10 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2900blk 3rd St 11:25 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 100blk Hollister Ave 11:32 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 1500blk 4th St 11:46 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 2nd St 11:49 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 1400blk Ocean Ave 11:54 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Ocean Ave 12:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Prowler 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:35 p.m.
Burglary 1000blk 2nd St 12:39 p.m.
Petty Theft 2600blk 6th St 12:43 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2200blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:03 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:10 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2100blk Oak St 1:14 p.m.
Loud Music 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk Arizona Ave 1:48 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Bicknell Ave 1:50 p.m.
Prowler 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:59 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1500blk 2nd St 2:00 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1600blk 14th St 2:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 2600blk 6th St 2:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 10th St / Idaho Ave 2:11 p.m.
Grand Theft 2700blk 4th St 2:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1800blk Euclid St 2:15 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 2:30 p.m.
Petty Theft 3000blk 3rd St 2:31 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1600blk 18th St 2:34 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 3:10 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Main St / Ashland Ave 3:29 p.m.
Petty Theft 2200blk Pico Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Burglary 1200blk California Ave 3:46 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk 2nd St 3:47 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk The Beach 4:10 p.m.
Grand Theft 2400blk Washington Ave 4:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 4:53 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Pier Ave 4:54 p.m.
Burglary 1200blk 6th St 5:06 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:07 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2600blk Main St 5:12 p.m.
Assault Now 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:49 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 5:50 p.m.
Encampment Lincoln Blvd / California Ave 5:56 p.m.
Information Received 1400blk Berkeley St 5:56 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:20 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk 25th St 7:06 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:23 p.m.
Burglary 1000blk 2nd St 7:45 p.m.
Fight 2100blk Main St 7:56 p.m.
Vandalism 700blk Marine St 8:04 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1700blk Cedar St 9:07 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:17 p.m.
Of Shots Fired 10th St / Washington Ave 9:42 p.m.
Battery 2300blk 32nd St 9:48 p.m.
Battery 1500blk The Beach 11:41 p.m.

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FEBRUARY 3, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:12 A.M.

Officers were dispatched to 4th St and Colorado Ave, in reference to an "Assault with a deadly weapon" call for service. The comments of the call indicated a male black approximately five feet seven inches tall, wearing a blue jacket and cargo pants, was shooting rocks from a slingshot at an ambassador. Further, the suspect was described as having a bow. Officers searched the area and located a male matching the description of the suspect hiding behind a truck. The male, later identified as Joseph Buckhalter, was crouched down behind the hood of the truck and was attempting to conceal himself. Buckhalter was wearing the clothing from the description and had the previously mentioned bow attached to his backpack. Buckhalter was detained while officers continued their investigation. After canvasing the area in front of the parked truck where Buckhalter was hiding, officers located a slingshot with a yellow elastic band. The victims positively identified Buckhalter as the individual that used the slingshot to hit them with rocks. Buckhalter was arrest for 245(A)(1) PC- Assault with a deadly weapon.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 17

EMS 400blk Colorado Ave 12:09 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 12:50 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 1:04 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 400blk Broadway 1:05 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:50 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 5:24 a.m.
EMS 2700blk 11th St 5:32 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 6:22 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 7:06 a.m.
Vehicle Into A Structure 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 7:30 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 8:00 a.m.
EMS 9th St / Idaho Ave 8:55 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Airport Ave 8:57 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 8:58 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:27 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 11th St 10:06 a.m.
EMS 800blk 3rd St 10:24 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:09 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 11:24 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 12:21 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 12:40 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:51 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:36 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 2:07 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 2:08 p.m.
EMS 10th St / Idaho Ave 2:11 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 3:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 4:53 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:49 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Berkeley St 7:01 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 8:08 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Pico Blvd 8:29 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1000blk 12th St 9:39 p.m.
Vehicle Fire 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 10:02 p.m.
Hydrant Leak Harvard St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:10 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

In Pursuit of Happiness: How to Help Empower Black Families

The Committee For Racial Justice (CRJ) will be gathering by Zoom on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m., to explore a topic that is most pressing in the Black community. This double pandemic of catastrophic civil unrest and COVID-19 is triggering a mental health crisis within the Black community. Families and individuals are seeing an increase in reported cases of depression (adults and teens), domestic abuse, addiction/alcoholism, and suicide. In this Black History month, we will learn more about the intergenerational trauma rooted in systemic racism and oppression that is disproportionately impacting Black families at alarming rates.

To help promote the importance of receiving mental health services in the Black community, we will explore various mentally debilitating causes as well as optimal outcomes when clinical services are received. We want to see what is being done to help families experiencing mental health crisis during this time and discover where we need to be supporting those efforts and advocating for even more solutions.

On the night of 2/21/21, a panel of Black Mental Health experts will inform and guide us through this arduous landscape and help us discuss what can be done.

