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Día de los Muertos holiday takes over Promenade













Photos by Thomas Leffler

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS: The Third Street Promenade was taken over Saturday by an annual Día de los Muertos celebration, bringing hundreds of visitors dressed in traditional holiday garb taken from indigenous Mexican and Aztec influence. The holiday pays tribute to those who have passed on, with various shrines showcased along the Promenade, ranging from family members to celebrities such as the recently passed Los Angeles Dodgers legend Fernando Valenzuela. Activities included a long line for face painting, musical and dance performances, and various booths selling clothing and other items.

Loss of parking still a concern around proposed Euclid, 14th St. developments

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A revised attempt to develop affordable housing on city-owned properties came back to the community last week, with concerns still persisting about the loss of parking in the Wilshire-Montana area.

On Oct. 23, city officials and Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) held a virtual meeting for the plan to build a total of 130 apartment units on parcels at 1217 Euclid Street, 1211-1217 14th St and 1402 Wilshire Blvd. The 1217 Euclid St. development would consist of 48 family units, while the 1211-1217 14th St. and 1402 Wilshire parcels would have 82 senior affordable and senior permanent supportive housing units.

The proposed development is a change from earlier proposals which included units at 1146 16th St., with explicit direction from Santa Monica City Council to retain the site's current use as a parking lot. The other major change is an attempt from HCHC to purchase the Unleashed pet supply building at 1402 Wilshire as part of the senior housing parcels.

HCHC Executive Director Sarah Letts stated that the organization

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Council votes against ordinance to limit gifts in a decision that splinters the dais

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Amid accusations and counter-accusations, members of Santa Monica City Council voted not to return with ordinance that would prohibit gifts to councilmembers, therefore potentially restricting the amount of gratuities and complementary items received.

One of the items that was guaranteed to create sparks in the last meeting was this one, Item 8C, 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 a continued item that

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What to know about the Menendez brothers' bid for freedom

JAMIE DING
Associated Press

The district attorney of Los Angeles County has recommended resentencing for Erik and Lyle Menendez who were convicted for killing their parents in 1989 and may now have a pathway to freedom after spending 34 years behind bars.

Here are some things to know about the case:

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE NOTORIOUS 1989 MURDER CASE?

The shotgun killings of Jose and Kitty Menendez took place on Aug. 20, 1989, in their Beverly Hills mansion. Their son Lyle Menendez was the one who called 911, with brothers initially claiming the killing was Mafia-related or connected to their father's business dealings. The brothers went on spending sprees, buying Rolex watches, cars and houses. Two months later, Erik Menendez told his psychologist, Jerome Oziel, that he and his brother killed their parents. They were eventually arrested and charged in their parents' deaths.

The murder case captured the public's attention. Coming on the heels of the O.J. Simpson trial, the nation was hungry for true crime TV. The brothers' first trial was one of the first to be almost entirely televised on Court TV. It spawned documentaries, television specials and dramatizations. The Netflix drama " Monsters: Lyle and Erik Menendez Story " and the documentary "The Menendez Brothers," released in the fall of 2024, have been credited in recent weeks for bringing new attention to the case.

WHY WERE THERE TWO TRIALS?

The brothers' first trial took place in 1993 with separate juries. Prosecutors argued that they killed their parents for financial gain. The brothers' attorneys never disputed the pair killed their parents, but argued that they acted out of self-defense after years of emotional and sexual abuse by their father.

Both trials resulted in a hung jury on all three counts for the killing of Jose and Kitty Menendez, and the conspiracy to commit murder. The juries were split over murder and manslaughter convictions.

At the second trial in 1995, the judge excluded a substantial amount of evidence that was heard in the first trial, including testimony from several family members who witnessed or heard about the abuse. Prosecutors doubled down on their claim that no abuse happened. A single jury convicted both brothers of three counts, including first-degree murder, plus lying in-wait and special circumstance allegations. They were sentenced to life without parole in 1996.

WHAT ABOUT THE APPEALS PROCESS?

In the years that followed, the brothers' repeatedly appealed their convictions. In 1998, they were denied by an appellate court and the California Supreme Court. Their petitions for habeas corpus, a request for a court to examine whether someone is being lawfully detained, were denied by the state Supreme Court.

After exhausting their options in state court, they filed petitions in federal court, which were denied. They then appealed in 2005 to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which denied them again.

Their attorney said after that appeal failed, they resigned themselves to spending the rest of their lives in prison.

HOW HAS NEW EVIDENCE HELPED THE BROTHERS?

In 2015, the brothers heard about a letter written by Erik Menendez to his uncle Andy Cano that was mentioned in a Barbara Walters television special. When they asked their attorneys about it, the attorneys were unaware of the letter and realized it had not been introduced at either trial, making it effectively new evidence.

This letter, attorneys say, corroborates the allegations that Erik was sexually abused by his father.

Roy Rossello, a former member of the Latin pop group Menudo, recently came forward saying he was drugged and raped by Jose Menendez, the boys' father, when he was a teen in the 1980s. Menudo was signed under RCA Records, which Jose Menendez headed at the time.

Rossello spoke about his abuse in the Peacock docuseries "Menendez + Menudo: Boys Betrayed." He provided a signed declaration to the brothers' lawyers, the final piece of evidence needed for them to file a new petition for habeas corpus in May 2023 and ask for a reexamination of the case.

WHAT DOES THE CURRENT LA PROSECUTOR SAY?

Los Angeles County prosecutors have recommended that the brothers receive a new sentence of 50 years to life. Because they were under 26 years old at the time of the crimes, they would be eligible for parole immediately under a California law that went into effect in 2018.

District Attorney George Gascón said he took several factors into consideration when making the decision, including the brothers' rehabilitation in prison. In documents filed by his office, prosecutors pointed to both brothers' educational achievements — both have attained several degrees — and contributions to the community, such as a GreenSpace prison beautification program started by Lyle Menendez. Both brothers also received low-risk assessment scores.

