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Affordable housing projects to be given more public input

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Two Wednesday evening meetings will give the public a chance to voice their opinions on future affordable housing projects.

At 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, the City of Santa Monica and Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) will hold a virtual meeting regarding updates on future affordable housing on City parking lots at 1217 Euclid St. and 1211-1217 14th St. Presenters at the meeting will include the City, HCHC and Kevin Daly Architects. Just 25 minutes later, Metro Los Angeles will begin its own virtual meeting for updates on a future housing site near the 17th Street and Santa Monica College Expo Line station.

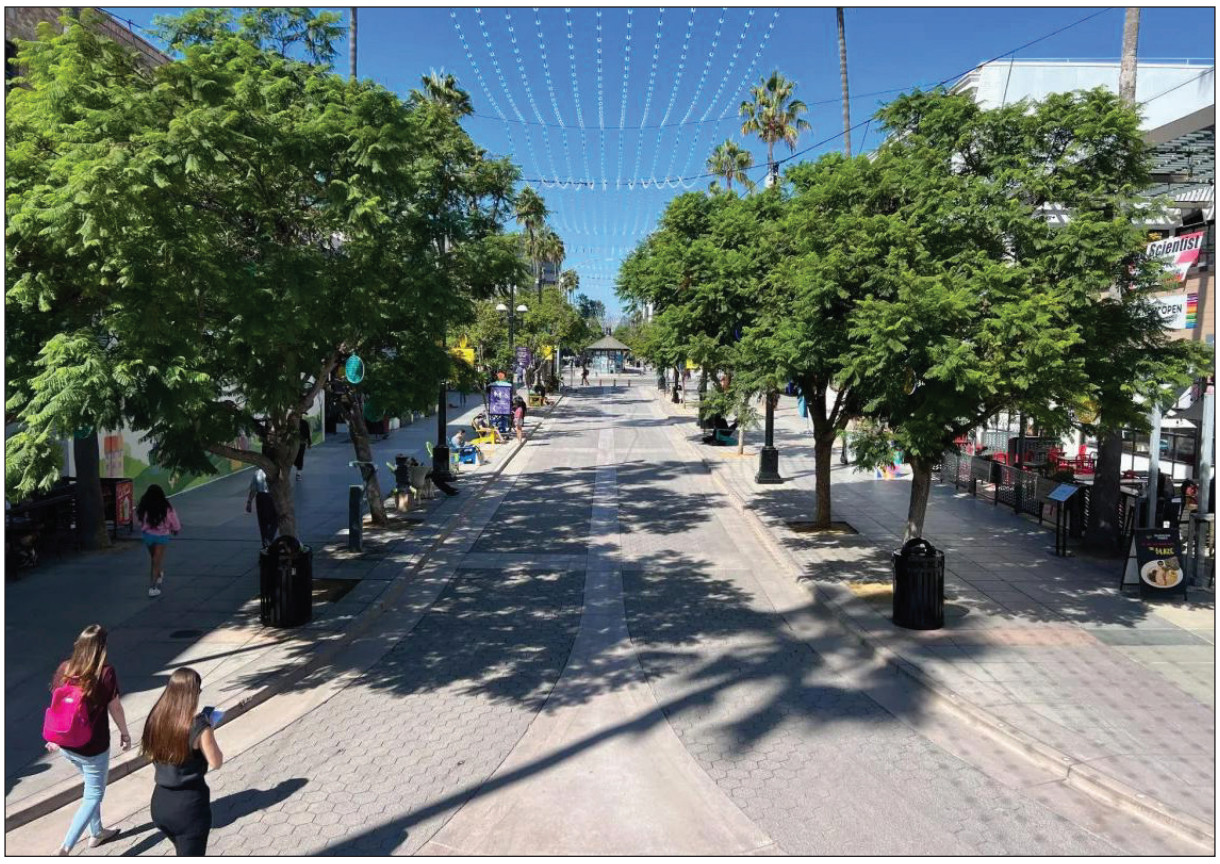
The City and HCHC meeting comes three months after the Euclid and 14th St. developments came under fire during a presentation at Saint Anne Church. The crowd grew tense when HCHC initially eschewed a traditional question-and-answer format in favor of having different "stations" set up to address different categories of questions.

Once the frustration was apparent, HCHC compromised to a 20-minute question and answer session after a presentation, where the issues of public safety and reduced parking dominated the conversation. To RSVP for the virtual meeting, visit www.HCHCSantaMonica.org/community-meetings.

The same evening, Metro will allow community members to share thoughts on the 17th St/SMC project, which is part of the organization's 10,000 Home Commitment that focuses on

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Tuesday's City Council meet could be a long one and expect fireworks



Courtesy Photo

CITY COUNCIL: The possibility of allowing alcoholic consumption on the Promenade beyond the boundaries of any bar or restaurant is one item up for discussion in the last Council meeting before the election.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A jam-packed agenda for Tuesday's City Council meeting could make for another long night and among a number of housekeeping-esque items, there are still one or two that could create fireworks, including a couple that focus on the code and conduct of councilmembers.

Interestingly, Item 5E is regarding approval of implementation of Phase 2 of the Digital Wayfinding and Out-of-Home Advertising Kiosk Program. On Friday, a kiosk was set up at Main Street and Hill, conforming to what the City's website calls "Rollout 4," but since this is a Consent Calendar item, unless a member of council pulls it for discussion, we won't get a chance to hear much about it.

Item 8A is a continuation of an attempt to adopt the resolution amending the Council rules of procedure regarding discussion items. These amendments would require that such items be reviewed by the City Attorney and City Manager before being placed on the agenda, to ensure the item requests a policy direction or action that is lawful and that the policy direction or action is feasible.

This comes originally as a result of the August 27 meeting where Councilmember Oscar de la Torre asked that the City Attorney and City Manager eliminate the distribution of all drug paraphernalia and equipment, including but not limited to opioids, needles, syringes, glass pipes, straws, rolling paper, miniature spoons, etc, in our parks, other City-owned spaces and anywhere closer than 1,000 feet away from any school, other educational facility, church, senior center or

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School board begins talks over complete Malibu unification package

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was finally able to discuss a full unification package to separate between Santa Monica and Malibu entities, but the board is not ready to vote on the package just yet.

At a special board meeting on Oct. 15, legal and financial consultants walked the board through the three core unification package tenants, those being a revenue sharing agreement, an operational transfer agreement and a joint powers agreement between eventual Santa Monica and Malibu school districts.

David Soldani, legal counsel for SMMUSD throughout negotiations with the City of Malibu, called the meeting "the beginning of a new phase of the process" wherein the board can begin to give input on potential concerns before the unification package goes to a vote.

"We're here to walk you through, big picture, what these agreements are, and we're here to do that publicly and transparently so that the members of your community can begin to understand and review these agreements, and be able to form meaningful opinions and have feedback and thoughts about it," Soldani said. "We're here to listen."

Shin Green, a Principal with Eastshore Consulting, handled the financial walkthrough of the revenue sharing agreement, which is broken down into base year and annual calculations.