Our panelists include Black Mental Health clinicians and advocates: Miyumi McKinley (LCSW) founder of The Healing Black Intergenerational Trauma Center; Nakeya Fields (LCSW), President of Therapeutic Play Foundation; Rayshell Chambers (Masters of Public Policy & Administration), co-founder of Painted Brain healing services through the arts; Maagic Collins, host of Fight the Funk Podcast, as well as mental health and civil rights advocate; and Sir James Baliey, Facilitator of Faithful Fellowships and Humanities Facilitator at FreeLA High School.

In addition to local issues, the panel will also discuss LA County, CA state, and federal efforts to address Black Mental Health.

There will time for Q & A after their presentations.

Call Joanne at (310) 422-5431 for further information.

Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 6:30 -8 p.m. zoom meeting

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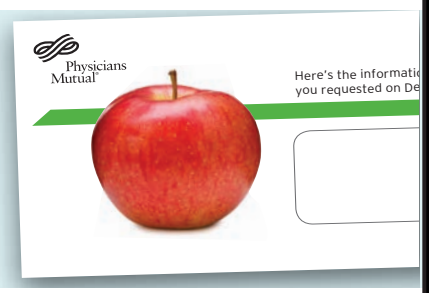
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Chasing a Dream is Rarely Easy



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MOVIE: Director Robert Aldrich hired me to write a movie comedy to be produced by MGM.

In 1974, I moved from Idyllwild in the mountains above Palm Springs to Ocean Park because of a unique combination of circumstances. My girlfriend of five years and I split up; a vacationing Hollywood agent who had read my columns in the Idyllwild paper contacted me; and my sister's friend who owned the Santa Monica Shores hurriedly needed an intelligent and reliable security guard. (But was willing to take me.)

Because there were 150 vacancies at the Shores, he also gave me a rent free apartment and said, about my 4 p.m. to midnight shift, I could write much of the time. Meanwhile the manic agent said if I wrote a book based on my column about my mother wanting me to be a lawyer and I being a hippy, "You could be the J.D. Salinger of your generation!" (After I finished I discovered he was a manic-DEPRESSIVE who hadn't been out of his pajamas in the past six months.)

So, almost overnight I went from working for the U.S. Forest Service in a town of 2,000 to living and working in buildings that had 750 tenants. It was quite a culture shock. Long before vacancy decontrol and high rents, the Shores was filled with colorful characters. Put it this way, John Steinbeck could have written a dozen novels without leaving the building.

One such character was Dominic Mancuso who was in his mid-60's and retired from the post office. Sadly, he was an alcoholic which some speculated stemmed from his not making it as a famous singer. In his youth Dom was handsome and had a beautiful voice. He still did. I knew because on occasion he would get drunk, set up speakers on his balcony and, using a microphone, sing opera arias well into the night waking tenants in both buildings.

Through flattery, like complimenting his voice, I always convinced him to go to bed. But one day when he came to the office to get a parking pass, maybe he had a really bad hangover or seeing me typing away he got vicious. Decades ago he had opened for some star nightclub acts but never headlined. So it was he said to me, "I got closer to my dream than you'll ever get." Ouch.

Years later, on the rare occasions I would hear Dominic singing late night from his balcony I would be ever so grateful I was no longer a security guard. As for my dream, I was getting closer. My writing partner, Cary, and I had been hired by Robert Aldrich, the renowned director of "The Dirty Dozen," and "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane," to name but a few. We were to write a script to be produced by MGM and to star Anthony Quinn, Peter Falk, Shelly Winters and a young Tony Danza.

The title was "For Export Only," a comedy based on the Kefauver Senate Committee of 1950 where low level mafia were given a choice go to prison or be deported back to Italy. This "gang who couldn't shoot straight" wiseguys chose the latter foolishly thinking they could easily out-con the Sicilians. One of the first things Cary and I did was attach names to our characters. And wouldn't you know Dominic Mancuso popped into my head for one of them.

Months later we had written the script and, on this particular day, I was sitting in the North building lobby, screenplay in hand waiting for Cary to swing by to drive us to Aldrich's office at the Ambassador Hotel. And who comes stumbling into the lobby but drunken Dom. Upon seeing me, he snarled, "So big shot what are you up to?" Holding up the script, I couldn't resist bragging about MGM and Aldrich.

"Bulls---t!" he growled as he snatched the screenplay and began flipping through the

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A once high-flying political fundraiser who prosecutors said gave illegal campaign contributions to Joe Biden, Lindsey Graham and a host of other U.S. politicians was sentenced Thursday to 12 years behind bars.

Imaad Zuberi, who was accused of ingratiating himself with politicos in both major parties and peddling the resulting influence to foreign governments, pleaded guilty to charges of tax evasion, campaign finance violations and failing to register as a foreign agent.

He also was ordered to pay nearly $16 million in restitution and a nearly $2 million fine. Federal prosecutors described Zuberi, who reports to prison May 25, as a “mercenary” political donor who gave to anyone he thought could help him. Pay to play, he explained to clients, was just “how America work(s).”

Prosecutors asked U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips for a stiff sentence, calling the scope of Zuberi’s scheme unprecedented. The Los Angeles businessman’s crimes included unregistered lobbying for governments with spotty human rights records like Sri Lanka and Turkey as well as a Ukrainian oligarch close to Russian President Vladimir Putin, prosecutors said.