Gascón also said the trial would have been treated differently with today's understanding of how sexual and physical abuse affects children.

The brothers have the strong support of most of their family, who say they were victims that were vilified. One of their uncles, however, wants them to remain in prison.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The petition for resentencing will now be reviewed by a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge. Legal experts say it won't be a smooth process though.

Gascón faces dissent from within his own office regarding the decision, and one of the family members does not support resentencing. They will have an opportunity to make their arguments heard in front of a judge.

If he agrees with the resentencing recommendation, the brothers will need the state parole board to grant their release. California Gov. Gavin Newsom then has 150 days to review the parole board's decision.

Election will test power of Californians' backlash against crime



AP Photo/Richard Vogel

CRIME: Pedestrians walk past a boarded up Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 in Beverly Hills, Calif. Los Angeles police are warning people that wearing expensive jewelry in public could make them a target for thieves — a note of caution as robberies are up citywide. The police department's suggestion Tuesday, March 22, came as robbers smashed the front window of a Beverly Hills jewelry store in broad daylight and fled with millions of dollars' worth of merchandise.

DAN WALTERS
CalMatters

Occasionally — perhaps once a generation — California experiences a sharp change in its political climate, upsetting whatever is considered the current norm.

The most obvious example occurred in 1978, when voters defied the almost universal advice from political figures and overwhelmingly adopted Proposition 13, which slashed property taxes and made taxes of any kind more difficult to impose.

The "tax revolt," as it was dubbed, forced a complete overhaul of how schools and other state and local services were financed and has survived multiple efforts to change or repeal it.

Prop. 13 also forced the politicians who vociferously opposed it to adapt. Jerry Brown, the governor at the time, was running for re-election. He quickly recast himself as a "born-again tax cutter" and sought a state income tax reduction to prove his fidelity to the new paradigm.

Republicans seized the moment to make a serious bid for becoming the state's dominant party, exploiting the twin issues of taxes and crime. Between 1980 and 1990, Republicans won eight of the 10 top-of-ticket races for president, governor and U.S. senator.

However the GOP surge fell short and by the late 1990s, in another climate change, Democrats had regained a dominance that has continued to expand. That said, California could be on the cusp of another atmospheric shift, one that could put the brakes on the party's leftward tilt.

The issue is crime, which helped Republicans gain momentum in the 1980s and early 1990s, but seemingly had disappeared, at least in political terms, as Jerry Brown, Gavin Newsom and other prominent political figures championed what they called "criminal justice reform" in recent years.

They railed against "mass incarceration," persuaded voters and the Legislature to downplay the severity of some crimes, reduced criminal penalties, and sharply decreased the number of offenders behind bars. But they may have gone too far.

The Public Policy Institute of California, in a newly released study, found that overall violent crime rates and some categories of property crime, particularly auto thefts and shoplifting, remain higher than they were prior to the pandemic.

The public perception of a new crime wave has generated a strong backlash that next month's election will test.

Proposition 36, which would partially undo Proposition 47, a 2014 criminal justice reform measure, enjoys 73% support in the latest Public Policy Institute of California survey, despite opposition from Newsom and other major Democratic figures.

Newsom tried to get the Legislature to undercut Prop. 36 with a rival measure, but Democratic legislators, wary of the backlash, refused. Newsom could then have raised money for an opposition campaign but backed away, saying "it's a question of bandwidth."

"I fear I can't do everything," he told reporters in September. "I've got, trying to get Kamala Harris elected President of the United States, trying to get through these 900 bills."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.6**

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: Waist to chest
3-4FT

Some potential for a light wind morning, but with jumbled up surf. If the wind can cooperate (coin flip on that right now), the beachbreaks could see some nice peaks off the mix of easing NW and SSW swell.

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: Thigh to waist
2-3FT

Smaller/dropping surf from Mon/Tue but increasing odds for favorable AM wind. Could still be pretty fun - albeit slightly jumbled - off the mix of leftover NW swell and still a bit of SSW swell.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 67. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the morning.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. West northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east northeast after midnight.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Oscar de la Torre's actions compelled the Santa Monica City Council to stop funding the Pico Youth and Family Center

Dear Editor,

For the past two weeks or so, Santa Monica Councilmember Oscar de la Torre has been in the news for an antisemitic comment he made as an SMMUSD Board member in 2019. School Board member Jon Kean quotes de la Torre as saying, "the biggest problem with the School Board is that it's run by the Jews." The truth of this statement has been verified by two other members of the School Board: Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein and Laurie Lieberman.

De la Torre should have acknowledged this statement and apologized for it. Instead, he has denied this statement and attacked the messengers.

At the City Council's October 22nd meeting, where de la Torre's antisemitic statement was raised by members of the public, de la Torre lashed out at those who raised the issue and then went on the attack by criticizing the City Council's 2015 decision to stop funding the Pico Youth and Family Center, a non-profit organization founded and run by de la Torre as its Executive Director. De la Torre referred to that prior City Council decision as "racist."

We were members of the City Council that voted to stop funding PYFC. We did so based upon City Staff's documentation of de la Torre's misconduct (including racism and dishonesty). City Staff's recommendation to stop funding was supported by letters from PYFC Board members who had resigned in protest.

De la Torre's racism was explicitly called out by several Board members as a key reason for their resignations. Board Chair Amanda M. Seward criticized de la Torre for stoking racial animosity, stating: "... it was very disturbing to hear statements of an alleged racial conspiracy on the Board, particularly given that PYFC's core message of unity. The PYFC was founded to help alleviate the conflict between the Latino and African American community in Santa Monica, not exacerbate it. It was irresponsible to engage in this kind of race baiting."

Similarly, Board member Jan Book noted in her resignation letter: "Oscar verbally insulted several of our Board members with racial, religious and/or ethnic slurs ...."