The base year calculation identifies the amount of revenue per pupil of SMMUSD, then adding $600 to per pupil revenue to adjust for additional cost of serving Malibu

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Editor,

In light of the recent opinion pieces about Oscar de la Torre, it's crucial for Santa Monica voters to critically examine the timing and nature of these claims. The sudden emergence of allegations about statements made five years ago, just weeks before the November 5th election, reeks of political opportunism and should be viewed with extreme skepticism. These eleventh-hour revelations, conveniently timed to leave little room for thorough investigation or rebuttal, are textbook examples of dirty politics aimed at swaying voters based on unsubstantiated hearsay rather than a candidate's proven record and policy positions. The fact that those who claim to have heard the alleged statements in 2019 did not immediately condemn them or bring them to public attention is deeply suspicious. If such grave remarks were indeed made, why did these individuals, some with community roles, wait years to speak up? Their silence until now suggests either fabrication or cynical political calculation. Oscar de la Torre has vehemently denied making the alleged statements, calling them "absolutely false" and "politically motivated." His long-standing record of public service, community involvement, and efforts to combat hate crimes and foster unity among Santa Monica's diverse communities stands in stark contrast to these accusations. Santa Monica voters should be outraged by these transparent attempts to manipulate public opinion through character assassination. This election cycle has seen an unprecedented level of coordinated smear tactics, and it's time for the electorate to reject these underhanded methods. While all claims of discrimination should be taken seriously, it's equally important to maintain fair political discourse and not allow baseless accusations to overshadow a candidate's proven track record. As November 5th approaches, Santa Monica voters must see through one of the most disgraceful election cycles for city council I've ever witnessed in our city. It started with SMRR baselessly claiming the Safer Santa Monica Slate with Phil, Oscar, John and Vivian are going to take rent control away, which is absolutely not true or possible. Don't let unsubstantiated claims against Oscar de la Torre dictate our city's future. It's time to stand up against these dirty politics, focus on candidates' actual records and visions, and make decisions based on facts. I don't trust these attacks on Oscar as anything but a political game. Santa Monica deserves better than politically motivated innuendo pushed by groups with clear agendas.

Michael Thompson,, Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Santa Monica Airport

The people who want to close the airport are just a few who mainly live near the airport, but they are loud and very vocal. Their main argument is the noise. They propose that the airport be converted into a huge park. A new park sounds wonderful to most of us. A place to rest and enjoy the outdoors. A place for kids to play. But, as the old saying goes, "be careful what you wish for" applies here.

Consider the following. Our present parks are at best poorly patrolled by our police and park rangers, not because they consider them low priority, but because they don't have adequate numbers of personnel. Our parks are a gathering place for drug distribution and gang gatherings, especially at night. They are now relatively unsafe at any time but again, especially at night.

This new park, because of its proximity to the surrounding LA suburbs, would be a great attraction to its gangs, To adequately patrol the size of the new park (c 227 acres) would require 2 officers on 8 hour shifts, 3 shifts per day, 7 days per week = 42 man-days per week. In light of our present- day shortage of police personnel, obviously this is not even close to being realistic. There have been news articles that say our city is broke.

Then there is maintenance and upkeep. This huge site would be covered with grass that must be mowed and watered at the minimum. The city is already concerned about future supplies of water, Gardeners would have to be hired. People would want baseball fields and play-ground equipment. These would have to be maintained at additional cost. To cover the cost of all of the above the city would have to raise property taxes on all

property. Yes, the city would get some income from the teams that use the facilities, but this would be minimal.

Presently the airport pays for itself and is not a drain on the city budget. (see below)

So why do some people want to close the airport? As said above, because of noise. But the city has reduced the noise factor and it is now at a low level and is tolerable to those of us who live nearby. If you really want to reduce noise then the city should look to street traffic. Autos with special mufflers and motorcycles are especially aggravating. Stand on any corner of 2 major arteries, i.e., Lincoln and Ocean Park, and listen for a few minutes. If the city enforced existing laws it could rake in a fortune.

At the present time the city has not announced any plans for when it closes the airport. Why? Because they know they can't afford the cost of a new park. See: Staff planner presentation to City Council 2/24/23 at 6:50:00. https://santamonica.granicus.com/MediaPLayer.php?view.id=2&clip.id=4985.

So, what is most likely to happen? The

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.6**

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Small'ish but potentially kinda fun as a new SSW swell fills in & slowly becomes dominant source of surf. Likely lully, but could be some pretty crisp little lines at the points and maybe still just enough NW running for peaks at beachbreak.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: Chest to head 4-5FT

Day to target for the summer focal points. Selective, good size round of SSW swell tops out for exposures. Small NW energy in the mix so shape is best at spots with some structure. Morning winds look light.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the morning.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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2024/10/23	Wed	05:18 AM	3.64		H
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2024/10/24	Thu	06:18 AM	3.98		H
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 24ENT-0159 (APPEAL)
1700 Ocean Avenue
APPLICANT: Network Connex, on behalf of T-Mobile West, LLC
APPELLANT: Michael Lee, The Seychelle Owners Association
PROPERTY OWNER: DTRS Santa Monica LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of a Minor Use Permit (23ENT-0164) to allow for the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility with a total of three (3) antennas and ancillary antenna equipment located behind three (3), 10'-high rooftop antenna screening enclosures, measured from the finished roof surface, with each measuring approximately 15' x 4' in area. This item was continued from the October 16, 2024 Planning Commission hearing.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 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 comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Liku Abera, Associate Planner**
Re: 24ENT-0159

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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Liku Abera by e-mail at Liku.Abera@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided that the request is made within 72 hours of the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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CVS workers strike at 7 Southern California stores for better pay and health care

JAMIE DING
Associated Press

Workers at seven CVS pharmacies in Southern California have gone on strike for better pay and health care and to protest what they say is bad-faith contract bargaining by the company.

The walkout, which affected four stores in Los Angeles and three in Orange County, began Friday morning and continued into the weekend. On Saturday outside one of the LA stores, strikers urged customers not to cross the picket lines.

Melissa Acosta, a pharmacy technician who is on the contract bargaining committee, accused the company of "intimidating workers, observing them, getting in the way of them speaking to union representatives."

The CVS locations affected have remained open, staffed by managers and nonunion employees.

Workers planned to continue picketing until negotiations resume Wednesday. The strike was authorized by a vote of the two local United Food and Commercial Workers unions involved on Sept. 29, with more than 90% in favor.

"We're disappointed that our UFCW member colleagues have gone on strike at a few select locations in the Los Angeles area," company spokesperson Amy Thibault said in a statement.

Thibault said CVS has made progress on getting to a final contract and reached "tentative agreements" to raise pay and increase the company's health insurance contributions.

Acosta said she cannot meet the cost of the insurance CVS offers and instead is enrolled in the state-run program Covered California.

"In my nine years of working with CVS, I've never been able to afford their health care plan," she said.

Major pharmacy chains across the country have been struggling with costs and online competition. CEO Karen Lynch of CVS Health, which owns the chain, recently stepped down as shares dropped 19%. CVS is nearing the end of a three-year plan to close 900 stores.

CVS pharmacy technicians, who are required to complete an extensive training program and satisfy licensing requirements, currently make $24.90 an hour after five years on the job, according to the union.

Carlos Alfaro, a technician who joined the strike, said stores are understaffed as the flu season begins.

