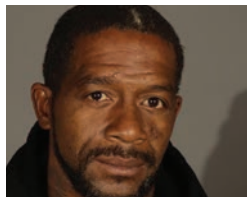


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The Santa Monica Airport argument explained



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PROPERTY: The site is currently the Santa Monica Airport but with an approaching potential closure date, it could become something else in the near future.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Following the City Council's vote to move ahead with the process of planning for a future park where the Santa Monica Airport is currently located, the issue of what to do with the 227 acre site has once again been propelled into public scrutiny. At the stroke of midnight on December 31, 2028, the form and function of this substantial swath of land could significantly change.

In essence, the debate falls into two distinct camps: one is that the airport should remain open and the other is that the airport should close and the site be developed into a "park" of one sort or another. Each side offers a variety of different reasons behind their argument and we will be exploring the validity of those in a forthcoming feature.

However, in order to understand the fundamental factors at play, it's necessary to provide some explanation of the legal and political terminology involved. To begin with, it's worth remembering that prior to January 2017, there had been decades of different legal battles being fought between the City of Santa Monica and the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) for a variety of reasons, including efforts to mitigate noise and pollution and the attempted ban on larger and faster category C and D aircraft. Then a deal called the Dissent Decree was struck between the two feuding government bodies that nullified all of these with two specific stipulations.

The first was that the FAA agreed to let the City shorten the runway from 4,925 ft to 3,500 ft, effectively preventing most large jet-powered aircraft from using the airport. The second was that the airport returned to City control on December 31, 2028, thus opening up the potential for the airport to actually close. This sets the stage to extensively plan for the future of the 227-acre site and creates an opportunity to invite community participation in designing what may be the greatest

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OPINION **GARDENS AND COMMUNITY**

Talia Tinari

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Seed Starting and Seedling Transplanting

TALIA TINARI
Community Gardner Guest Author

As this exceptionally rainy California winter turns to spring, and the days become longer, gardeners should be thinking about which summer seeds to plant. It's not too early for tomatoes. They can be planted well into April and even early May, as Santa Monica typically sees cooler temperatures into the early summer months. March is also a good month to start beans as well as root vegetables like carrots, beets, and radishes. Towards the end of March and into April, summer and winter squashes can be started as well as summer favorites like corn, melons, cucumbers, eggplant, and peppers.

For every gardener you ask about seed sowing, you will hear a different method. A couple of guidelines that every gardener will follow are to use rich, organic soil and water every day until germination. Other important environmental factors to consider are soil temperature and light.

Choosing seeds- Look for heirloom variety, open pollinated, non-GMO, organic seeds. Purchase seeds from reputable companies like Peaceful Valley, Baker Creek, or San Diego Seed Company. San Diego focuses specifically on seeds suited to the Southern California climate and are available at Merrihew's Sunset Garden on Ocean Park Boulevard.

Choosing containers- Egg cartons make tidy seed starting holders. You can also build your own pots from recycled newspaper. Compostable/ biodegradable peat moss and pulp pots or coconut coir pots are also sustainable alternatives because these types of pots can be planted directly into the ground without harming the delicate seedlings. Plastic containers, such as yogurt cups or plastic berry containers can be repurposed to start seeds if they have drainage holes.

Soil- There are several brands available locally like E.B. Stone, Dr. Earth, Kellogg's, and Sungro's Black Gold. A good soil will be loose, fine in texture and thus well- aerated, lending it to drain well but also hold enough

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Cris Gutierrez

GARDEN: There are upcoming classes and events at the Community Gardens.

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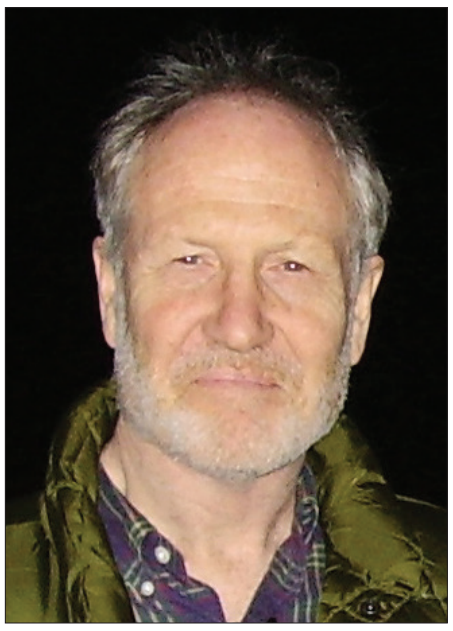


OBITUARY

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Michael J. B. Allen, distinguished UCLA professor, dynamic raconteur, avid hiker, and loving family man, passed away early morning on February 25 in his Santa Monica home. He is survived by wife Elena, sons Ben and Will, sister Patricia, daughters-in-law Claudia and Melanie, grandchildren Paloma, Moses, and Ezra, and dog Wiglaf.

Michael was born April 1, 1941 in Lewes, East Sussex, England to Frederick "Jack" and Ena Muriel Allen, who imparted to him a love of learning, history, literature and the countryside. Michael contracted polio as a young boy, an ailment that impacted his arm strength for the rest of his life. Nursed back to health by his devoted mother, Michael excelled in school, eventually enrolling at Wadham College, Oxford University, where he earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees in English. Later he was granted a D.Litt. in history from Oxford for his exceptional scholarly work.



MICHAEL J.B. ALLEN

Allen came to the US, earning his doctorate in English from the University of Michigan. There he met Elena, with whom he would share the rest of his life.

Said in a recent academic article to have had "one of the most productive and consequential scholarly careers of the last half century," Allen distinguished himself as a teacher and scholar, making past worlds and perspectives come alive. His teaching focused on English literature from the Anglo-Saxons to Milton, especially Chaucer, Donne, and Shakespeare. His research engaged the philosophical, theological, magical, and mythological issues explored by the Renaissance Italian neo-Platonist Marsilio Ficino. Allen's perhaps greatest contribution to scholarship was in opening up new access to and analysis of Ficino for modern times. He wrote and/or edited some 21 academic books.