Phillips noted the sophistication of Zuberi’s straw donor scheme and also spoke of the role such campaign finance investigations play in preserving the integrity of American elections.

The sentence comes after former President Donald Trump recently pardoned others who had been convicted or pleaded guilty to similar foreign-influence-related crimes, including his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and Elliott Broidy, a major Trump fundraiser.

Zuberi’s hefty sentence “sent a loud message that we have to stop such conduct to restore the public faith in our institutions,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. O’Brien told The Associated Press.

“This case shows that foreign influence extends well beyond what has been frequently discussed in public discourse,” he added.

Zuberi, 50, maintained that his wrongdoing had been limited and asked to be credited for years of cooperation with federal and local law enforcement. His attorneys noted he already has paid more than $10 million in restitution.

“I’m deeply sorry and, of course, humiliated,” Zuberi told the judge. “I have no excuse for what I’ve done.”

Some of Zuberi’s cooperation remains under seal. Phillips, citing national security interests, closed the courtroom for part of Thursday’s proceedings to discuss classified information Zuberi filed in an effort to reduce his sentence. Zuberi’s attorneys asked Phillips to credit him for a list of law enforcement leads and intelligence he provided to the federal government, according to people familiar with the court filings.

Zuberi, a Pakistani-American who has extensive business dealings overseas, was in frequent contact with a CIA officer over the years and bragged to associates of his ties to the intelligence community, the AP reported last year.

The sentencing came just days after hundreds of pages of previously sealed court filings in the case were made public at the behest of the AP and other media organizations.

The trove of court documents offered new details about how prosecutors unraveled Zuberi’s scheme and also include photographs of him rubbing shoulders with then-Vice President Biden and other prominent officeholders.

Zuberi had been planning to assist federal authorities in a corruption investigation of an unnamed mayor in California, his attorneys wrote in a newly unsealed memo. He was even “preparing at an FBI office for a recorded conversation” when that effort was called off after news broke that federal prosecutors in New York were investigating the $900,000 contribution Zuberi made to Trump’s inaugural committee, the records say. Zuberi has admitted obstructing that federal investigation.

Portions of the newly unsealed documents were redacted, in part, because of ongoing criminal investigations. Prosecutors revealed last year that there is an investigation into Zuberi’s ties to Qatar. Zuberi secretly lobbied the Trump White House and Congress on behalf of the small gas-rich monarchy, which has paid him $9.8 million, prosecutors have alleged in court papers.

The documents also demonstrate how Zuberi built a widespread network of contacts, thanks in part to his prodigious political giving. That included six-figure donations to the Obama-Biden ticket in 2012 and Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign in 2016.

No one who accepted tainted money from Zuberi has been accused of wrongdoing, and Biden, through a spokesman, has said he had no knowledge of Zuberi’s illegal acts when they met, mostly at donor roundtables when Biden was vice president.

The new records show that Zuberi donated to or hired several Washington advocacy groups, lobbying shops and public relations firms. He also had well-connected people on his payroll for various business projects, including former NATO supreme commander Gen. Wesley Clark.

Emails obtained by the AP show Zuberi sought Clark’s help for work related to a company owned by Dmitry Firtash, a Putin-friendly oligarch fighting extradition to the United States on federal bribery and racketeering charges. Prosecutors say Zuberi made $1 million doing unregistered lobbying work for Firtash. Zuberi has said the money was for legitimate business transactions.

Clark did not respond to requests for comment.

The AP previously reported that Zuberi used a straw donor scheme in which he paid for others’ donations with his credit cards and used cutouts that included a dead person and names of people prosecutors say he made up. The AP’s investigation found several instances where Zuberi-linked donations to members of Congress occurred within a few weeks

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Lions Roar

Last year, just before things slowed down for the holidays, the Santa Monica Lions were happy to participate in the Salvation Army's fundraising efforts. While we weren't able to ring bells at Bristol Farms, we were able to raise almost $1800 during their virtual Red Kettle Day. Thanks to the dedication of Lions and other Santa Monica and Pacific Palisades service organizations, the Salvation Army raised more than $2000 above last year.

Sadly, just after the first of the year, one of our members, Marilynn Schalit, passed away. She became a Lion in 2017 and was one of our most enthusiastic members. She was always participating in club projects, making great suggestions and promoting Lionism. She will be greatly missed.

We held our first meeting in the new year and celebrated the more than 55 years of service Kinsley Fife and Arnold Levee have given to our Club and the Santa Monica community. As committed Lions they both continue to share their years of experience, Arnold on our board of directors and Kingsley as our vice president.

We are accepting applications for the Young Leaders in Service Awards from elementary, middle and high school students who wish to be recognized for their commitment and service to others. Students need a minimum of 50 hours to earn the Silver Award and 100 or more hours for the Gold Award. The service hours need to be completed over a 12-month period. Students need to email a copy of the service logs or a letter verifying their volunteer hours from the organization(s) to santamonicalion@gmail.com. The service logs can be found at https://temp.lionsclubs.org/EN/pdfs/ylis001.pdf. Students who qualify will receive a letter and certificate from the club. The deadline is May 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Andrews at santamonicalion@gmail.com.