"We have to call (patients) constantly to get flu shots, push vaccines," Alfaro said. "This is a lot of extra work we're expected to do, on top of filling medications at the pharmacy."

Many stores have increasingly locked up items as an anti-shoplifting measure, forcing customers to get assistance from employees. Workers say that further exacerbates the understaffing problem.

"There are so many customers that don't get help and have to constantly wait to get something unlocked," said Acosta. "They think we just don't want to help them, when in reality the company doesn't give us adequate staffing to be able to provide excellent customer service."

Workers are also asking for better store security, among other demands.

HOUSING

FROM PAGE 1

affordable housing creation on Metro-owned land. Though not a direct affiliation with the city, the project is promoted locally to include community awareness and participation.

To date, Metro has built 2,300 housing units across Los Angeles County, including 375 units (78 affordable) near the Hollywood/Vine B Line station and 60 affordable units near the Hollywood/Western B Line station. In total, Metro has stated its commitment to grow its housing portfolio to 10,000 units by 2031, 5,000 of which being income-restricted.

Metro's website stated that housing affordability is "a major challenge that is impacting the quality of life in LA County," and that a lack of affordability also "worsens regional traffic" by forcing people to live farther from their employment.

"Working in partnership with local cities, community stakeholders and private and non-profit developers, Metro is building housing and other community amenities on Metro-owned land," the Metro site states. "These Joint Development sites are typically left over from construction on transit projects. They hold unique potential to advance community development goals while serving as a gateway to the Metro transit system."

The Zoom link for the meeting is bit.ly/17SMCMtg and the call-in number is 888-788-0099.

The affordable housing conversations will take place after City Council recently agreed to a development and disposition for the former site of Parking Structure 3 at 1318 4th St., allowing EAH Housing to begin seeking public financing for an affordable housing complex on the property. Design concepts call for a six-story building on the site with 122 studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments, including 50 units of supportive housing.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

DEVELOPMENT: Metro Los Angeles will be holding a community meeting on Wednesday night to determine the future of affordable housing near the 17th St. and Santa Monica College Expo Line station.

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LION'S ROAR

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LIONS: The Santa Monica - Pacific Palisades Lions Club continues to be busy throughout the fall season.

At our Oktoberfest themed meeting, thanks to Chef Anne, the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions members came together to also celebrate three birthdays, with members ranging in age from 34 to 91!

We were fortunate to have Madeline Rauhe and Robert Castaneda from the Santa Monica City Urban Forrest team as guest speakers, explaining the changes we have been seeing on residential streets, parks and throughout the city. One the most distinctive traits of Santa Monica neighborhoods are the single species tree-lined streets. Looking down each street you see rows of palms, Ficus, acacia, or other trees, changing street by street. Unfortunately, this has resulted in Ficus dieback, a fungus affecting our older Ficus trees, and spreading rapidly from tree to tree. With no cure, the trees must be removed. This has led to the Forrest Team developing a new strategy of planting different tree species next to each other going down streets, isolating any disease unique to that tree and stopping the spread across a neighborhood.

Another recent development has been an increase in beetles killing leaves of eucalyptus trees across Santa Monica and adjacent cities. The Forrest Team is part of a collective working with UC Davis on combating these and other risks to our dwindling vegetation in Santa Monica. If you have any concerns about your trees, please notify the Forrest Team so they can quickly assess the situation and suggest appropriate action. On a positive note, we will be joining them and other service clubs and local organization for our annual Santa Monica Tree Planting in April. Keep reading our column for our announcement of the date and location.

In addition to our guest speakers, Lions continued planning for the coming year with new members stepping up to lead activities. Our evening of Topgolf in El Segundo with be spearheaded by Lions James and Nick, while the candle making at the Candle Bar in Santa Monica will be a joint effort of Lions Jane, Nick and James. Dates and times will be announced, and we hope you join us.

The holidays are always busy for SMPP Lions. We will be participating in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing again on Tuesday, November 26th at the Bristol Farms Santa Monica on Wilshire from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. We are providing holiday baked goods to the Fisher House on the Westwood VA Campus again the first week of December. To donate baked goods and join us delivering them, please contact Susan DeRemer at smpplionsclub@gmail.com Our annual Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 8th from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at Tony P's in Marina del Rey and will be led by Co-Presidents Pam and Derrick, and Lions Gail and Manuela.

We capped off our evening by passing the gavel to Co-President Pam Andrews. She has been our treasurer for many years, and we look forward to her leadership over the next three months.

If you are interested in joining any of our activities or being our guest to check out a Lions dinner meeting, please let Kingsley know at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, November 6th, at 6:00 pm at the SM Elks Lodge. You can also learn more about the SMPP Lions Club from our Facebook, Instagram and website.

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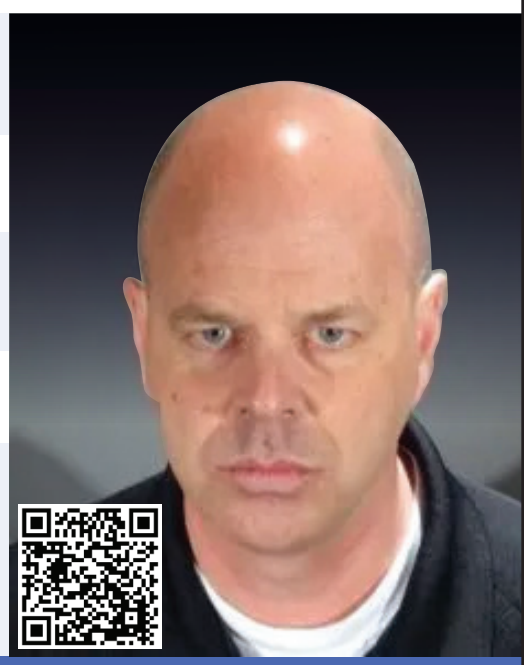


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RESTAURANT REVIEW

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The Rise and Fall of Iconic Restaurants: Gone But Not Forgotten



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RESTAURANT: Longstanding restaurants deserve their kudos, Merv Hecht writes.

When I read in the New York Times that La Grenouille, my favorite restaurant in New York City, was closing after 60 years of service, it struck a personal chord. La Grenouille wasn't just a place to dine—it was an institution, a pillar of culinary excellence. Its closing led me to think about the wave of local restaurants that have also shut their doors recently, some of which have been beloved mainstays of my dining experiences.

The closure of Cinque Terre was particularly disheartening. It was a place where the chef's artistry was undeniable. The surprise of Patrick's Roadhouse closing hit just as hard—after so many years, it had become a go-to spot for breakfast, familiar and comforting. In contrast, the closure of Talula in the Canyon didn't stir as much sadness; it had never quite lived up to its potential.

Modo Mio closing for lunch, however, was a significant blow—not just for me, but also for my Rotary club. It was one of my favorite lunch destinations, and its absence is keenly felt. Another notable lunch spot, Casa Nostra, has also been closed for some time. It seems that Osteria in Santa Monica barely had a chance to establish itself before it too closed, while Lotus across the street had already disappeared. One of the more unexpected closures was the last of the Chinese restaurants in the Palisades, right next to Café Vida, which lost its lease.