Professor Allen's many honors included a Guggenheim Fellowship; Eby Award for Undergraduate Teaching (UCLA's top teaching honor); UCLA's Faculty Research Lectureship; the Italian Republic's Commendatore decoration; the International Galileo Galilei Prize; Fellow of the British Academy; and the Renaissance Society of America's Paul Oskar Kristeller Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to inspiring generations of students through his English 10A survey course, along with popular Shakespeare and Chaucer classes, Allen served as a faculty lecturer with UCLA Travel for many years, enthralling alumni travelers with funny, engrossing, and sophisticated but accessible lectures on historical, philosophical, and literary topics relevant to the places they were visiting. He brought his signature dynamism as a teacher many summers to the Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare summer school and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

His senior leadership roles included time serving as Director of UCLA's Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies; Senior Editor of Renaissance Quarterly; and President of the Renaissance Society of America.

Michael was a devoted family man and environmentalist who loved jogging along the beach and hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains. He developed a keen eye for local flora and would read extensively about ecology, botany, and other scientific topics. While generally a talented cook, he was infamous for poorly-cut and exceedingly simple cheese sandwiches that he would serve to fellow hikers. He coached his sons in soccer, winning the Santa Monica AYSO championship with a red-uniformed team he had evocatively named "The Blood Demons" in 1990. He played an important role in son Ben's successful campaign for the California State Senate in 2014, charming friends old and new at events along the campaign trail. He was also a devoted grandfather, a true pater familias, a funny, deeply wise and comforting presence and father figure for the extended family of Nicholas, Allen, and Bautista in-laws and others at gatherings and celebrations. His lifelong loving marriage with wife Elena, a teacher and artist, leaves all who knew them with a shining example of love, affection, partnership, and commitment. He will be remembered for his wit, intelligence, dynamism, integrity, kindness, vivacity, love of storytelling, and perennially sunny disposition.

A memorial will be held Sunday, April 2 at UCLA. For more information and to share your memories, please visit www.michaeljballen.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Michael's name to UCLA's Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, or the Sussex Archaeological Society. Information will be provided on the website.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit statements of qualification for the:

2800 Airport Avenue Building Renovation
SP2686

Statements of Qualifications shall be submitted via OpenGov, not later than **5:00 pm** on **March 20, 2023.**

Request for Qualification documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.OpenGov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have an **A & B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Statements containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Qualifications.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **To Inform Development of the FY 2023-24 Action Plan for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2023-24 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the new program year. The Annual Action Plan delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs as specified in the Council-adopted 2020-24 Consolidated Plan, which can be viewed at: https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs

DATE/TIME: **THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**
Check agenda at www.smgov.net/rpc prior to meeting to confirm start time

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to provide comment on this item may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to CCS.Mailbox@santamonica.gov or via mail to 1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 22, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Recreation and Parks Commission prior to the meeting and will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. Please check the agenda at www.smgov.net/rpc for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person. The agenda will also be posted at the Santa Monica Institute room, located at 330 Olympic Drive in Santa Monica at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

Santa Monica College Presents 2023 Spring Jazz Series Popular Concerts Start March 10

The Santa Monica College Music Department is pleased to present the 2023 Spring Jazz Series, featuring the Louis Van Taylor Group, Brazilian artist Téka with saxophonist Rob Kyle, and Kenny Sara and the Sounds of New Orleans.

All concerts in the popular series are held at 7 p.m. in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.



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MUSIC: The 2023 Spring Jazz Series starts this month.

The SMC Spring 2023 Jazz Series lineup is:

• Friday, March 10: Louis Van Taylor Group. Renowned saxophonist Louis Van Taylor leads his hard-swinging band of talented virtuosos in an exciting concert that mixes traditional jazz with blues, Brazilian, Afro-Caribbean, and funk.

• Friday, March 31: Brazilian Artist Téka, Featuring Saxophonist Rob Kyle. Brazilian vocalist and guitarist Téka will be joined by renowned saxophonist/flautist Rob Kyle in a concert that fuses the rhythms of Brazil with the sophisticated sounds of jazz.

• Friday, April 28: Kenny Sara and the Sounds of New Orleans. Veteran drummer Kenny Sara brings with him the "Sounds of New Orleans" and gets listeners ready to Second Line at SMC.

Tickets for each concert are $10 (plus a modest service charge). Advance tickets may be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 (Monday-Friday; limited hours). Tickets may also be purchased at the SMC Events Box Office on the main SMC Campus (1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica) up to 1 hour before the performance start time. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323. All performances subject to change or cancellation without notice.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

GARDEN

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water to germinate seeds.

Water- The soil should be fully saturated when the seeds are first planted, but not soggy, and then watered gently in the following days using a mister or watering can with a gentle stream. It is important to water seeds daily. Leaving the soil to dry out may cause the seed embryo to die and the seed will not germinate.

Temperature-Soil temperature affects the likelihood of a seed germinating and also how quickly the seed will germinate. The optimal temperature for germination will vary from seed to seed. Check the seed packet for germination temperatures. The ideal range is usually given. Special warming mats, or any natural porous material such as burlap, can be used to increase the soil temperature when starting seedlings in a cooler environment. Soil temperature is key to good germination.

Light- Once the seed germinates and the seedlings begin to emerge, they should be placed in bright but indirect sunlight. Some seeds need extra light for germination, especially when starting them indoors. Garden supply companies carry fluorescent lights for this purpose at a reasonable price.

Sowing seeds- Fill containers almost to the top and gently press down the soil leaving a space of about ¼ of an inch from the top of the soil to the top of the container. Follow the recommended planting depth on the seed envelope. Very tiny seeds should be covered with a light layer of soil, or gently rolled into the soil and then covered with a layer of vermiculite. Some seeds are best directly sown into the garden bed, especially root vegetables, and later can be thinned as needed for the optimal distance between plants. If one composts or has fresh compost to add, sifting it as a topsoil covering of the seeds is helpful.

Transplanting seeds- Germination rates depend on environmental factors which will also impact the seedling's growth rate. Again, check the seed packet for recommendations on transplanting. A good indication of when a seedling should be transplanted is after its true leaves emerge, which is its second set of leaves. Gently ease the seedling out of its container using a soil knife or small trowel, being careful not to damage the roots. Plant into the new location using approximately the same size hole as the original container. Water gently and thoroughly.