Unfortunately, the Santa Monica Lions Club will be unable to fund grant requests this year. Because of the pandemic we had to cancel our pancake breakfast, which is our only fundraiser and the source of all our grant funding. We are in the process of reevaluating our fundraising options so we can resume our grants program in the future. We know the need is greater now than ever and are encouraging our members to make personal donations to support charities in the Santa Monica/Westside community during this difficult time.

We have some great programs coming in 2021, so if you are interested in learning more about the Santa Monica Lions, please contact Yoriko Fisher at yorikofisher@gmail.com or (443) 883-1101.

Susan DeRemer

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMC Emeritus Gallery to Host Online Opening Reception for 2021 Annual Student Photography Exhibition Online March 4

The Santa Monica College Emeritus Art Gallery is pleased to present its 2021 Annual Student Photography Exhibition Online on Thursday, March 4. The exhibition will be shown online only for the first time ever at the recently redesigned smc.edu/emeritusgallery website.

A free, live Zoom Virtual Launch Event will be held online from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4. A link at smc.edu/emeritusgallery takes guests directly to the exhibition's opening reception.

The opening reception will be hosted by Dean of Noncredit and External Programs Dr. Scott Silverman and Emeritus Art Gallery Curator Jesse Benson. The reception includes a live scroll through the exhibition, a discussion between Benson and several of the exhibit's photographers about selected images, and a Q&A offering guests the chance to ask the artists questions about their work.

To see the artwork online at any time after 5 p.m. on March 4, viewers may go to smc.edu/emeritusgallery and click the 2021 Annual Emeritus Student Photography Exhibition link, available 24 hours a day. The link takes viewers directly to the exhibition album on a Facebook page that is open to public viewing (Facebook account not necessary).

"Already among our most tech-savvy students, our Emeritus photographers adapted swiftly to an online exhibition format," said Benson. "It is evident in this selection of photographs that these creative people were able to flourish through quarantine by examining their immediate surroundings and reflecting on past adventures caught on film."

"The photos produced by our SMC Emeritus students will amaze you," said Dr. Scott C. Silverman, Dean of Noncredit and External Programs. "Whether they are amateur photographers, longtime enthusiasts, or onetime professional photographers, the work they've submitted for this show is something to be appreciated, and we hope you will join us."

The salon-style group exhibition features a remarkable variety of recent photographic works created by 35 students. The students are: Kathleen Battersby, Dorli Burge, Christine Chambers, Miles Clay, Anna Conley, John Dalton, Laurie Foye, Jim Gerstley, Trude Haas, Susan Hannan, Gilbert Ialongo, Shellee James, Marilyn Kabakov, Leticia Lua, Francine Lyness, Michael Main, Victoria Maturo, Ellen Mayer, Kelly McCool, Wendy Miller, Susan O'Carroll, Regina Palley, Allan Popelka, Doris Power, Judy Raffel, Rochelle Renaud, Linda Rosman, Karen Sandler, Ganna Shneydina, Marilyn Stern, Jo Tashima, Michael Telerant, Jonathan Tillman, James Wang, and Linda Zarou.

SMC's widely praised Emeritus program – founded by Santa Monica College in 1975 as a noncredit program to serve the lifelong learning interests of older adults – offers more than 120 noncredit adult education classes and special programs that serve more than 3,000 students each year.

More information is available by visiting smc.edu/emeritusgallery or calling 310-434-4306.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

SHELTER

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is trusting and loving, and you connect with people from the community who are basically adopting a new family member," said Carmen Molinari, chair of the Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation and ten year volunteer.

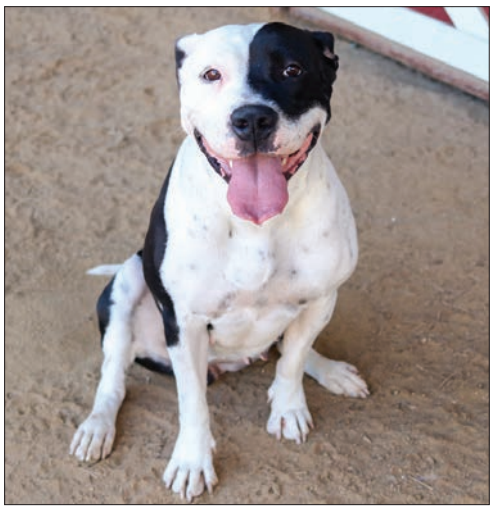
Due to the financial impacts of Covid-19, the City eliminated the kennel attendant positions and an animal control officer at SMAS. As a result, the remaining animal control staff have been working double duty as kennel attendants and are greatly looking forward to having volunteers back on board who can spend more time with the animals.

"The more enrichment and attention animals get the more likely they are to be adopted," said Molinari. "With lots of care and attention animals become trained faster, which helps them find their forever homes."