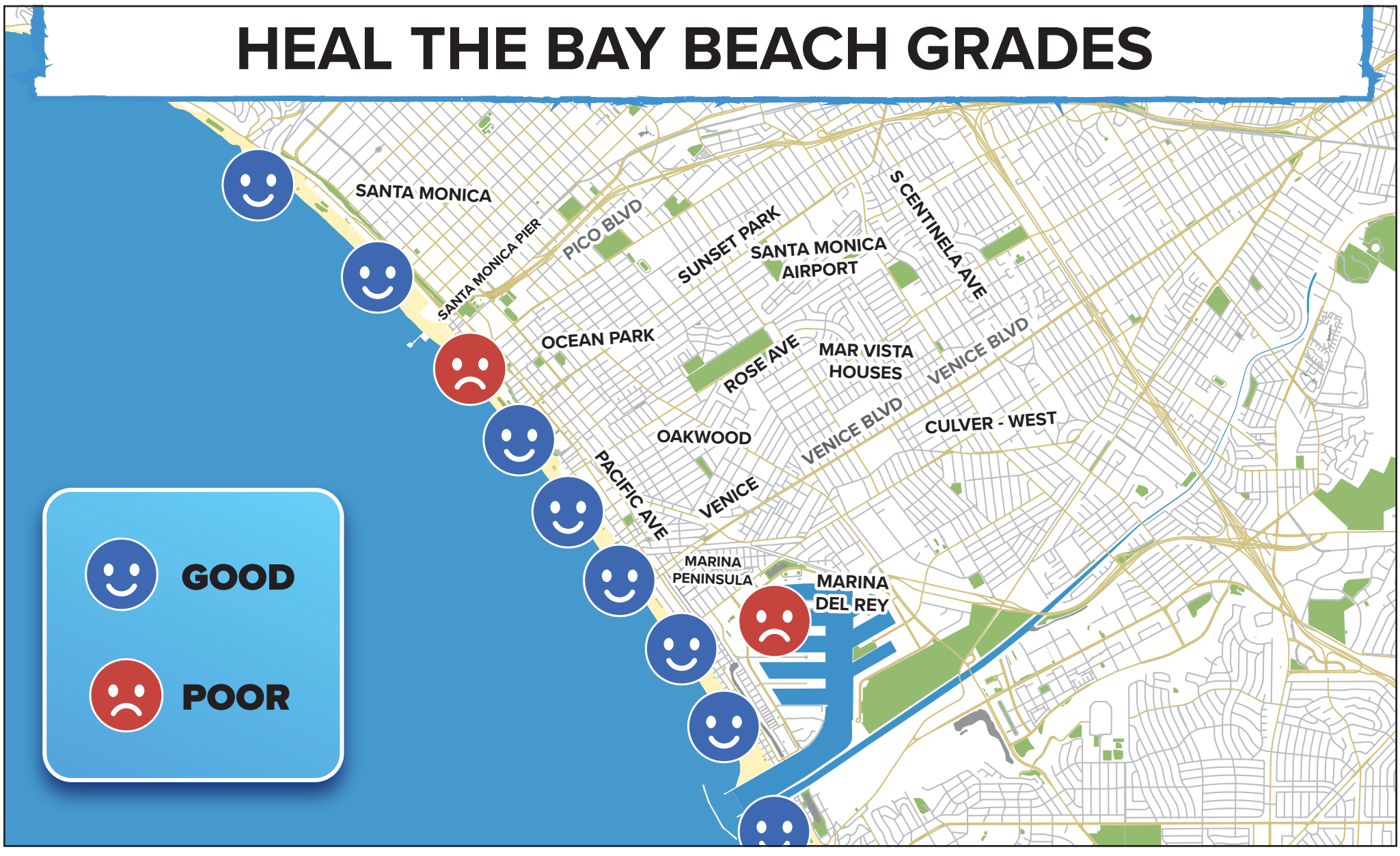
Amid this sea of closures, there are a few saving graces for lovers of Asian cuisine. Sasa Bune in the Palisades continues to thrive, and Pearl Dragon (which took over the long-standing House of Lee location) is now opening for lunch with an excellent menu, well-managed service, and a loyal clientele. Dan Modern Chinese on 2nd Street remains a delight, with its standout dumplings drawing consistent praise.

The question of why some restaurants falter while others endure is a complex one. My three favorite Mexican restaurants—Lares on Pico (which I had the privilege of visiting when it first opened over 50 years ago), El Cholo on 11th and Wilshire (possibly even older than I am), and Monte Alban, known for its Mole and Birria—have all stood the test of time.

Locally, Café Vida in the Palisades is almost impossible to get into these days. It's so popular that the sidewalks are often jammed with eager patrons, and many regard it as the best restaurant in the area. Meanwhile, a few high-end restaurants in Santa Monica have weathered the storm: Michael's, once considered the best fine-dining establishment in the city, is still thriving, and Melisse, helmed by the talented Josiah Citrin (whom I consider one of the finest chefs in Los Angeles), continues to impress. Citrin's Charcoal in Marina del Rey is a personal favorite of mine.

Other long-standing restaurants, or those that have successfully transformed, deserve mention. The Golden Bull in the Canyon has evolved into one of the best steakhouses in the region, while Orto, the successor to Jiraffe, remains a culinary gem. The Courtyard on Montana has even expanded, adding a new room to accommodate the growing crowds, complete with an authentic pizza oven

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Chumash people in California to co-steward marine sanctuary in historic partnership

JAMIE DING
Associated Press

For more than 10,000 years, Native Americans have been living along California's central coast, an area of breathtaking beauty with stunning turquoise waters rich in biodiversity. Now, in the first partnership of its kind, the area will soon be part of a new national marine sanctuary that Native people will co-steward with a federal agency.

It will give the Chumash people, once the largest cultural group in California, a say in the way the marine sanctuary is preserved. The Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, designated by the Biden administration last week, is the first tribally nominated sanctuary in the United States.

It covers 116 miles (187 kilometers) of California coastline. The more than 4,500 square miles (11,655 square kilometers) of coastal and offshore waters that will be included contain diverse marine life increasingly threatened by climate change and pollution from human activities.

The designation, which was announced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will take effect after Congress has 45 days to consider it.

The Chumash people, which span several tribes, including the federally recognized Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, have long depended on the ocean for fishing and shellfish, and today some are involved in environmental monitoring and advocacy work.

Some collaborative projects may include coastal signage, or scientific studies along the shoreline where there may have been Indigenous villages in the past that are now submerged.

"The waterways adjacent to the aboriginal territory are areas that our tribal people have thrived and lived off of for many years," said Kenneth Kahn, chairman of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. "The legacy of all Chumash people in the namesake of the Marine Sanctuary is certainly very important."

The sanctuary comes nearly a decade after it was originally nominated by the late Chief Fred Collins of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council in 2015.

"When he passed away three years ago … he asked me to complete this for him, and I promised him I would," said Violet Sage Walker, chairwoman of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council.

There have been other national marine sanctuaries that involved collaboration with tribes, but this will be the first one where it is written into the final management plan with Indigenous partners included in the conversation from the beginning, Walker said.

A growing Land Back movement has been returning Indigenous homelands to the descendants of those who lived there for millennia before European settlers arrived. That has seen Native American tribes taking a greater role in restoring rivers and lands to how they were before they were expropriated.