This month the Santa Monica Community Garden Program offers two free workshops on seed starting and seedling transplanting. On Saturday March 11 join the community gardeners at the Main Street Community Garden for a more detailed demonstration on starting seeds. And on Saturday, March 18th at Ishihara Learning Garden, the workshop will cover the basics of moving seedlings to their new home. Not sure what to grow? Seasonal seeds will be available! Garden gates open at 9 am with free refreshments. Workshops begin at 10 a.m.

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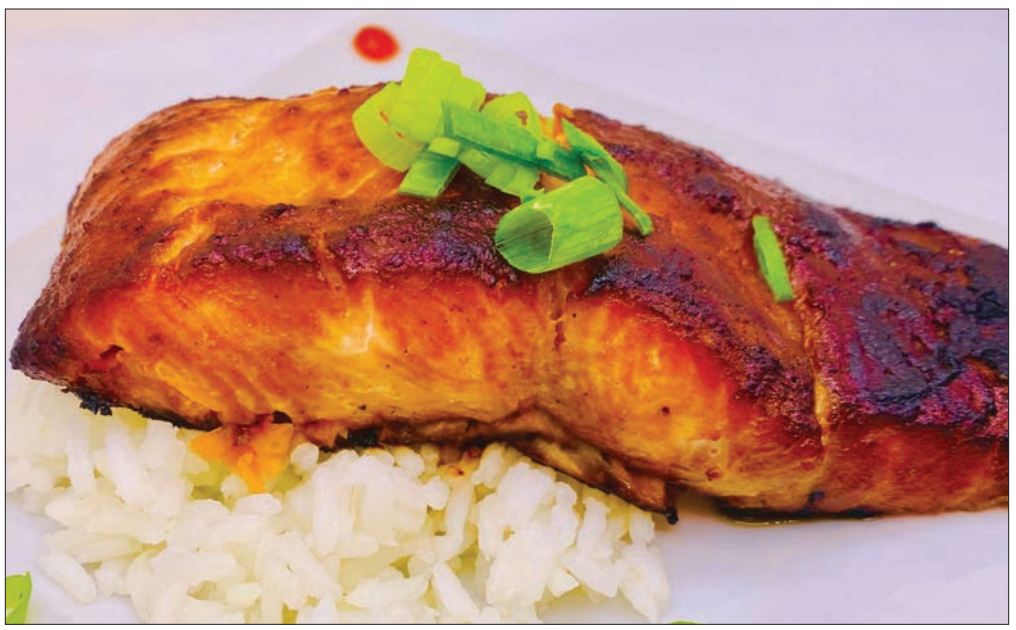
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Ishihara Park Learning Garden - 2909 Exposition Blvd., Santa Monica

OPINION **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Katharine A. Jameson

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The Mind-Gut Connection with Dr. Emeran Mayer



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MISO SALMON: A dish for the mind and the stomach.

Though the science is only about three hundred years old, the more we learn about the gut and its bacterial balance, or microbiome, the more we realize its importance in, well, everything. Deemed our "second brain", seventy percent of our immune system lives in our gut, which works hand in hand with our brain, sending signals and directives, among a host of other functions. It turns out it's not only imperative to establish it from the onset, but to establish it well. Often, we're told not to "sweat the small stuff," but in gut health, it might just be the smallest stuff that matters most.

Born into a Bavarian confectioner family, gut health expert and gastroenterologist, Dr. Emeran Mayer, was expected to take over his family's business. Instead, a gut feeling led him to an illustrious career at the University of California, Los Angeles, spanning forty years to date. I've waited months for this interview and I'm nervous as I initiate our conversation. Dr. Mayer sets me at ease with his gentle disposition. He's clearly passionate about his subject matter, which he demonstrates in his book, "The Mind-Gut Connection".

GETTING GUTS.

Early research suggests that the development of our gut microbiome commences in utero. During pregnancy, a mother's gut tailors 'gut bugs' specifically for her baby, which are then passed to infants during their trip through the birth canal. This voyage has been called the "bacterial rite of passage" and it's the start of everything. Unromantically, it seems like a NASCAR race. Flags are waved and bacteria rushes to the newborn to see which can initiate its gut microbiome, shaping it for life.

According to Dr. Mayer, a child's microbiome is established during their first three to five years. Subsequently, it serves as a blueprint for life and will decide if we're sick or healthy, filled with energy or the lack thereof. It helps to determine whether we develop conditions like asthma, allergies, autoimmune diseases, mental health conditions and even neurodegenerative diseases later in life. Astoundingly, a gut microbiome can be passed down through generations.

We're all told to stress less, especially when pregnant. Stress contributes to low grade inflammation, which is reported to be responsible for a higher instance of many chronic conditions. Mayer likens our gut-brain connection to a circuit. "Our gut is a mirror image of our emotions," he says. "We've all focused on the mode of delivery, but people have not talked as much about what happens in the pregnant mother both in terms of psychological stress, but also in terms of dietary stress. Low grade inflammation [crosses] the placenta and gets into the fetus, [affecting] brain development in the unborn. So, by the time the baby enters the world through the birth canal and gets the mother's compromised microbiome, [the infant] already has changes in the brain that are not optimal."

Breastfeeding, when possible, aids the development of the microbiome and contributes to a larger brain over time. While the quality of a mother's milk seems to be a direct reflection of diet, breast milk is programmed specifically for the newborn. A molecule called oligosaccharides is the third largest component in human breast milk, yet is unable to be digested by the human gut. According to Dr. Mayer, each mother has a unique set of these molecules. Oligosaccharides enter the baby's large intestine, where the microbes break them down, literally feeding the infant's gut.