Two other Board members specifically called out de la Torre's racism as a reason for resigning. Shelly Wood, J.D. referenced a PYFC meeting on December 3, 2012, and stated: "Oscar's behavior at this meeting was despicable. He tried to polarize the Board and make it a racial issue between the African American Board members and the Latino Board members ...." Jill Moniz, PhD. stated that she "... cannot condone the gross misconduct of PYFC Executive Director Oscar de la Torre," citing as one of her concerns that Oscar had pursued "his agenda of racial divide."

In addition to his racism, the former PYFC Board members commented on de la Torre's dishonesty. Ms. Book stated that "Oscar intentionally misinformed and misled the PYFC Staff" with respect to the PYFC Board. Ms. Wood noted that "I believe Oscar thrives on dishonesty and manipulates the truth for personal gain." Ms. Moniz stated: "I cannot condone the gross misconduct of PYFC Executive Director Oscar de la Torre."

Some who are aware of these events have pointed out that they occurred years ago and that de la Torre has had time to change. The short answer is that he hasn't changed. Instead of acknowledging his past mistakes, and asking for room to move forward, de la Torre continues to deny, obfuscate and attack those critical of him.

Next week, Santa Monica voters will select four members of the City Council, and de la Torre is seeking re-election. We all agree that de la Torre lacks the character, integrity, and judgment to continue serving on the Santa Monica City Council.

Gleam Davis, Former Mayor and current City Councilmember; Kevin McKeown, Former Mayor and City Councilmember; Pam O'Connor, Former Mayor and City Councilmember; Terry O'Day, Former Mayor Pro Tempore and City Councilmember; Ted Winterer, Former Mayor and City Councilmember

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Two more LA Times editorial board members resign after the paper withholds a Harris endorsement

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Two more members of the Los Angeles Times editorial board have resigned after the newspaper's owner blocked the board's plan to endorse Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris for president.

Veteran journalists Robert Greene and Karin Klein announced their resignations Thursday, a day after the editorial page editor Mariel Garza left in protest over LA Times owner Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong's decision not to endorse a candidate.

Greene, a Pulitzer Prize winner for editorial writing, said in a statement shared with the Columbia Journalism Review that he was "deeply disappointed" in the decision not to endorse Harris.

"I recognize that it is the owner's decision to make," he wrote. "But it hurt particularly because one of the candidates, Donald Trump, has demonstrated such hostility to principles that are central to journalism — respect for the truth and reverence for democracy."

> I am resigning because I want to make it clear that I am not OK with us being silent
>
> - Mariel Garza

Garza told the Columbia Journalism Review that she resigned because the Times was remaining silent on the presidential race in "dangerous times."

"I am resigning because I want to make it clear that I am not OK with us being silent," Garza said. "In dangerous times, honest people need to stand up. This is how I'm standing up."

Garza said the board had intended to endorse Harris and that she had drafted the outline of a proposed editorial but that was blocked by Soon-Shiong.

An LA Times spokesperson did not immediately respond to an email requesting comment.

An editorial board operates separately from the newsroom, and its writers' job is to present an issue and then take a side and lay out arguments to defend it.

Editorial writer Tony Barboza, who remains on the editorial board, said in a post Friday on an internal Los Angeles Times message board that the board had planned a series of editorials that would have culminated on Sunday with a Harris endorsement.

"All of it was killed," he wrote. "I am deeply disturbed to see these facts mischaracterized, and the owner's decision not to endorse in this consequential race blamed on his employees."

Soon-Shiong said in a post on the social media platform X that the board was asked to do a factual analysis of the policies of Harris and Republican former President Donald Trump during their time at the White House.

Soon-Shiong, who bought the paper in 2018 and is a member of the editorial board, said the board "chose to remain silent and I accepted their decision."

Greene, who wrote about water, drought, and Los Angeles County government, among other topics, said he was also concerned with Soon-Shiong's assertion that the editorial board had chosen to stay silent.

Greene wrote that a policy analysis would have to be done by the paper's news side and that the purpose of an editorial board is "to take a stand and defend it persuasively."

"I left in response to the refusal to take a stand, and to the incorrect assertion that the editorial board had made a choice," Greene wrote.

Klein said in a statement posted on Facebook that her decision to resign also came after seeing Soon-Shiong's post on X.

"The decision to resign was made simple and easy when he posted on X yesterday about his suggestion that the board create an analysis of the positives and negatives of each candidate and let the voters make their own decisions," she wrote.

"News side does an excellent job of neutral analysis. That's not an editorial," she added.

In an interview with Spectrum News on Thursday, Soon-Shiong pushed back against criticism that he censored the editorial board.

"As an owner, I'm on the editorial board and I shared with our editors that maybe this year we have a column, a page, two pages, if we want, of all the pros and all the cons and let the readers decide," Soon-Shiong said.

He said he feared endorsing a candidate would add to the country's division.

"I want us desperately to air all the voices on the opinion side, on the op-ed side," Soon-Shiong said. "I don't know how (readers) look upon me or our family as 'ultra progressive' or not, but I'm an independent."

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McDonald's Quarter Pounder back on the menu after testing rules out beef patties as E. coli source

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AP Technology Writer

McDonald's announced Sunday that Quarter Pounders will again be on its menu at hundreds of its restaurants after testing ruled out beef patties as the source of the outbreak of E. coli poisoning tied to the popular burgers that killed one person and sickened at least 75 others across 13 states.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration continues to believe that slivered onions from a single supplier are the likely source of contamination, McDonald's said in a statement. It said it will resume selling the Quarter Pounder at affected restaurants —- without slivered onions — in the coming week.

As of Friday, the outbreak had expanded to at least 75 people sick in 13 states, federal health officials said. A total of 22 people had been hospitalized, and two developed a dangerous kidney disease complication, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. One person has died in Colorado.

Early information analyzed by the FDA showed that uncooked slivered onions used on the burgers "are a likely source of contamination," the agency said. McDonald's has confirmed that Taylor Farms, a California-based produce company, was the supplier of the fresh onions used in the restaurants involved in the outbreak, and that they had come from a facility in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

McDonald's pulled the Quarter Pounder burger from menus in several states — mostly in the Midwest and Mountain states — when the outbreak was announced Tuesday. McDonald's said Friday that slivered onions from the Colorado Springs facility were distributed to approximately 900 of its restaurants, including some in transportation hubs like airports.