Earlier this year, the Yurok Tribe in Northern California became the first Native people to manage tribal land with the National Park Service under a historic memorandum of understanding signed by the tribe, Redwood National and State Parks and the nonprofit Save the Redwoods League.

Stretching from around the San Louis Obispo County area in central California down to the border of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary off the coast of Santa Barbara, the Chumash marine sanctuary represents a unique mix of ecological zones of the northern and southern parts of the coast, said Stanford University professor Stephen Palumbi, who is conducting research in the area.

The waters are home to at-risk species, such as snowy plovers, southern sea otters, leatherback sea turtles, abalone and blue whales. It also includes ecologically rich features like the Rodriguez seamount, formed from an extinct volcano.

When Palumbi and his team were examining a set of silvery fish called grunions that beach themselves when they spawn in the southern part of the coast, they brought their findings to their partners at the Northern Chumash Tribal Council.

"They were saying, 'Oh yeah, we usually get them in the south just like you're seeing, but you know, just a couple generations ago we could get them further north,'" Palumbi said, giving an example of the value of the tribal members' knowledge.

The latest national marine sanctuary will advance the White House's America the Beautiful initiative, which set a goal of conserving and restoring at least 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.

Some advocates had originally hoped the boundaries of the sanctuary would extend north to the edges of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, past Diablo Canyon, which houses California's last operating nuclear power plant. However, after concerns from wind energy companies, NOAA decided to carve out an area planned for off-shore wind farm development but laid out a process for potential sanctuary expansion in the future.

"It's really a balancing act of trying to accomplish the renewable energy goals of the Biden-Harris and Newsom administrations and America the Beautiful," said Paul Michel, NOAA regional policy coordinator.

The final management plan includes a framework for co-stewardship that involves an advisory group with a voting seat for the the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians and two "Indigenous Cultural Knowledge voting seats," as well as a policy council consisting of the Santa Ynez Band, NOAA, and California government.

"We not only protected our homeland but we protected our spiritual connection to our ancestors and our future generations for everybody," said Walker. "This is something that will live long beyond my lifetime."

California foster dad sentenced to 7 years for abusing child torture victims

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

A California man was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison for abusing foster children he had assigned to care for in his home, including some who had been previously tortured by their parents.

Marcelino Olguin, 65, was handcuffed and led away by sheriff's deputies in a courtroom in Riverside after a brief sentencing hearing. Olguin previously pleaded guilty to lewd acts on a child, false imprisonment and injuring a child, while his wife, Rosa, and adult daughter, Lennys, pleaded guilty to child cruelty. The women were each sentenced to four years of formal probation.

"Today's sentencing marks a significant step in delivering justice to the victims who endured unimaginable abuse," Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin said in a statement. "These children were placed in a position of vulnerability after surviving intense trauma, only to be further exploited by someone who was entrusted with their care."

Attorneys for the Olguins said the plea arrangement allowed for the women to be spared prison time.

"My client saved his family," Paul Grech, Marcelino Olguin's lawyer, said after the hearing. He declined to discuss the case further.

The Olguin family was tasked with caring for the children after they were rescued from horribly abusive conditions in their parents' home in the Southern California community of Perris. Their parents, David and Louise Turpin, pleaded guilty in 2019 to torture and years of abuse that included shackling some of their 13 children and starving them and providing only a minimal education. The Turpin parents were sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 25 years.

On Friday, a victim's advocate read to the court a statement prepared by one of the Turpin children who had stayed in the Olguins' home.

"All I wanted was to finally have a loving family and to recover from my trauma, but unfortunately I did not receive that," the statement said. The victim, who was not named, is still recovering and learning to trust, but forgives the family in an act of faith, the statement said.

A report found that the social service system failed the Turpin children, who ranged in age from 2 to 29 when they were rescued by authorities from their parents' home after their 17-year-old sister escaped and called 911. Eventually six of the children were placed with the Olguins.

Attorneys representing some of the Turpin children filed a civil lawsuit against Riverside County alleging the Olguins abused minors in their care. The couple hit the children in the face with sandals, pulled their hair, forced them to eat their own vomit and made them sit in a circle and recount the trauma they had experienced in their parents' home, the attorneys wrote in the lawsuit filed in 2022. The suit also accused Marcelino Olguin of sexual abuse.

Kia Feyzjou, who represented Lennys Olguin, said some of the allegations may have been a "little exaggerated" but winning a case with so much public scrutiny would have been difficult. Doug Ecks, who represented Rosa Olguin, said his client and her daughter might be seen as enablers but didn't face charges of abuse to the same extent.

"When there was a resolution that involved no custody, that seemed in the best interest of everybody," Ecks said.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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answer is to develop it into commercial, industrial or residential or a combination of these. It would bring the city new taxes. But it would also bring lots and lots and lots of traffic and increase our already congested main arteries. It would also bring noise and pollution.

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GET IT DAILY...



RESTAURANT REVIEW

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and an Italian pizza expert at the helm—an example of how a dedicated chef-owner can elevate a venue.

So, why do some restaurants close while others thrive? I have a few theories:

1. Restaurants that streamline their operations, like Tacos Por Favor, are more likely to survive turbulent times, including the challenges posed by the pandemic. With no table service, minimal cleanup staff, and food served on disposable plates, their overhead remains low.

2. Ethnic restaurants tend to have a smaller, niche following compared to broader appeal cuisines like Sushi, Italian, and American fare.

3. Restaurants that offer ample space, good parking, and reasonable prices—such as Froman's Deli on 19th and Wilshire—are easier for patrons to frequent, and it shows in their busy dining rooms.

In the end, the reasons some restaurants endure while others fade away remain elusive. Perhaps it's a mix of location, management, and luck—or maybe, it's something that only artificial intelligence could decipher.

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COUNCIL PREVIEW

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senior living facility or Boys and Girls Clubs.

However, the City Attorney clarified during that meeting that, "Because state law specifically says that the cities cannot prohibit these types of items. They can't prohibit the distribution of it or the use of them, so we have no authority to regulate it."

Ultimately, it was deemed illegal, but the Council still voted on it.

Another item that's almost guaranteed to create some scintillating discussion is a request by Councilmember Gleam Davis to direct the City Attorney to prepare and return at the next meeting with an ordinance that would prohibit gifts to Councilmembers, using definitions of gifts and exceptions in the California Political Reform Act, and adding an exception for entry and meals when attending events in an official City capacity.

This is another continuation item, this time from the September 24 meeting, when Mayor Phil Brock set an impressive new standard by creating sparks just two minutes into the evening's proceedings by requesting that the same item be postponed "indefinitely," naturally resulting in some entertaining discourse.

There is also a request by Councilmembers Davis and Zwick that the City Attorney and City Manager review and analyze SB 969, which recently was signed by Governor Newsom and, according to the staff report, "with due speed take all necessary steps and draft all necessary ordinances and policies that would allow the establishment of an entertainment zone" (as defined in SB 969) along Third Street. Senate Bill 969 relates to the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets, sidewalks, or public rights-of-way and as such this ultimately revolves around the notion that under certain circumstances, the public could potentially be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages on the Promenade, outside of the boundaries of any existing bar or restaurant.

There is also a request by Mayor Phil Brock, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete and de la Torre that the City Council endorse Proposition 36 on the November 2024 statewide ballot.