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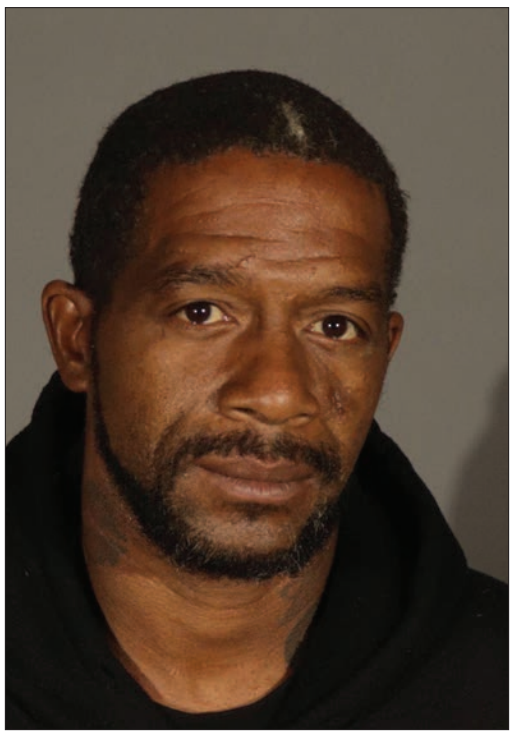
CRIME WATCH

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 MARCH 2, 2023

Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Detectives within the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) along with SWAT officers served an arrest and search warrant at a residence in Compton California, which stemmed from an incident that occurred in July of 2022.

On July 24, 2022, SMPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Pico and Centinela regarding a road rage incident that occurred involving a large motorcycle group. When officers arrived the motorcyclists were gone, however they met with the victims and witnesses who provided the following: At approximately 5:35 p.m., the driver and passenger of a vehicle were driving eastbound on Pico Blvd and stopped at a red light just west of Centinela Ave. Stopped in front of them, were a large group of motorcyclists. The signal turned green, however the motorcyclists refused to proceed forward. This caused a dispute between the occupants of the vehicle and group of motorcyclists which further escalated after the motorcyclists approached and crowded the vehicle. One of the motorcyclists began grabbing the victim's steering wheel and attempted to open the driver's door before striking the victim in the face. As the victim attempted to drive away, the suspect got into the backseat of the car, with the vehicle ultimately colliding into a parked car. The suspect then produced a handgun as he continued to attempt to remove the victim from his car and take his wallet. The suspect and other motorcyclists fled before police arrived. SMPD Detectives were able to identify the suspect, which was subsequently confirmed through DNA, as Anthony Harris Jr, a 41-year-old male from Compton. CID Detectives filed the case with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office – Airport Branch, who issued an arrest warrant for Attempt Robbery and Assault with a Deadly Weapon against Harris.



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ANTHONY HARRIS

During the service of the search and arrest warrant, Detectives located Harris at his residence, along with the clothing and a loaded 9mm handgun believed to be used during the commission of the crime. Harris was arrested then transported to the SMPD Jail where he was booked for his charges.

Anyone with any additional information pertaining to this subject or incident is strongly encouraged to contact SMPD Detective Tavera at 310-458-8946 or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8426.

FOOD

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"[They're] one of the most important factors in the development in the infant's microbiome," the doctor explains.

ENVIRONMENT & FOOD.

While environment, family members and pets contribute to developing microbiomes, antibiotic use (or lack thereof,) is pivotal as well. By the age of five, American children have been exposed to multiple rounds of antibiotics. Prophylactic use in pregnant mothers, even a one-time dose according to Mayer, has negative effects. "When they were invented, it wasn't [considered] that, along with being life-saving medications, they kill bad bacteria, they also harm good [gut] bacteria."

Dr. Mayer reminds us that, although we are highly skilled and knowledgeable in many areas, we've lost our gut instincts when it comes to eating. It's nearly impossible to have high quality food that is convenient, fast and cheap. We try to have it all, but an overwhelming number of Americans currently find themselves overweight, sick and prediabetic. We've removed the fiber in food, injecting it with sugar instead. Today, most of our food is digested in our small intestine. Very little makes it down to feed the good bacteria in our large intestine. According to Mayer, our microbes are starving.

Sadly, nearly thirty percent of bacterial species that once dwelled in our gut are no longer there. Like the animals that have gone extinct, so too have these helpful gut bugs. In all stages of life, however, gut balance can be enhanced or restored. Changes in diet, sleep, healthy sunlight exposure, fermented foods, physical activity and probiotics are all things likely to help reshape our microbiome. Try this delicious recipe using miso (which is fermented!).

MISO ROASTED SALMON

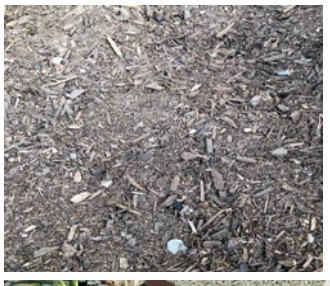
1 pound wild caught salmon (tip: Sockeye salmon cannot be farm raised)
2 tablespoons red miso paste
2 tablespoons sake
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon honey

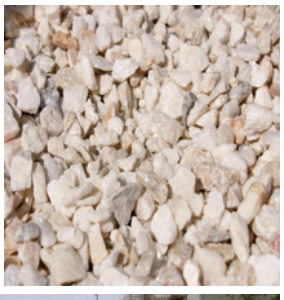
Mix all ingredients together to marinade salmon.

Place salmon in marinade and let soak for 6-12 hours.

Grill or bake for 25 minutes, broiling for the last 2 minutes, if desired.

Garnish with sliced green onions and serve.



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AIRPORT

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transformative event of this century for the City of Santa Monica and perhaps the region.

A piece of terminology that you might hear, is a reference to something called Measure LC (short for Local Control). This was passed by Santa Monica voters in 2014 and allows the City Council to approve the development of parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities. However, new development is prohibited on Santa Monica Airport (often referred to by its FAA designation, SMO) land that is permanently closed to aviation use — unless voters approve limits on the uses and development that may occur on the land. In other words, it requires voter approval for any alternate or new developments on the airport land, except for parks, open space and recreational areas.

Another issue that will probably complicate matters is zoning. The purpose of zoning is to allow local and national authorities to regulate and control land and property markets to ensure complementary uses. Zoning can also provide the opportunity to stimulate or slow down development in specific areas. The airport remains unzoned however, it actually straddles both the City of Santa Monica and the City of Los Angeles and approximately 20 acres of the northeastern-most corner of the site rests in Mar Vista. Quite what the political and legal ramifications of this are going forward remains to be seen.