The company said it removed slivered onions sourced from that facility from its supply chain on Tuesday. McDonald's said it has decided to stop sourcing onions from Taylor Farms' Colorado Springs facility "indefinitely."

The 900 McDonald's restaurants that normally received slivered onions from Taylor Farms' Colorado Springs facility will resume sales of Quarter Pounders without slivered onions, McDonald's said.

Testing by the Colorado Department of Agriculture ruled out beef patties as the source of the outbreak, McDonald's said.

The department of agriculture received multiple lots of fresh and frozen beef patties collected from various Colorado McDonald's locations associated with the E. coli investigation. All samples were found to be negative for E. coli, the department said.

Taylor Farms said Friday that it had preemptively recalled yellow onions sent to its customers from its Colorado facility and continues to work with the CDC and the FDA as they investigate.

While it remains unclear if the recalled onions were the source of the outbreak, several other fast-food restaurants — including Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, KFC and Burger King — pulled onions from some menus in certain areas this week.

Colorado had the most illnesses reported as of Friday, with 26 cases. At least 13 people were sickened in Montana, 11 in Nebraska, 5 each in New Mexico and Utah, 4 each in Missouri and Wyoming, two in Michigan and one each in Iowa, Kansas, Oregon, Wisconsin and Washington, the CDC reported.

McDonald's said Friday it didn't pull the Quarter Pounder from any additional restaurants and noted that some cases in states outside the original region were tied to travel.

The CDC said some people who got sick reported traveling to other states before their symptoms started. At least three people said they ate at McDonald's during their travel. Illnesses were reported between Sept. 27 and Oct. 11.

The outbreak involves infections with E. coli 0157:H7, a type of bacteria that produces a dangerous toxin. It causes about 74,000 infections in the U.S. annually, leading to more than 2,000 hospitalizations and 61 deaths each year, according to CDC.

Symptoms of E. coli poisoning can occur quickly, within a day or two of eating contaminated food. They typically include fever, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea and signs of dehydration — little or no peeing, increased thirst and dizziness. The infection is especially dangerous for children younger than 5, people who are elderly, pregnant or who have weakened immune systems.

Associated Press writer JoNel Aleccia contributed reporting from Temecula, Calif.

CRIME

FROM PAGE 3

Translation: Newsom knew that Prop. 36 was a slam dunk and didn't want to risk a massive repudiation by leading an opposition campaign.

While Prop. 36 is one test of what appears to be a public revolt against California's recent softer-on-crime policies, it's not the only one.

Two district attorneys who were elected on reform platforms, George Gascón in Los Angeles County and Pamela Price in Alameda County, could lose their jobs. Gascón is running behind in his bid for a new term, and Price faces a recall.

Were two prosecutors in very liberal counties to be ousted, two years after San Francisco DA Chesa Boudin was recalled, and were Prop. 36 to win massively, the political fallout could be felt for years, or even decades.

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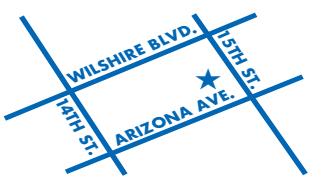
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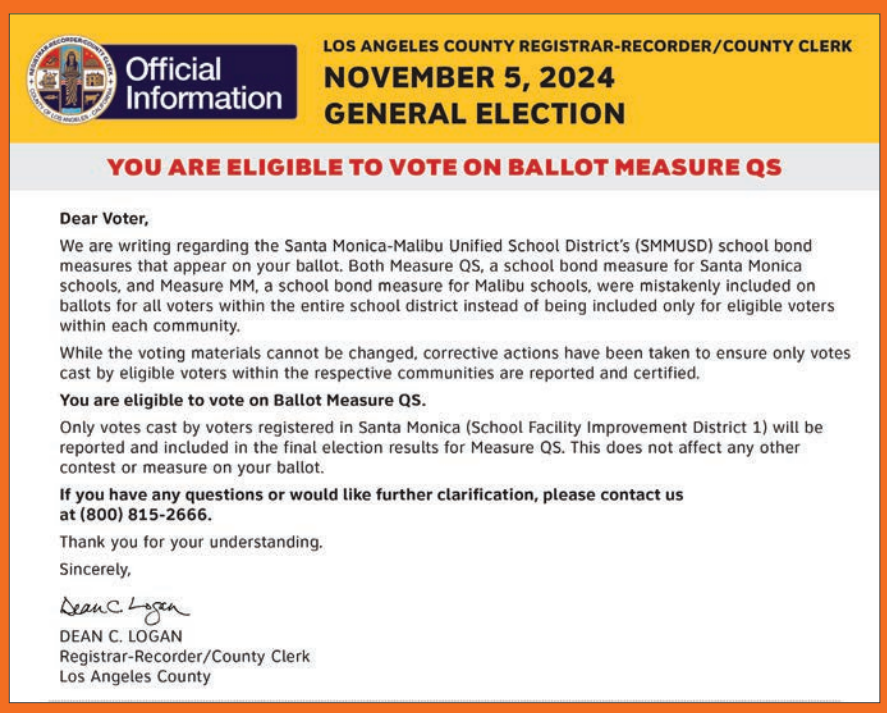
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NOVEMBER 5, 2024
GENERAL ELECTION

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON BALLOT MEASURE QS

Dear Voter,

We are writing regarding the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's (SMMUSD) school bond measures that appear on your ballot. Both Measure QS, a school bond measure for Santa Monica schools, and Measure MM, a school bond measure for Malibu schools, were mistakenly included on ballots for all voters within the entire school district instead of being included only for eligible voters within each community.

While the voting materials cannot be changed, corrective actions have been taken to ensure only votes cast by eligible voters within the respective communities are reported and certified.