Proposition 36 makes several key changes related to punishments for theft and drug crimes; first, it increases punishment for some of these crimes, second, it creates a new treatment-focused court process for some drug possession crimes and third, it requires courts to warn people convicted of selling or providing illegal drugs to others they can be charged with murder if they keep doing so and someone dies.

Other highlights include the potential adoption of a resolution applying to councilmember's laws applicable to City employees and Council appointees concerning policies, investigations, and remedies for violations by appointees for Brown Act and other laws or policies applicable to City employees. This goes all the way back to the June 11 meeting and then the subject once again created theatrics as the dias descended into playground-like politics during the July 9 meeting.

Finally, there is an appeal of Landmark Commission Decision to designate the Compass Rose located north of and adjacent to runway 3 at Santa Monica Airport as a City landmark.

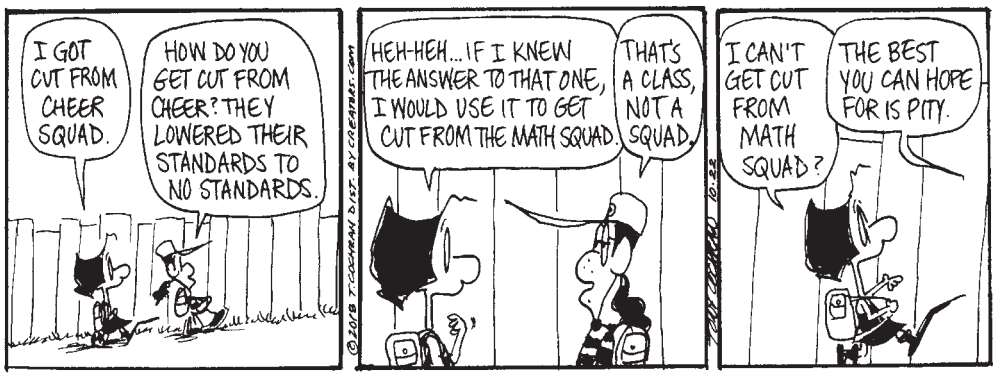
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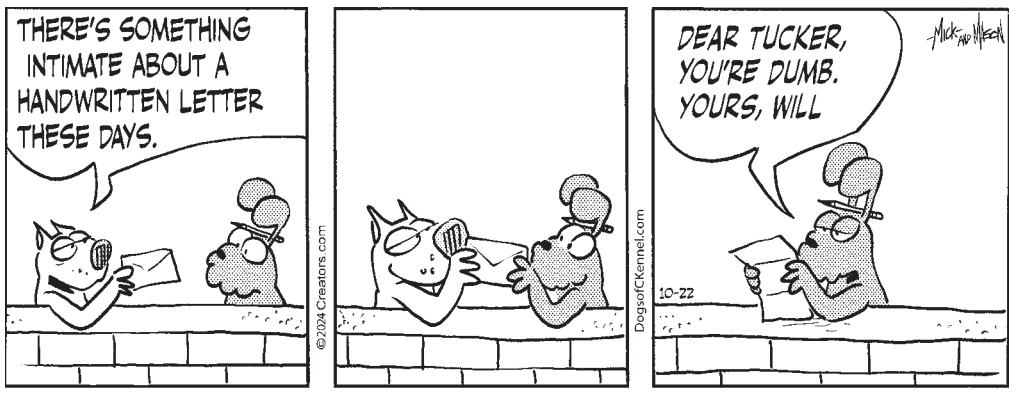
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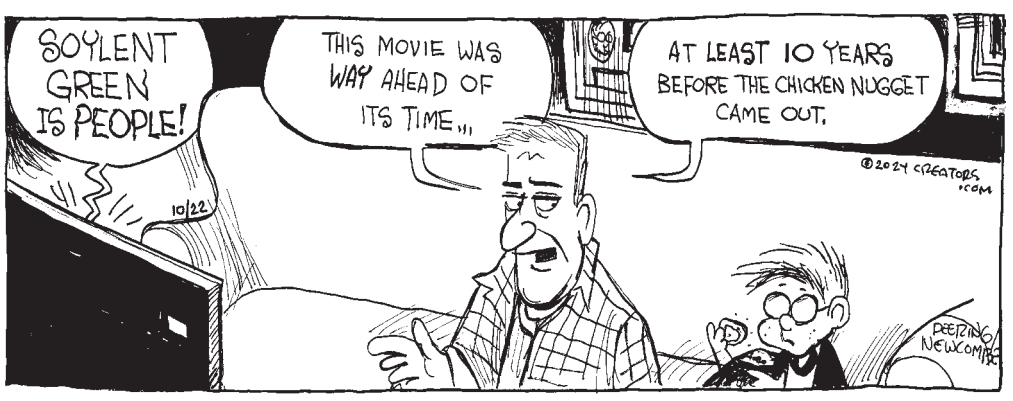
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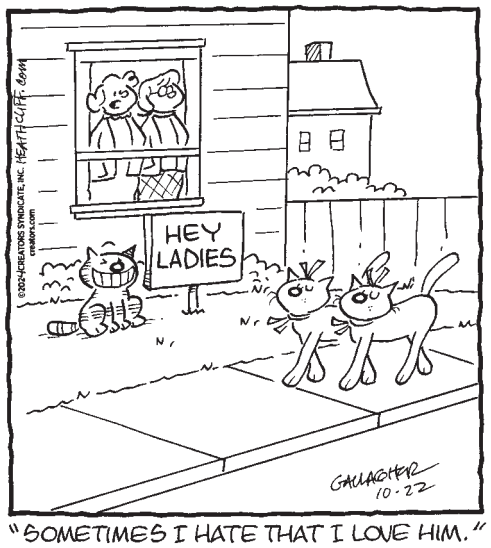
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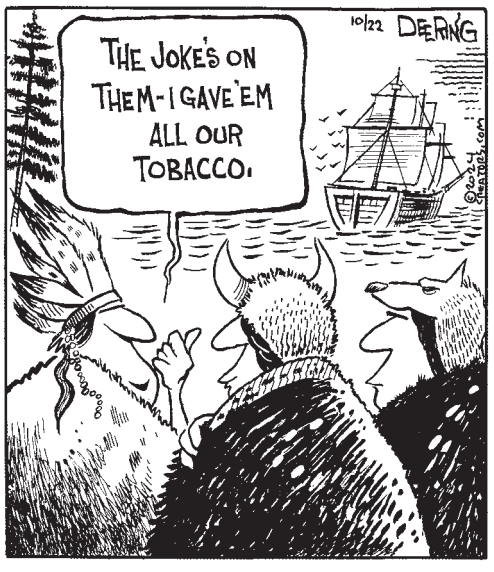
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"SOMETIMES I HATE THAT I LOVE HIM."