The airport is home to both aviation and non-aviation industries within the 227 acre site, which is made up of 187 acres of open space, including the runway, car parks and areas for aircraft storage, together with 40 acres of existing buildings, such as Barker Hangar, the Museum of Flying and the Airport Arts Campus and many others. The site incorporates recreational facilities, arts, culture, education, retail and even a restaurant. There are 166 businesses in total, covering 43 different sectors, generating approximately $20million in annual revenue.

In essence there are two proposed alternatives to the airport: The first is the aforementioned park, which is non-revenue generating and could be potentially costly to build and maintain. The second is what's called "mixed use," which is revenue generating and could include housing elements together with both retail and commercial space.

Finally, it's important to mention something called the Surplus Lands Act and while it isn't a significant factor at this stage, by the time December 2028 rolls around, it might be. In short, it's a California law that requires all local governments to offer surplus land for sale or lease to affordable home developers and certain other entities before selling or leasing the land to any other individual or entity. As with any law, it is altered, adjusted and amended over time and a concern is that when the next round of housing-dedicated space allocation is undertaken (referred to as Housing Element) in 2029, the site could, potentially, be required to be handed over for residential development and very little else.



Courtesy photo

PRESENT: The airport is still open but could close as early as Dec. 31. 2028.

EACH ELEMENT IN THE ARGUMENT

"For many, it is a revered premise, filled with history, the home of Douglas Aircraft and so many others who contributed, and still contribute, to the growth of aviation in the world," said Robert J. Young, former Vice President of the Santa Monica Airport Association.

"With many Silicon Valley companies moving here, this airport should be a crown jewel. Why not a focal point and hub for the coming air taxis and VTOL [vertical takeoff and landing] aircraft in development? Why not connect with Playa Vista and make it an accessible and profitable field for many who have business here nearby? Once the concrete is gone, an airport won't be built to replace it," Young said.

One of the aviation-related companies based at the airport is Angel Flight West, a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization that arranges free, non-emergency air transportation within the 12 Western states for children and adults with serious medical conditions and other compelling needs.

"After cost, transportation is the biggest barrier to accessing health care and the need is massive," says Josh Olson, Executive Director, Angel Flight West. "We envision a future of Santa Monica Airport that continues to provide that lifeline to patients in need of treatment using clean and sustainable energy and emerging aviation technologies. We've seen miracles happen in the lives of our passengers thanks and we believe SMO can continue to innovate in aviation and affect positive change in our community."

A non-profit organization called the Airport2Park Foundation currently spearheads the debate on the side of closing Santa Monica Airport and, as the name suggests, argues the case of turning the site into either a dedicated park or a mixed use space.

As it states on their website, "A park could provide for recreation and sports; trails and facilities for walking, hiking, jogging, and cycling; playgrounds for children; activities for seniors; artworks, gardens, and the recreating of natural habitat. Airport buildings on Airport Avenue could become arts and cultural facilities. Buildings north of the runway now used for aircraft operations could become space for tech incubators; the rents to the city for these uses can support park operations. A park will also allow for improvement of north-south street connections to improve traffic circulation."

John Fairweather, President & CTO of MitoSystems Inc. in Santa Monica and a key member of the Airport2Park Foundation said, "While there will be forces trying to create alternate futures for the airport site, the length and cost of the struggle so far for control of that land means that continuing the status quo is inconceivable, and as for other uses, we have Measure LC, now part of the City Charter, prohibiting all but park, cultural, and recreational uses without a vote of the general electorate."

The Daily Press reached out to every member of Council, giving them the chance to comment on the debate as it currently stands. Not everyone responded however. Councilmember Phil Brock confirmed that he supported the cessation of flying activities at the airport. "We have not begun to secure any funding for a partial or total creation of park facilities. However, a park can be created over a period of years, if not decades and that is why the public process has begun," Brock said.

"The creation of housing or any other development on airport land is at least six years away and the results of the 2014 election show that planning development on the property initially purchased by a park bond will be no easy task. I urge future developers who appear to be salivating at the possibility of developing the vast parcel of SMO land to respect our voters' will."

Councilmember Jesse Zwick also expressed support in developing the site. "It's such a rare opportunity for a city and a prosperous part of town where real estate values are so high to have a blank canvas; 227 acres that we can decide the best public use for. My stance is that we should close the airport. That's the first debate that seems relatively settled, but won't fully be until 2028. There are plenty of people who would love to keep it open."

The all-important date of transfer is still more than five years and nine months away and alot can — and invariably will — happen between now and then. Many of the councilmembers we have currently elected today won't even sit on the City Council at that point.

"As with any project of this scale and significance, there are multiple pressures that the City will need to navigate," Said Peter James, Chief Operations Officer, City of Santa Monica.

"We have enumerated a number of these external forces in our early outreach to residents and the Council – including State laws mandating housing production, the Surplus Lands Act that is evolving to take a more aggressive posture towards public lands to accommodate growth in California – and the politics of change within our own city," James said.

"Although there are already some great ideas out there for reuse of the Airport, finding consensus on a pathway to change is a challenging endeavor that must be carefully decided through a public and transparent process that involves all members of our community."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 4)