You are eligible to vote on Ballot Measure QS.

Only votes cast by voters registered in Santa Monica (School Facility Improvement District 1) will be reported and included in the final election results for Measure QS. This does not affect any other contest or measure on your ballot.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please contact us at (800) 815-2666.

Thank you for your understanding.

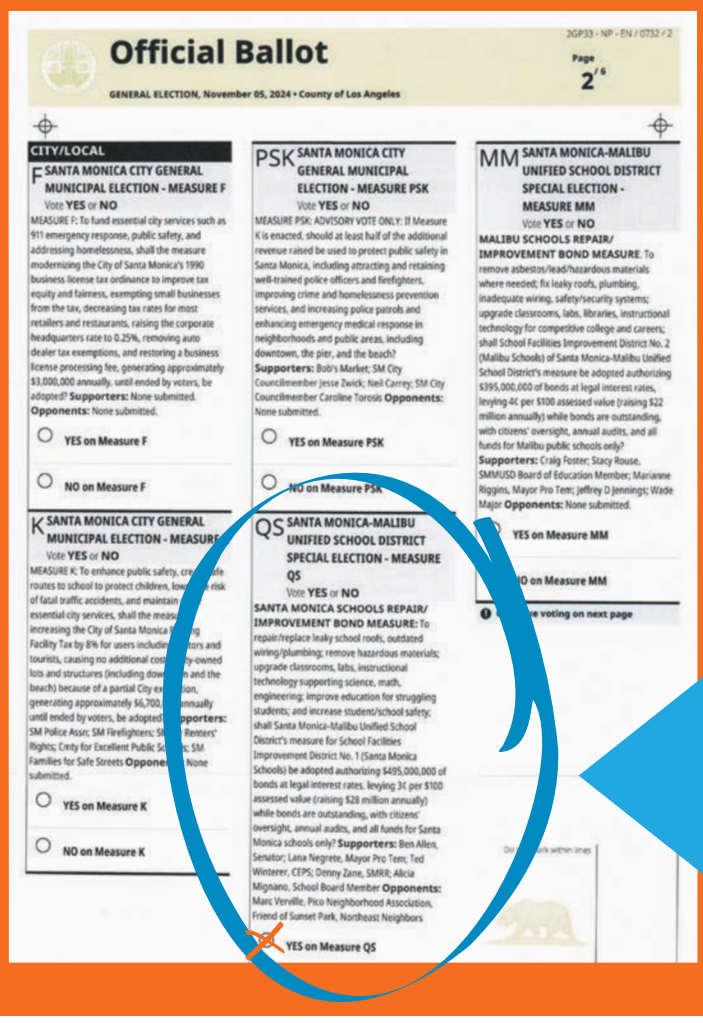
Sincerely,

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Los Angeles County

Measure QS was to appear only on Santa Monica ballots. Measure MM was to appear only on Malibu ballots.

QS relates only to schools and properties in Santa Monica and votes cast for or against QS by Malibu voters will not be included in the election results; similarly, MM relates only to properties and schools in Malibu and votes cast for or against MM by Santa Monica voters will not be included in the election results.

If you have further questions about the ballot error, call the Registrar's office at: 1 800 815 2666.



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CITY/LOCAL

F SANTA MONICA CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MEASURE F
Vote YES or NO
MEASURE F: To fund essential city services such as 911 emergency response, public safety, and addressing homelessness, shall the measure modernizing the City of Santa Monica's 1990 business license tax ordinance to improve tax equity and fairness, exempting small businesses from the tax, decreasing tax rates for most retailers and restaurants, raising the corporate headquarters rate to 0.25%, removing auto dealer tax exemptions, and restoring a business license processing fee, generating approximately $3,000,000 annually, until ended by voters, be adopted? **Supporters:** None submitted. **Opponents:** None submitted.
YES on Measure F
NO on Measure F

K SANTA MONICA CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MEASURE K
Vote YES or NO
MEASURE K: To enhance public safety, cr… safe routes to school to protect children, lo… risk of fatal traffic accidents, and maintain … essential city services, shall the meas… increasing the City of Santa Monica P… Facility Tax by 8% for users includi… tors and tourists, causing no additional cost… y-owned lots and structures (including dow… n and the beach) because of a partial City ex… ion, generating approximately $6,700,… nnually until ended by voters, be adopted … pporters: SM Police Assn; SM Firefighters; S… Renters' Rights; Cmty for Excellent Public S… ; SM Families for Safe Streets Opponen… None submitted.
YES on Measure K
NO on Measure K

PSK SANTA MONICA CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MEASURE PSK
Vote YES or NO
MEASURE PSK: ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: If Measure K is enacted, should at least half of the additional revenue raised be used to protect public safety in Santa Monica, including attracting and retaining well-trained police officers and firefighters, improving crime and homelessness prevention services, and increasing police patrols and enhancing emergency medical response in neighborhoods and public areas, including downtown, the pier, and the beach? **Supporters:** Bob's Market; SM City Councilmember Jesse Zwick; Neil Carrey; SM City Councilmember Caroline Torosis **Opponents:** None submitted.
YES on Measure PSK
NO on Measure PSK

QS SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION - MEASURE QS
Vote YES or NO
SANTA MONICA SCHOOLS REPAIR/ IMPROVEMENT BOND MEASURE: To repair/replace leaky school roofs, outdated wiring/plumbing; remove hazardous materials; upgrade classrooms, labs, instructional technology supporting science, math, engineering; improve education for struggling students; and increase student/school safety; shall Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's measure for School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 (Santa Monica Schools) be adopted authorizing $495,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, levying 3¢ per $100 assessed value (raising $28 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizens' oversight, annual audits, and all funds for Santa Monica schools only? **Supporters:** Ben Allen, Senator; Lana Negrete, Mayor Pro Tem; Ted Winterer, CEPS; Denny Zane, SMRR; Alicia Mignano, School Board Member **Opponents:** Marc Verville, Pico Neighborhood Association, Friend of Sunset Park, Northeast Neighbors
YES on Measure QS