SMAS is looking for volunteers who are willing to come in and help with the day-to-day care of animals by feeding them, cleaning their kennels, providing them with warm beds and toys, interacting with them and grooming them.

Interested volunteers can also learn animal training and social rehabilitation skills.

"It's a great opportunity for someone who wants to help animals who are particularly in need, whether it be medically or with training younger animals as well as older senior animals," said SMAS Administrator Robert Silverstein. "Usually the people who get involved are very compassionate, very caring, and really want to help these animals get out of the shelter and back into a home environment."



Courtesy photo

ANIMALS: Budget cuts have eliminated staff positions at the shelter.

The volunteer program is flexible and people can sign up for varying amounts of hours, however the shelter asks volunteers to make a firm commitment to regularly attending their chosen shifts.

SMAS is also looking to revitalize its teen program and students from Samohi or other local high schools are welcome to sign up for service hours.

The shelter is currently closed to the public, but open to volunteers seven days a week. Those interested in signing up should call the shelter during business hours at 310-458-8595 and ask for Martin Hernandez, who coordinates the program.

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RESTAURANT

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much more success through outdoor dining during the fall.

"The complete unpredictability of it all was the most painful part, you really felt like you were on a yo-yo going up and down and up and down," said Miles.

When the second shutdown hit the team decided to take a pause to stop the business from bleeding money through to-go only and give employees a moment to catch their breath.

As of Feb. 1, Wallflower is back open to the public, replicating its indoor environment outdoors with a fireplace, its signature dim lighting, and plenty of flowers and greenery.

Miles credits the restaurant's survival to the tenacity and sacrifice of its tight-knit team.

"There's no way on the planet I would have gotten through this with another team. They're all very dedicated, bright, resilient, and humble," said Miles. "They just roll up their sleeves and ask what they can do to help."

Wallflower's kitchen is currently led by Chef Brian Kim who serves classic Indonesian dishes with a modern twist, using a range of Southeast Asian spices and fruity and citrusy flavors.

Kim recommends first time diners approach the menu with an adventurous attitude and order a handful of dishes to share.

"I'd say start off with the crispy duck lumpia and something off the wok like a nasi goreng. Make sure you try our rendang; it's a traditional beef dish that's slow cooked for four to five hours, creating a really rich flavor," said Kim. "The menu in general has a lot of aromatic elements that are hard to find in other cuisines."

Other popular dishes include the bakwan



Photos by Art Gray

WALLFLOWER: The food is infused with Indonesian ingredients.

shrimp fritters, green papaya salad, and crab rendang dip.

The food is infused with many fragrant Indonesian ingredients like kaffir lime, lemongrass and jasmine that can also be found in the drink menu.

"We developed a really beautiful cocktail program that parallels the flavors and depths of the food on the menu," said Miles. "We have one drink with scotch, lemongrass and lavender-ginger honey called the Jamu. It's named after the medicine women of Indonesia who walks around with a basket of herbs creating healing drinks for local people."

Wallflower (609 Rose Ave.) is open for dinner and drinks Monday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and on Sunday 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Food is also available for pick-up during dining hours by calling 424-744-8136.