Your interpersonal skills shine in this year shaped by love. You adjust to accommodate and be accommodated by another. Soft comforts and exhilarating events are featured, and you'll be inspired to build and reinvent. More highlights: a map to treasure, a celebration at altitude and luck in a realm of serious business. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 24, 3, 39 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll tend your relationships like you would a fire, poking around a bit. This isn't nosiness or teasing; rather, it's a sign of your caring. You're learning how to get the optimal warmth and light from the arrangement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While it may be true that you are not getting everything you need from a connection, it's still possible. Focus on what you want and try to communicate in the style of your listener to get it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The people in your life who share a similar sense of humor are the treasures who can sparkle up any old situation. You may spend money to do fancy things together, but you never have to. Just walking around together is fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's no single answer to why you love who and what you love. It's a complex and individualized experience beyond reason and, often, consciousness. Today a multitude of factors will pull your heart down a particular path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New people come into your world. A casual connection will take a turn. It's like you're being interviewed for a position. What do you think this person needs? What is all this curiosity pointing to?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The same thing that brings out the best in you also causes the stress in you. Setting your limits and expectations well will keep this balance in check. Being a little uncomfortable is good for you, but not a lot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even when you feel like you're at the top, you still feel driven to heighten your game. It has more to do with letting go of resistance than with adding anything more. You'll become sleek as an arrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sadness is a dark room. Happiness is a light switch. It can be hard to find those in dark rooms, but they are usually in the typical places, so if you get sad, don't overthink it. Search near the door.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Jupiter, with its massive gravitational pull, sucks many asteroids into its orbit that might have otherwise been a danger to Earth. There's a person who will protect you in much the same way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You intend to radiate goodness but end up radiating a complex mix of goodness, badness, curiosity, beauty, excitement, trepidation and more. This, it turns out, is the optimal radiation for the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you need is a friend who is like a coach, or a coach who is like a friend. This way you can have loads of fun while also figuring out what you need to do to go to the next level.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll consider how to make people happy because you're a thoughtful, caring person. But really the best way to inspire their smile is to take charge of your own. If you only had to worry about delighting yourself, what then?

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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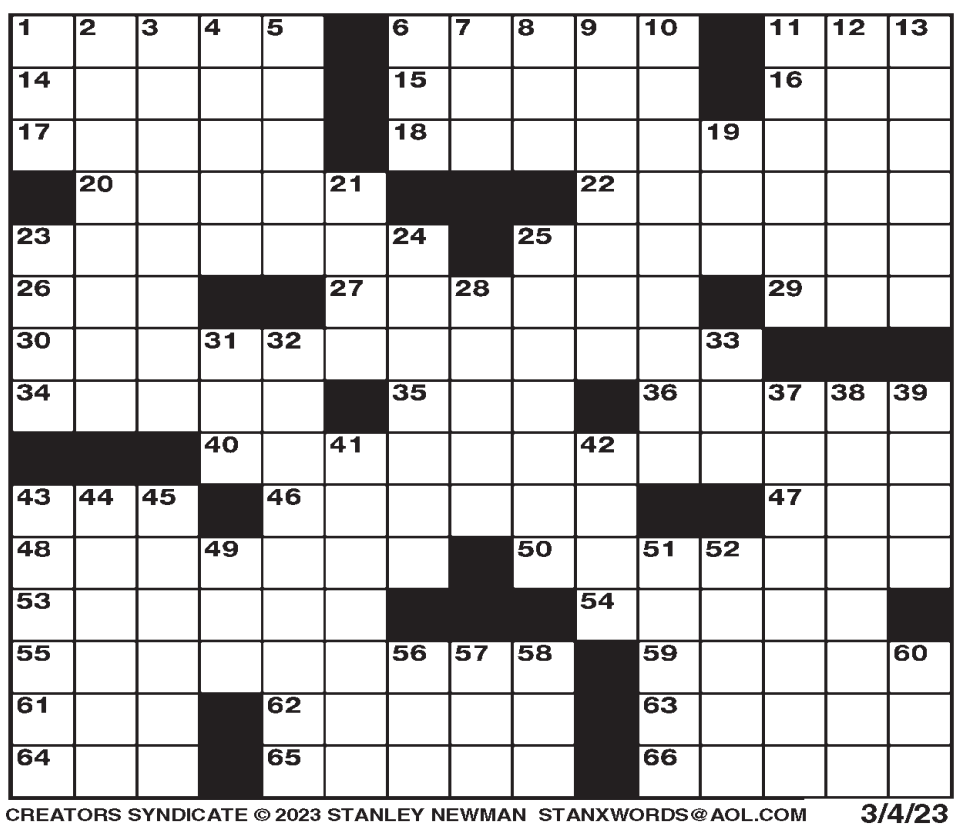
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ACROSS
1 Two-way title
6 Early influence on Asimov
11 Early word?
14 Select
15 Dickensian smarmy sort
16 Divested
17 Prone to babbling
18 Selection from Seagram's
20 One being driven somewhere
22 A dozen from Liszt
23 Many a mountain
25 It's sung about in "Happy Morning" ads (c. 2006)
26 "She'll make point five past lightspeed" speaker (1977)
27 What Mexicans call "tree chicken"
29 __ friend
30 Many Peruvians' ancestry
34 Telenovela 39 Down
35 AA hub
36 Storage units
40 Extraordinarily bright
43 Disco-era on-air fad
46 A Disney channel
47 *Pronomen Latine*
48 Editorial attention-getter
50 Digital attention-getter
53 Ascend
54 Part of many a war hero statue
55 Height of a media mogul's ambition
59 Bucks and does that aren't deer
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66 Spots for yachts

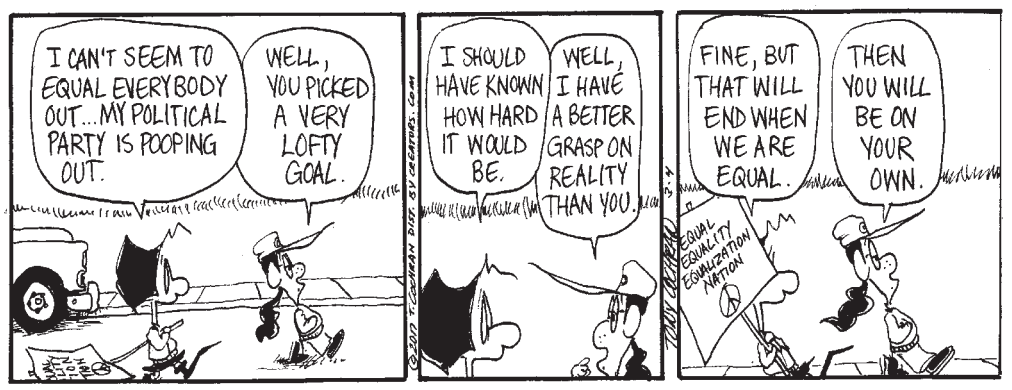
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2 They get mineral-rights dividends every year
3 Not the same
4 Befuddled
5 2009 *Forbes* Celebrity 100 novelist
6 Person or pet with well-developed muscles
7 Brown is about 30 mi. from it
8 Museum of Chinese in America designer
9 Most newsworthy
10 Scottish offshore acres
11 Prime
12 Hobbyists' hand tools
13 1940s home of the Bushes
19 Prayer __
21 Surname akin to Russo
23 Most Bahrainis
24 Basis of comparison re primary school success
25 Window dressing
28 With
31 MLB champ in just its fourth season (2001)
32 Immigrant, for instance
33 Eccentric behavior
37 "First ones in the fight" Trace Adkins tune
38 Extremely involved
39 One in the lead
41 *Bon Appétit*'s "invention that redefined baking"
42 Much, much more than a wink
43 Drove away
44 Title character of 19th-century French lit
45 They'll make you smart
49 Many at MIT avoiding tuition
51 Title character of 19th-century French lit
52 Masterpiece metaphor
56 Conclusion of some presidential addresses
57 "The days of frost are __": Tennyson
58 Word on a Cable Car Museum area map
60 Homophone of VTB, click-wise