MM SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION - MEASURE MM
Vote YES or NO
MALIBU SCHOOLS REPAIR/ IMPROVEMENT BOND MEASURE. To remove asbestos/lead/hazardous materials where needed; fix leaky roofs, plumbing, inadequate wiring, safety/security systems; upgrade classrooms, labs, libraries, instructional technology for competitive college and careers; shall School Facilities Improvement District No. 2 (Malibu Schools) of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing $395,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, levying 4¢ per $100 assessed value (raising $22 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizens' oversight, annual audits, and all funds for Malibu public schools only? **Supporters:** Craig Foster; Stacy Rouse, SMMUSD Board of Education Member; Marianne Riggins, Mayor Pro Tem; Jeffrey D Jennings; Wade Major **Opponents:** None submitted.
YES on Measure MM
NO on Measure MM
…e voting on next page

Measure QS is on page 2 of your ballot. Vote YES on QS on or before Nov. 5th.

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- ✓ QS prepares students for the future, preparing them to become community leaders
- ✓ QS makes our schools safer, making our neighborhoods safer
- ✓ QS keeps our schools great, keeping our quality of life great

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Concerned about Santa Monica's future

Editor,

I've lived in Santa Monica for 10 years now. It was always a dream to live here. One I couldn't afford for a long time. Then with hard work, I got to make the move and I'm so grateful for it.

That said, I'm very concerned about the direction of Santa Monica. I think the election coming up is so important. If folks like Dan Hall, Natalya Zernitskaya, Ellis Raskin and Barry Snell get in to our city council, I firmly believe crime will continue to go up. I met Natalya at an event a couple weeks ago and when I asked her if she's pro police, all she did was dodge and cut them down. After meeting Dan Hall, I learned he was a registered Republican only a couple of years ago...

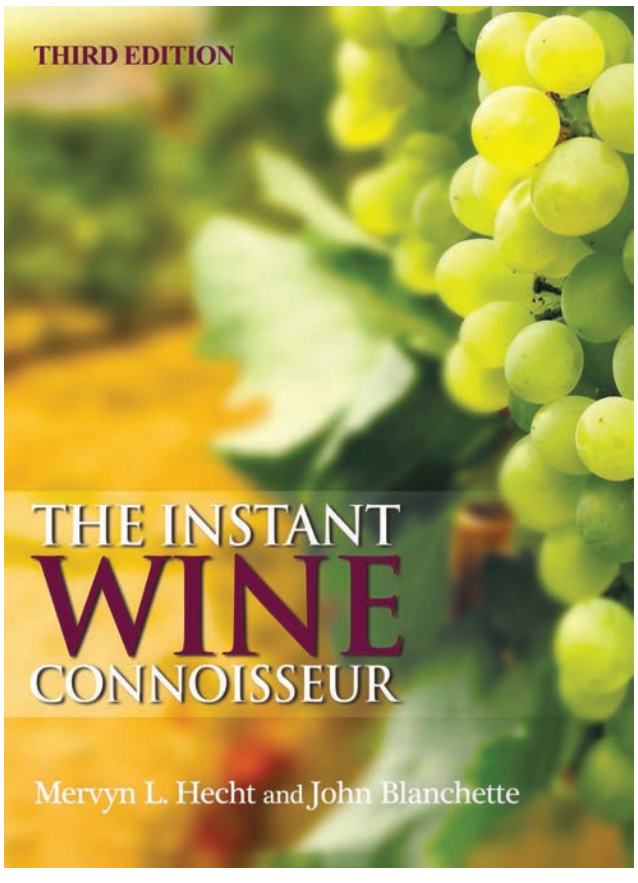
My concern about the direction Santa Monica is heading got me to engage for the first time ever really in local politics. I think if I wasn't reading everything I could and meeting all the candidates for city council multiple times over, I'd be like - the establishment has to go. But the more I talk to Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre, Vivian Roknian and John Putnam, the more I'm for them. Because it's not this crew that's been in power for 4o years, it's the other side. The other candidates are backed by powerful groups that have run Santa Monica for over 40 years and I'm not happy with the direction they've taken us. Plus, the smear campaign against Oscar is so wrong and baseless.

Personally, I'm voting for candidates who agree crime is way too high in Santa Monica, and those who believe we need to help the police, not try to thwart them at every turn. That's why I'm voting for the Safer Santa Monica slate of Phil, Oscar, Vivian and John. The other side scares me. If they're elected, I'm terrified for the future of Santa Monica. The other side supports Gascón!

I'm voting for safer.

Sam Jaffe

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COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

Davis has been attempting to push through for some time. The last attempt to hold a discussion on this topic was abruptly shut down by Mayor Phil Brock, early on during the meeting on September 24, 2024.

A recent US Supreme Court decision in Snyder v. United States said that absent a clear ban on "gratuities" by a local jurisdiction, such payments to an elected official would be allowed. Gratuities differ from bribes because they are given after, rather than before, an official act.

At the September 10, 2024, meeting, Council approved direction following initial approval of an ordinance prohibiting City officials from accepting gratuities to also bring an ordinance prohibiting Councilmembers from accepting all gifts. The proposed ordinance would have prohibited providing or acceptance of gifts, using State law definitions and exceptions, to Councilmembers.

"We read almost every day about elected officials accepting things of value, whether or not they are tied to a particular action, but the effect of whether you want to call them gratuities or tips, in fact, erode trust in government," Davis said, adding, "It seems to me that what we should do is adopt a policy that basically says, for all intents and purposes, there's no such thing as a free lunch for council members."

Councilmember Christine Parra was first to open the discussion and she began by making it clear that she supported the idea, but that quickly gave way to a more aggressive line of questioning as to why exactly Davis was bringing this up now.

"I was just very curious why this is coming up now. You know, especially as a councilmember that has been on council for the last 15 years, have you received any gifts?" she asked.