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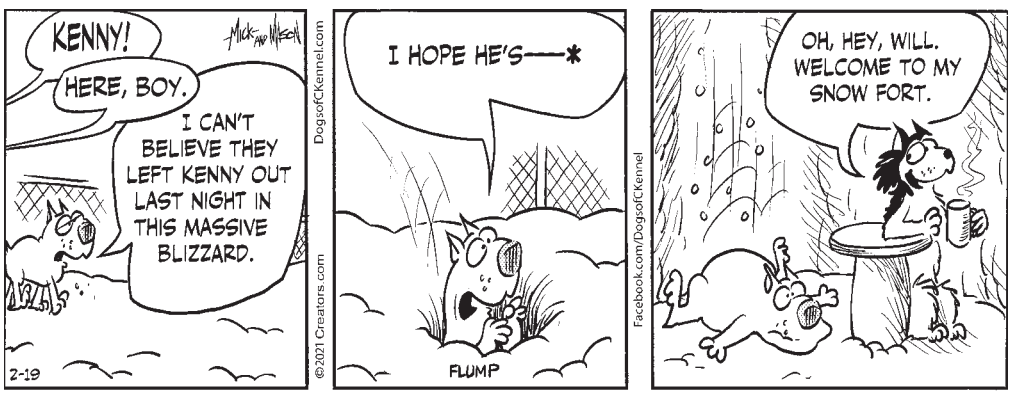
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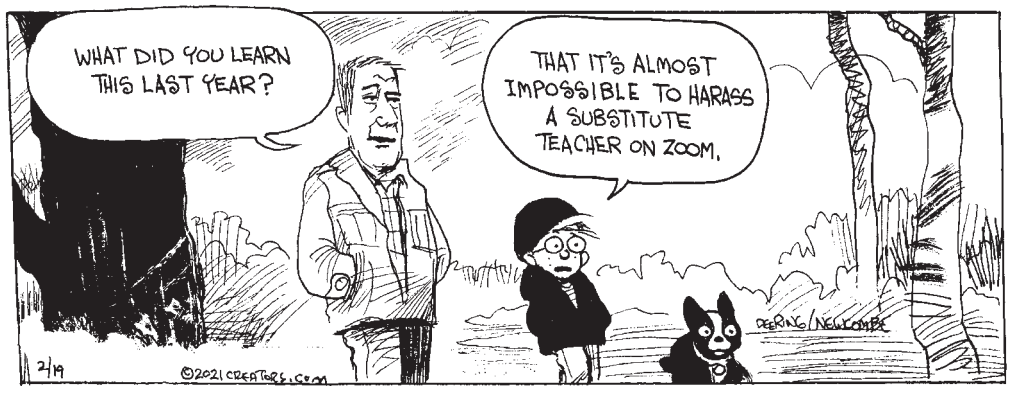
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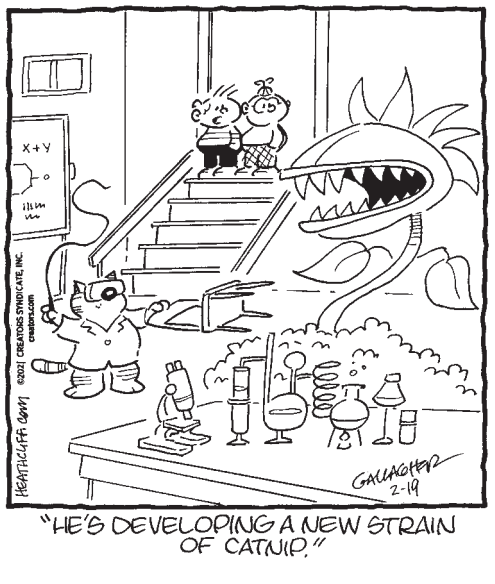
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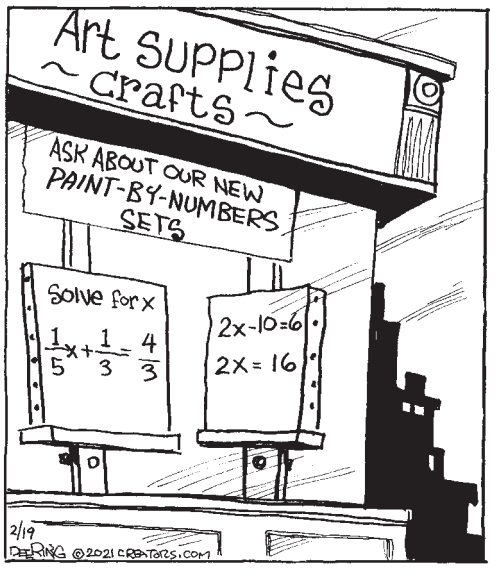
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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 55.4°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to chest high
Peaky and fun for the beachbreaks but easing a touch. SSW swell holds, WNW swell eases. Light offshore flow for the morning.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Less favorable conditions as onshore WNW winds return.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/02/19	Fri	10:31 AM	1.32	L
2021/02/20	Sat	03:16 AM	4.18	H
2021/02/20	Sat	11:46 AM	0.81	L
2021/02/21	Sun	04:29 AM	4.41	H
2021/02/21	Sun	12:32 PM	0.30	L
2021/02/21	Sun	7:48 PM	3.14	H
2021/02/21	Sun	11:14 PM	2.75	L
2021/02/22	Mon	05:27 AM	4.77	H
2021/02/22	Mon	1:08 PM	-0.18	L
2021/02/22	Mon	8:00 PM	3.37	H
2021/02/23	Tue	12:08 AM	2.49	L
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2021/02/24	Wed	2:08 PM	-0.91	L
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2021/02/25	Thu	07:35 AM	5.95	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/17
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/17
EVENING: 8 1 8
Draw Date: 2/17
MIDDAY: 1 0 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/17
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 19)

This year is a study in contrasts. As it becomes clear what you're doing, who to involve and how you feel about it, your productivity soars. The clear lines between what's for you and what's not for you make it easy to schedule and execute plans. You'll aim high with a goal and meet it in May. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 2, 28 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to know that someone has your back and is willing and able to enter into the spirit of what you're doing to some extent, however pleasant or unpleasant that may be. So you test, and quite expertly!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The Spanish tradition of relaxing at the table after a heavy meal and talking for an hour or so is called sobremesa, or "over the table." Your day offers a similar opportunity to bond and share information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Various lessons will be imparted, some seemingly more useful than others. Take note, regardless, to accommodate unforeseeable applications that will surely arise in the far-flung future.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just when you think you know where everything belongs, there's a country cat on a crosswalk; in the window of a high-rise, the silhouette of a mouse, or, in today's case, the non-animal equivalent of these things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though it might be convenient to be better and more widely understood, you're not willing to trade validation for your right to complexity. So those enigmatic parts of you remain, mysterious to all, even to yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it's your game, you're allowed to write rules, name the prizes and dole out the hints, too. Consider also that the most popular and enjoyable games tend to, once established, stay consistent within their own limitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The innocence you once had will not return. In its place is a custom-made sword and shield, which you will use to defend the innocence of others, as you understand its preciousness more than anyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll get the sneaking suspicion that someone is trying to live vicariously through you. It's not a terrible dynamic, as you are loved, tended to and supported, though sometimes held with too firm a grip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In a tweet of hope, author Anand Giridharadas writes, "We are falling on our face because we are jumping high." You've recently fallen, and it was for a good cause. Today's risk will be more temperate and graceful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each emotion has its preferred animation style. Joy jumps. Melancholy settles. Jealousy creeps. Today, you may have feelings you can't name, but track their movement and later it will come to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many who seek attention are also looking for validation. You don't need that. You need people who want what you can offer. You focus not on showing off but on showing enough so that you can find your right audience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just being where the conversation goes down is an initiation of sorts. All who witness are influenced and all who weren't there are outsiders on the matter. It's why you make an effort to be involved.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