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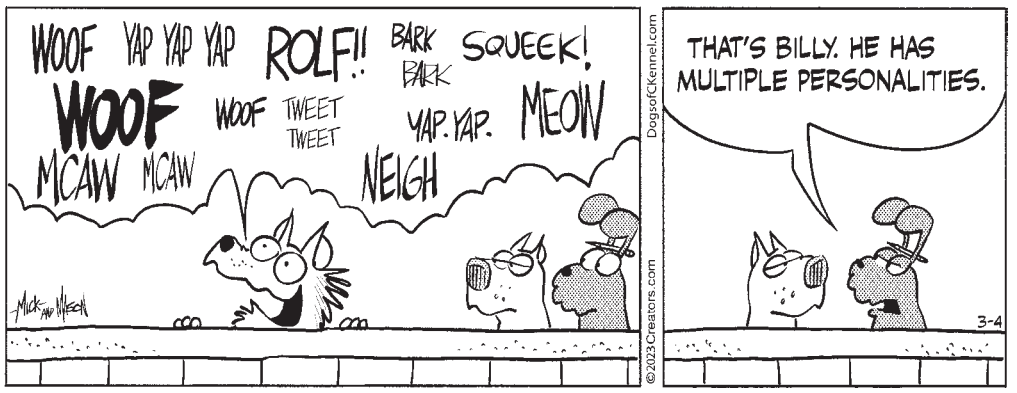
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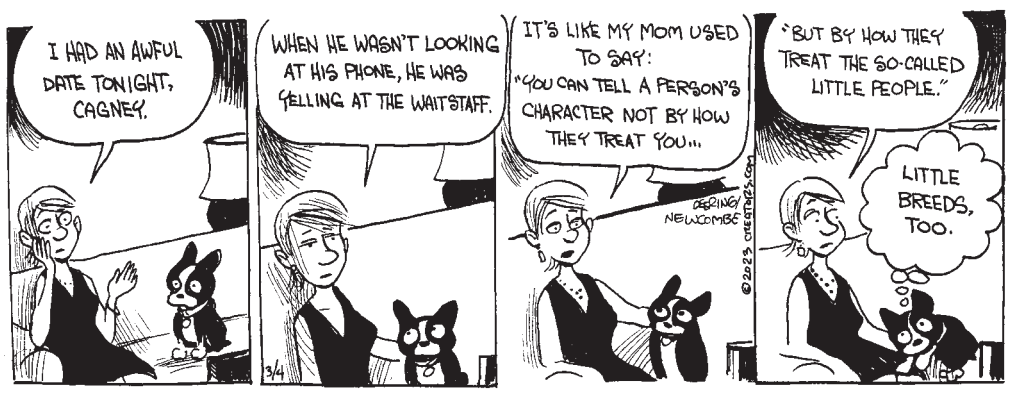
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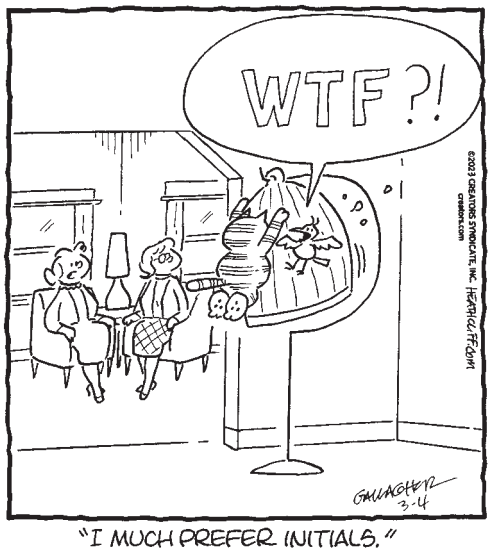
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By PETER GALLAGHER



"I MUCH PREFER INITIALS."

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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5773

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ANGELA GHEORGHIU AT BROADSTAGE
Celebrity Opera is back! Vibrant opera star Angela Gheorghiu makes her return to BroadStage amidst a whirlwind tour of opera engagements. Called "alluring and expressive" (The New York Times), Gheorghiu will enchant the stage with an unmatched repertoire, including Handel, Strauss, Tosti, Massenet, and more — accompanied by Alexandra Dariescu, piano and Alexandru Tomescu, violin. broadstage.org/showinfo.php?id=480

FIRST SATURDAYS DRAG BRUNCH
Join us for margaritas, tacos and a show First Saturday of every month! no cover. Music by DJ Daunkos. Show starts at 2 pm. Lanea 217 Broadway Santa Monica, CA

SUNDAY | MARCH 5

SUNDAY TASTING AT ESTER'S WINE SHOP & BAR
Sunday Tastings are 12-9 p.m., with new themes every week, curated by Sommelier Randall Middleton. Enjoy a flight for $25/person, which includes a mini cheese pairing and link to a video of our team telling stories about the lineup. 1314 Seventh Street Santa Monica, CA 90401

LIVE DJ MUSIC
Meet at Santa Monica Place every Saturday and Sunday from 2-5pm in Center Plaza to enjoy the sounds of our DJ playing his best beats while soaking up all the Santa Monica sun. 2:00pm-5:00pm Downtown Santa Monica / Third Street Promenade

JULIA MORGAN LEGACY
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Julia Morgan's Paris, a presentation with Q & A by Karen McNeill, Ph.D. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy

SPECIAL SUNDAY MATINEE: THE POLARIS DAWN MISSION
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd, Lecturer Sarah Vincent presents a 70-minute condensed version of the March 3 Night Sky Show and "The Polaris Dawn Mission" feature show.