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 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6371

Living in the desert

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Basin	Dunes	Gulls	Remote
Birds	Dusty	Harsh	Risk
Camel	Eagle	Heat	Sandy
Care	Empty	Lake	Scrub
Celsius	Fauna	Large	Storm
Dams	Feral cat	Lizard	Tanami
Dingo	Fire	Lonely	Track
Donkey	Flies	Maintenance	Unique
Drought	Gibbers	Maps	Water
Drum	Grass	Mirage	Wind

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What started as an exciting attraction has developed into something else, like a pursuit, a study, a project, a profound connection, or some combination of one or all. This isn't the last time the relationship will transform.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Persist with what works and it will work even better. Success is a given, as long as you don't change things up. Boredom is to be expected and worked through until you find new layers and dimensions that make it interesting again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll custom-fit your efforts to the variety of characters who parade through your world, each seeming to need something different. You'll be as flexible as your attitude. There are so many ways to give your personal touch.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Thoughtful communication will draw people in. You'll have just the right words to convey your message, but more importantly, you'll hit the tones that make it go down like a spoonful of sugar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Lend a hand wherever you can. What comes easily to you is a challenge for someone close, and they are very adept at the thing you can't do at all. This is what makes you such a fantastic team.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not a fan of the restlessness that comes with having too little to do, though having too much is worse. On days like today, when you hit that sweet middle zone, it's important to remember your formula so you can repeat it later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Knowing that everything has a season, you commit to this special moment as though there will never be another one like it, which, of course, there won't be. Life comes to you with vivid sweetness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You say "yes" to what is happening and these three letters will add up to the only word you need to start an alliance, begin the mission, inject the energy, and open the gates to tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When people feel it's safe to be their flawed, vulnerable, wonderful selves, interactions get easier. You figure out where to meet for the real connection, not the fragile kind that happens when two facades meet with a glue stick.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone resonates to a certain tone, and those who hit it cannot help but move the others who are primed to ring out at that vibration. This is why a slight shift in tone makes the difference between being chosen or not. In short: Attitude is everything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There will be consequences for overstepping boundaries, however unintentional the breach. Since many boundaries are invisible, stay keenly aware of subtle reactions and err on the side of caution. At least heightened awareness makes life more exciting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Insecurity wears the mask of arrogance. This is nothing to worry about, only something to spot. When someone is behaving as though they need more attention, consider giving it to them as a balm to ease the sting of vulnerability.

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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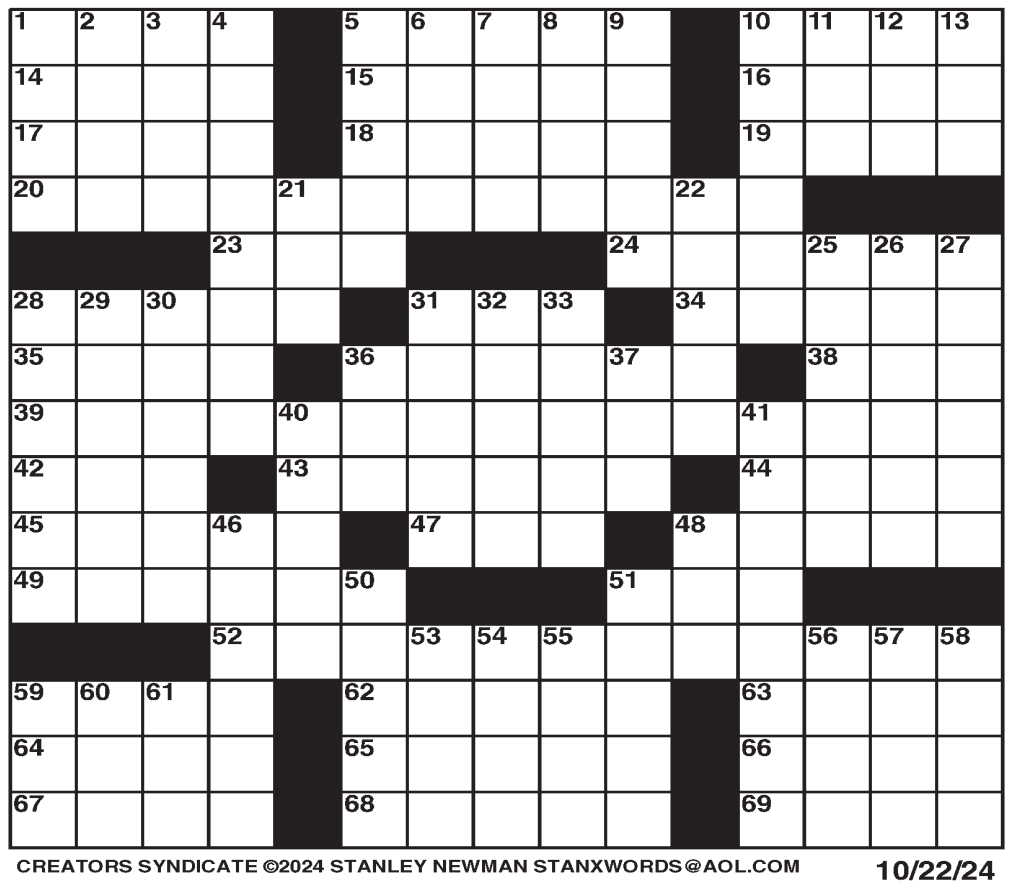
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ACROSS

1 Polish a manuscript
5 "I could assist"
10 __ Canaveral, FL
14 Hindu exercise system
15 Still sleeping
16 Bring on new employees
17 At any time
18 Former Parisian money
19 Revered celebrity
20 Michigan NFL team
23 Insect in a colony
24 Very small
28 Mirror reflection
31 __ and cheese (kids' lunch)
34 Wed on the run
35 __' War (legendary racehorse)
36 Put fresh film in a camera
38 Owns
39 New Jersey Ivy League football team
42 Point at a target
43 Retaliate for
44 "So what __ is new?"
45 Unsuitable
47 Caribbean or Mediterranean
48 Lariats
49 Ancient artifacts
51 That guy
52 Illinois NFL team
59 Dog's sound
62 Twangy-sounding
63 Cafeteria's plate holder
64 Whitish gem
65 No later than
66 Horse rider's strap
67 Basic unit of heredity
68 Full of rocks, as a beach
69 New Haven university

DOWN

1 Watched closely
2 Bird of peace
3 "This is the thanks __?"
4 Herb in béarnaise sauce
5 All wrong (for)
6 Alphabetize
7 And others: Abbr.
8 Tax-exempt bond, for short
9 Florida Disney theme park
10 Sculptor's tool
11 Assist
12 Athlete on a salary
13 Snakelike fish
21 Dollar bill
22 "__ say more?"
25 Useless for assistance
26 Few and far between
27 Affirmative votes
28 Render less effective
29 "Semper Fi" soldier
30 Insect or bird
31 Doles (out)
32 Single-handedly
33 Cuban line dance
36 Race, as an engine
37 Feasted on
40 Grab, as a football pass
41 High school math
46 Burger relish source
48 Bit of barbecue
50 Decongestant target
51 "Deck the Halls" plant
53 Is unable to
54 Regarding, in memos
55 Weight increase
56 Neck of the woods
57 Banister
58 "Auld Lang __"
59 Swampy ground
60 Gorilla or chimp
61 Sprinted



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UNIFICATION

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students. The adjusted per pupil funding amount is then multiplied by students enrolled in a Santa Monica Unified School District (SMUSD), creating a base year funding target that is compared to unrestricted general fund revenues of SMUSD. If revenues are less than the funding target, Malibu would make up the difference through a base year property tax transfer.