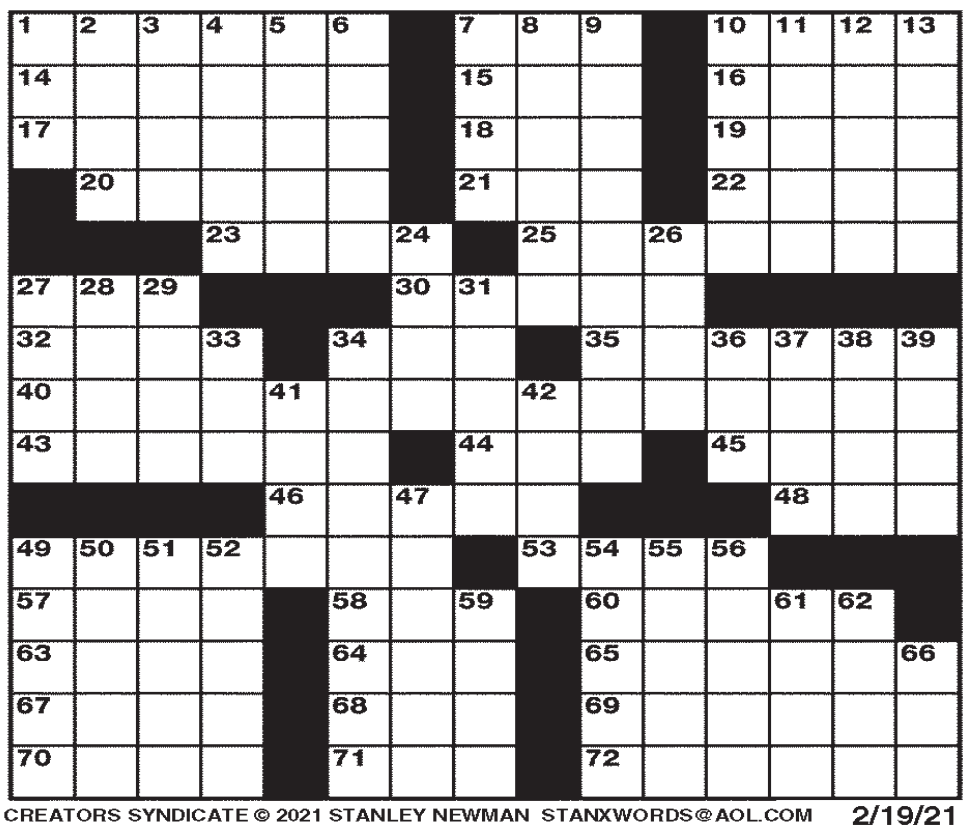
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Start of a quote
7 Walgreens rival
10 *Vino* region
14 Three-sharp run
15 *Simpsons* storekeeper
16 River of Hades
17 Will not be changed
18 RCMP alert
19 City on the *Rhein*
20 Cellphone function
21 Narrowly defeat
22 Global furniture giant
23 With 25 Across, subject of quote
25 See 23 Across
27 Cash flow VIP
30 Sound of sound
32 Something to darn
34 GPS reading
35 Beside
40 Middle of quote
43 "That's malarkey!"
44 McCourt memoir
45 Bollywood costume
46 Waken
48 With 49 Across, speaker of quote
49 See 48 Across
53 Film whose casting is the subject of the quote
57 Winter time in Melbourne
58 Predicament
60 Region of ancient Turkey
63 Spoken out
64 John ___ Lennon
65 Portrayer of Rambo's mentor
67 Cantina beverage, for short
68 "Good" cholesterol
69 Mexican director of *Gravity*
70 Bucks, for instance
71 __ Geo (cable channel)
72 End of quote

DOWN
1 Consists of
2 Peruvian compass point
3 Financial deception
4 Some family members
5 "Moldy" music
6 Croatian inventor
7 *Hawaii Five-0* star
8 White House candidate's task
9 Orders to the court
10 Be hospitable to
11 Feed with fuel
12 Steven or his daughter Liv
13 Informal rejection
24 Much too interested
26 Red Square refusal
27 Mrs. Thatcher's Oxford major
28 Artful
29 Norway's patron saint
31 Lizard look-alikes
33 "Green" starter
34 Rock star since the '70s
36 Sorority letters
37 Cuisine with plum sauce
38 Where Rhett exits from
39 Norse Zeus
41 Tire shapes
42 Made haste
47 Lake Victoria sharer
49 Arm of some seas
50 Pulitzer novelist Alison
51 Make merry
52 Balloon material
54 Nina of fashion
55 Shutout descriptor
56 Two before three, half the time
59 Drop feathers
61 Crucifix inscription
62 Erelong
66 "Tell me more . . ."