Davis insisted, as she has in the past, that she has declared every gift, like traveling to speak at a conference for example, on the appropriate form within City Hall. However, she went on to break the Magic Circle, in a manner of speaking and spoke openly about some of her experiences.

"I might have accepted an iced tea or something, if someone offered it, if I went to meet with someone at their office or something [but] that's not what this is designed to address," she said, adding, "I will tell you that I have been in a restaurant in Santa Monica where someone asked me if I wanted the councilmember discount. And I had no idea that there was a councilmember discount.

"These were not organizations that had anything pending before the City, but clearly they thought that they were supposed to give free food to councilmembers ... And then the Snyder decision came out ... and we adopted something to address that [but] the way we adopted it, was very limited," she said.

Parra retorted, "The reason why I'm going down this route, is that, as you and I are the outgoing councilmembers, it just feels weird to me for us to make this decision on behalf of councilmembers that are coming in."

Parra asked City Attorney Doug Sloan what policy was currently in place, to which he responded, "Other than the gratuity, thing that we just did under state law, almost everybody in the City involved with policy is subject to reporting gifts on the Form 700 you have to report all gifts over $50 and you're limited to no more than a value of $590 per year from one source."

Vice Mayor Lana Negrete also expressed intrigue as to the timing of this item. "We're not talking about people taking million dollar back door deals, we're talking about coffees and pancakes," she said, leaving little ground in the middle. Negrete used an example of where she is sent "seasonal socks' by a resident each year and asked Sloan what the appropriate action would be.

"Were it [the proposed ordinance] in place, you would have several options. You could return it, you could pay for it, or you could donate it to a non profit," he said, adding that if she kept them, "Technically, it could be a misdemeanor."

Negrete continued down this rabbit hole, but she made some interesting points including the distinction between being offered tickets to an event that might not even be accessible to the public, thus making the determination of value much more difficult.

Councilmember Jesse Zwick attempted to navigate a course through the turbulent waters, saying, "I hear people on both sides of this. I do think there are some distinctions though to be made in terms of what's allowed now and what's not ... We're currently allowed to accept up to almost $600 from any individual source, so long as we report it and [that's] a considerable gift. So I think there could easily be a way that this could be written to satisfy both parties.

"We could easily establish a threshold that gets rid of some of these examples that are being cited as absurd and really only limits it to larger gifts that we all agree we shouldn't be taking."

Councilmember Caroline Torosis also seemed to be interested in fine tuning the language. "Just so that we can hopefully move our agenda along here, I could be inclined to reach some sort of compromise where we adopt, like a threshold for this ordinance, if others are so inclined," she said.

Davis tried to make a friendly amendment that the language be modified to incorporate a $50 threshold, in other words, gifts under $50 would not be prohibited.

However, Parra deemed it not friendly and so the motion remained the original one, as written on the agenda. Zwick voted yes, Parra voted no, Davis voted yes, Negrete voted no, Torosis voted no, de la Torre abstained, Brock also abstained.

"Because even though I understand Councilmember Davis's spoken rationale for this, I'm so concerned that it's electioneering, I'm going to abstain as well," Brock said.

Both Brock and de la Torre face reelection in a week and Parra has decided not to run again. Interestingly, Torosis broke with current political lines and voted against it. When the Daily Press reached out to her for comment, she said, "I would like to revisit with a full package of ethics reforms which it's clear this current council is not willing to entertain."