Green stated that a base year calculation is an anticipated "starting index" because there are not two separate entities to start with, and that the calculations of general fund revenues were made by looking at all line items in the SMMUSD unrestricted general fund in a year prior to separation, taking out and adjusting items like one-time revenues because they are not a part of ongoing operational funding.

The annual calculation begins by increasing the funding target for SMUSD by 4% each year, with the target subtracted by district unrestricted revenues, and any shortfalls to made made up by a transfer of Malibu property taxes.

One concern for future year calculations was brought up by board member Laurie Lieberman, who stated that locally sourced revenues that are the basis of Santa Monica funding are more volatile than the property tax revenues which anchor the Malibu side of a potential split.

"What's clear is that this agreement only works when both the property taxes are shared and Santa Monica's local sources of revenues are stable … our property taxes are stable, what's not as clear to me … to the extent we start losing these (local sources) and things happen, this agreement is in trouble," Liberman said.

Green replied that it would be an "overstep" to say the loss of one revenue source would be a "death knell," and that he contemplated scenarios in which monies from local measures like Measure Y/YY and Measure GSH/GS would be reduced. While he wasn't sure what an exact "breakpoint" would be for Malibu having to make up those lost revenues with tax transfers, the reduction can be reassessed at a future time if it becomes an issue.

The operational transfer agreement, understandably shorter than the calculation-heavy revenue sharing agreement, details "the allocation of staffing, operational processes and resources, facilitating an efficient division of services and resources" between Santa Monica and Malibu entities. The agreement touches on items such as transportation, staffing assignments, insurance and health care benefits, as well as facilities and maintenance.

One piece of facilities would be the need for a Malibu administrative office, with plans made to potentially use money from Measure MM on the Nov. 5 ballot to provide for an office in the Malibu territory.

The joint powers agreement would establish a "shared entity responsible for overseeing and implementing the agreements governing the planned division" of the district, with such an entity to not only oversee logistics of unification, but to resolve any future disputes.

Current recommendations state that the joint entity would have seven members, three appointed from Santa Monica, three appointed from Malibu, and a seventh member to be jointly appointed. It would be initially funded from equal contributions on the Santa Monica and Malibu sides, with an annual allocation from the two parties thereafter. The entity would operate similarly to the SMMUSD board, with regularly-scheduled meetings governed by The Brown Act, requiring the posting of meeting agendas.

While a vote on the unification package was hoped to be taken at Thursday's board meeting, several board members expressed the need for more discussion, including small-group meetings with counsel. Thursday's meeting will continue talks on the unification package and what needs to be further fleshed out.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME. Case No. 24SMCP00529 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Gabrielle Suzanne Patterson for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Gabrielle Suzanne Patterson a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Gabrielle Suzanne Patterson to Gabrielle Celine Kocak. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 11/22/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90034 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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TUESDAY | OCTOBER 22

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee.

BARRY SONNENFELD WITH ROB REINER
8 - 9:15 p.m. Ann and Jerry Moss Theatre at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. One-of-a-kind filmmaker Barry Sonnenfeld tells stories only he can tell, discussing his memoir "Best Possible Place, Worst Possible Time: True Stories from a Career in Hollywood" alongside acclaimed director Rob Reiner. Tickets $25, ticket plus signed book $50. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barry-sonnenfeld-with-rob-reiner-tickets-998061146757.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 23

BALLET STORYTIME WITH TUTU SCHOOL
10:30 - 11 a.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. This story time combines storytelling and imagination with music, movement and lots of twirling. Free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 18 months to 5 years old.

COMPUTER CLASS
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Training Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Tips and advice on how to find the best computer/laptop of smartphone for your needs. For all levels.

BALLOT MEASURE PROS & CONS
11 a.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Dr., Pacific Palisades. Confused by the competing ads for and against measures on the November 5 ballot? Come here the League of Women Voters give an unbiased, nonpartisan explanation of the pros and cons of each measure. Learn about the issues, the context and the arguments for and against each proposition so you can make an informed decision.

STARTOUT DEMO DAY
5 - 7 p.m. SVB Santa Monica, 1437 7th St. Get ready to witness the future of LGBTQ+ entrepreneurship at StartOut Demo Day, live and in person for the first time since 2019, taking place over two days across two cities. This is the event where queer founders will pitch their startups to a panel of expert judges and compete for cash prizes. For a free RSVP, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-startout-demo-day-los-angeles-tickets-1014764416687.

FUTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE
6:05 - 7:30 p.m. Virtual. The City of Santa Monica and Hollywood Community Housing Corporation invite you to a virtual meeting regarding updates on the future affordable housing on City parking lots located at 1217 Euclid St. and 1211-1217 14th St. Presenters will include the City of Santa Monica, HCHC and Kevin Daly Architects. To RSVP, visit: www.HCHCSantaMonica.org/community-meetings/.

METRO 17TH/SMC HOUSING SITE VIRTUAL MEETING
6:30 - 8 p.m. Virtual. Metro invites the Santa Monica community to attend a virtual meeting for an update on Metro's future housing site at 17th St/SMC station. Metro is currently planning new housing near the 17th Street and Santa Monica College (SMC) Station and is seeking input from the community on the architectural design, services and other project considerations. The Zoom link is bit.ly/17SMCMtg and the Call-In number is 888-788-0099.

AN EVENING WITH RICHARD POWERS
8 - 9:15 p.m. Ann and Jerry Moss Theatre at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Richard Powers, an author of fourteen novels and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize, discusses his writing life and his new novel, "Playground." Tickets $25, reserved section ticket plus book with signed book plate $50. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-richard-powers-tickets-1021713331077.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 24

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS
2 - 6 p.m. Lobby, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. A legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law.

TECH & TASKS
2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more.

WAGS & WITCHES
5 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd. Enjoy a special Happy Hour menu while your furry friend competes for prizes in our dog costume contest. Capture the moment with on-site doggie portraits and celebrate Halloween in luxury. The top three costumes will win exciting prizes.

LOVE FEST OF THE WESTSIDE
6 - 10 p.m. MUD\WTR, 2515 Main St. Love Fest is a conscious dating event for people who are more serious about dating and are more willing to be vulnerable in their search for love. There will be fun dating games, ice breaking activities, small group exercises and more. Beverages served by MUD\WTR and will have some light snacks. Age ranges between 26-48, this is a heterosexual/monogamous forward dating event. Tickets $40, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-fest-of-the-westside-fall-edition-tickets-1025079368987.

HAUNTED HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY FOR DOGS
6:30 - 8 p.m. Wag Hotels - Santa Monica, 1653 19th St. We warmy invite you to an unfurgettable night of spooktacular fun at Wag Hotels' 9th Annual Haunted Howl-o-ween Party. Canine and human guests alike will be thrilled and chilled by photos with Cruella de Vil, a costume contest with prizes, a spooktacular silent auction, dog and family-friendly activities, Wag Swag, goodie bags and more. All proceeds will benefit the Frosted Faces Foundation and help them provide shelter, comprehensive veterinary care, and innovative resources to at-risk senior dogs. Children under 17 free, general admission $12. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/haunted-howl-o-ween-party-for-dogs-at-wag-hotels-santa-monica-tickets-1015665060537.



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