MONDAY | MARCH 6

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll.

TUESDAY | MARCH 7

NEAL BRENNAN & FRIENDS AT WESTSIDE COMEDY THEATER
Come check out Neal Brennan (Emmy nominated director, writer, actor, and comedian, and co-creator of Chappelle's Show) and his famous friends working out new material. Past special guests include: Dave Chappelle, Russell Peters, Natasha Leggero, Mario Joyner, George Wallace, David Alan Grier, Pete Holmes, Ali Wong, Judd Apatow and more! M.I.'s Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A Third Street Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401 Between 3rd and 4th street in the alley

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 8

GEEKS WHO DRINK TRIVIA NIGHT AT NOSTALGIA BAR AND LOUNGE
Geeks Who Drink Trivia Night at Nostalgia Bar and Lounge. Modeled after pub quizzes in Ireland and the U.K., Geeks Who Drink is an authentic homegrown trivia quiz. It's a great way to drink with friends, without burning brain cells. And it's where useless knowledge means everything. Nostalgia Bar and Lounge 1326 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **55.2**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Still modest but will see a new, longer-period NW swell slowly fill in. Most spots struggling/flat early morning on the high tide.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Increasing confidence onshore flow will rise through the day. New NW swell building in, shows best later in the day (still not particularly large).

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Saturday Night: A 10 percent chance of rain after 4am. Increasing clouds, with a low around 46.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of rain before 10am. Partly sunny, with a high near 57.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/03/04	Sat	01:22 AM	1.97	L
2023/03/04	Sat	07:21 AM	5.30	H
2023/03/04	Sat	2:22 PM	-0.58	L
2023/03/04	Sat	8:45 PM	3.90	H
2023/03/05	Sun	01:51 AM	1.64	L
2023/03/05	Sun	07:52 AM	5.43	H
2023/03/05	Sun	2:44 PM	-0.56	L
2023/03/05	Sun	9:02 PM	4.07	H
2023/03/06	Mon	02:20 AM	1.34	L
2023/03/06	Mon	08:22 AM	5.43	H
2023/03/06	Mon	3:06 PM	-0.47	L
2023/03/06	Mon	9:20 PM	4.25	H
2023/03/07	Tue	02:51 AM	1.08	L
2023/03/07	Tue	08:52 AM	5.30	H
2023/03/07	Tue	3:27 PM	-0.29	L
2023/03/07	Tue	9:40 PM	4.44	H
2023/03/08	Wed	03:24 AM	0.87	L
2023/03/08	Wed	09:22 AM	5.02	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 3/1
2 9 28 36 53
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 161 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 2/28
14 16 40 52 59
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 167 M

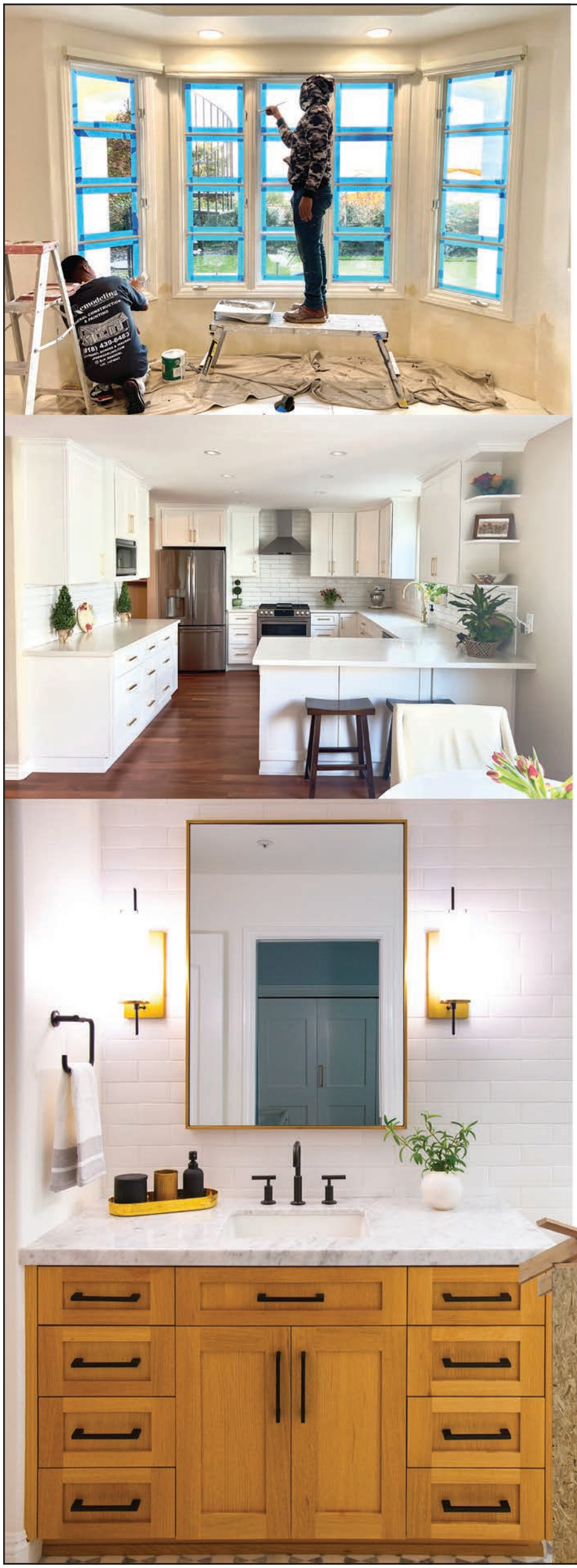
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Draw Date: 3/1
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Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 38 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/2
5 16 31 32 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/2
EVENING: 5 9 0
Draw Date: 3/2
MIDDAY: 8 6 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/2
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:47.16

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