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Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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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 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5029

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H M R L E T O O R A K P N C M
A O I Y L U G B I S E A U I A
V N D H H A U Y P A K H A N Z
O T G R O S N E K I C C N G E
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APPLICATIONS

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leaders on how Santa Monica can reform its law enforcement practices and better promote equity in the city.

One of the initiatives recommended by the PSRAC was the Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission, which Council unanimously agreed to create last month.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg described the commission as the product of a monthslong community engagement process that brought a dedicated and historically diverse group of community members together.

"Our hope," Dilg said, "is that we fulfilled Council direction to deliver a lasting institutional mechanism to achieve what we all aspire to, which is a Santa Monica Police Department that is a benchmark of excellence and a community that is thoughtfully engaged in the immensely challenging work of co-producing public safety and wellbeing."

When the ordinance returned to Council for final adoption on January 26, the commission was officially formed and tasked with a number of responsibilities relating to oversight of the Santa Monica Police Department. Council also decided the inaugural Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission would be made up of 11 members who will serve staggered terms of up to four years and will participate in regular Commission meetings at least once a month.

Staff noted the City is looking for a diverse and inclusive group of Commissioners who are Santa Monica residents and have knowledge of or experience with law enforcement, public safety policies and issues, or social services policies and issues; and individuals between the ages of 18 and 22 are especially encouraged to apply because at least two Commissioners will be in this age group.

City employees are not eligible to serve on the Commission, but other individuals who meet the requirements and are interested in serving on the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission are now invited to complete an online application no later than noon on Thursday, March 18.

The application asks about one's interest in serving on the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee and any relevant qualifications and experience, according to staff, who said all materials are available at the website santamonica.gov/public-safety-reform-and-oversight-commission.

Applicants are expected to be appointed in the spring by Councilmembers, who offered a glimpse of what they're looking for in candidates when they discussed the matter last month.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kristin McCowan said she received some outreach from community members who believed it may be useful to have the perspective of a public defender on the commission.

"I know we have a stipulation that you can't be a current lawyer with a firm and be on the commission but I do think there would be benefit to having a subject matter expert with a background as a public defender," McCowan said. "So, a former public defender or social worker, I think would be really important here. And I think it would be important to sort of embed that into the ordinance in the same way that we do on Building and Safety and some of our other commission's that have that requirement."

Others councilmembers were hesitant to write specifics into the policy though.

"I am a little concerned that if we say we want finance person and we want a former public defender and we want a person who's worked in this, that or the other thing, then we start and then someone who applies isn't any of those things, but is still a great candidate; then we sort of boxed ourselves in," Gleam Davis said. "So I want to give us a maximum flexibility when we appoint these people, to bring people from the widest range of life experiences and backgrounds, sort of into the mix for consideration."

Councilmember Kevin McKeown agreed, stating this week, "There can't be a single 'perfect candidate' for appointment to this Commission because we're looking for productive discussion among various points of view."

"Diversity is far more important than perfection," he added. "As a Councilmember reviewing the applications, I'll be looking for a balance of participants who bring to the table widely varying experiences and opinions and are willing to work together toward meaningful action."

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DREAM

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pages. As fate would have it he landed on one where his name appeared. He went beyond berserk, threatening to sue me, MGM and Aldrich, and had to be restrained by his friend who wasn't quite as drunk.

Just then Cary pulled in front. I quickly grabbed the script, "Nice seeing you Dom," I said and jumped into Cary's car, shouting. "Drive!" As Cary pulled out he asked "What the hell was that about?" I was so rattled by Dom I didn't realize, as Cary calmly pointed out, "No big deal, we'll just change it to Frankie Mancuso."

A year later and no surprise, Dominic finally got evicted for his late night operatic performances and moved to an apartment on 4th Street. (Fortunately for his new neighbors, one without a balcony!) Sadly, "For Export Only" never got made but I still have hope for another one of my scripts. In fact, Google "The Amazing Mr. Z," click on the link and you'll see what I mean.

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DONOR

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or even days of him receiving something he sought in return.

For example, Zuberi gave $5,200 to U.S. Rep. Tony Cardenas around the time his office sent an official letter in late 2013 to the National Archives expressing support for a Zuberi associate seeking to do business there, according to emails obtained by the AP.

"This is why you are getting the letter," Zuberi wrote to his associate. "Just want to make sure you realize it."

Cardenas, a California Democrat, declined to comment.

Suderman reported from Richmond, Virginia, and Mustian from New York.

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