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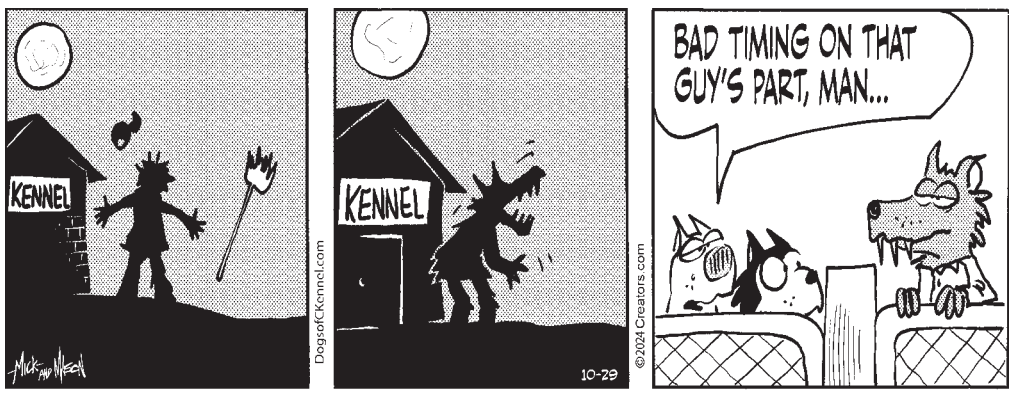
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're a vibrant, colorful sail - a cloth brimming with potential. You need the heavenly currents of wind to fill you and move you forward. A gust would be ideal, but even a gentle breeze will suffice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Tradition matters. The past is never really behind us when everything we do is built on a historical foundation - even the parts long forgotten or rewritten form the ground we stand on now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Seeing others doing what you feel you should be doing will stir up feelings. You're making a Herculean effort, and you have an incredible network to tap into. Anyone you know could become an ally. If you need help, just ask.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Escape is on your mind - whether it's from a tiny annoyance or a deeper, more pervasive issue. The change you seek is within reach. Take a specific action and break free from the cycle. The moment is ripe for a fresh routine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An idea has already visited you quietly, dropping hints and nudges. Now it arrives as a bold, undeniable presence - an intruder that won't leave until you pay attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Curiosity keeps you in your element, forging connections with ease. You'll stay curious but also keep your cool, following your attractions, which can throw you off balance, heighten your nerves and cloud your judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your instincts will be strong. A situation will arise in which it's better to act first and ask questions later. Stories also emerge from your encounters. They'll be worth writing down or recording in some way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes, even you don't fully understand your own actions, but trust that there's a reason for even your wildest impulses. Also, you don't have to act on them to acknowledge and respect the reasons they are rooted in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trust that beyond the discomfort of uncertainty, there's a new direction waiting, one that holds possibilities the familiar can never offer. Also, you'll be reminded that a degree of risk is necessary to good living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be willing to try new things in the name of self-appreciation. You're going to need your own support. Could you give yourself a pep talk or journal on your own greatness? Find the exercise that's fun to practice while solving a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you can't figure out how to help someone else, then help yourself. The reverse will also work. The answer to one problem could answer many. A perspective shift will start the ball rolling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When things don't work, the first thing to check is the fit. It's not about one person being wrong or the situation being wrong. It's about moving and exploring to find the fit the way you'd turn a puzzle piece to figure out how it clicks in.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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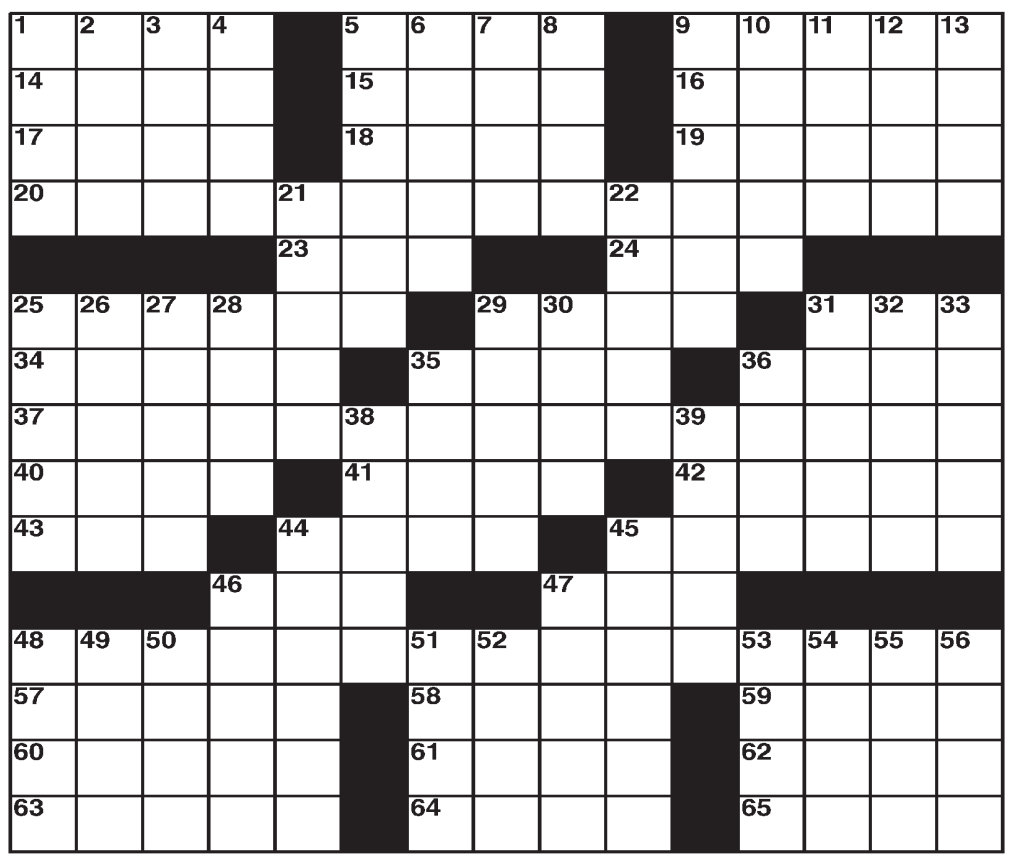
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ACROSS

1 Junk email
5 Top poker cards
9 Billiards bounce
14 Roll of sticky cellophane
15 Spicy Asian cuisine
16 Like very much
17 Neck of the woods
18 Diplomacy
19 Gotten up
20 Cordial statement
23 Winter driving hazard
24 __ Angeles, CA
25 Desert caravan beasts
29 "No pain, no __"
31 Crunchy sandwich, for short
34 Antitheft device
35 Make a crease in
36 Theater production
37 Tanning parlor device
40 Gets the point
41 Responsibility
42 Juliet's love
43 Finish up
44 Mom's sister
45 Provides food for a party
46 List-shortening abbr.
47 __ Baba
48 Annoys
57 Extremely angry
58 Vietnam neighbor
59 "Yikes!"
60 Fairy tale bullies
61 Nonspeaking street performer
62 Christmas season
63 Principle of faith
64 Head the cast
65 Stare awkwardly

DOWN

1 Wild guess
2 Remove, as a rind
3 Chimps and gorillas
4 Pork or beef
5 Housetop storage rooms
6 Pursue
7 Per person
8 Locale
9 Cardboard milk container
10 Mexican farewell
11 Optimistic
12 Triple-decker cookie
13 Diner's listing
21 Mrs. Flintstone
22 Lose traction
25 Bring about
26 Colonial patriot Ethan
27 Defeated in chess
28 Makes a mistake
29 Leave the house
30 "__ fair in love and war"
31 Hold responsible
32 Less plausible, as an excuse
33 Mistakes in print
35 Huckleberry of fiction
36 Essence of a novel
38 __ for (verify the qualifications of)
39 Railroad vehicle
44 Declare under oath
45 Not as far
46 Lauder of cosmetics
47 Fragrance
48 Very funny person
49 Strong craving
50 Building for cattle
51 Shade trees
52 "Be patient"
53 Bronze disk percussion instrument
54 Horse-stopping shout
55 For a second time
56 Center of an egg



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DEVELOPMENT

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has collected over 400 responses to the project thus far, including a contentious meeting in July in which the public was perturbed at the lack of time for a question-and-answer period. Letts added that the feedback has led to an intention to now serve exclusively seniors aged 55+ at the 14th St. site, with 40 one-bedroom apartments used for permanent supportive housing, 40 used for affordable senior housing, and two two-bedroom units created for on-site personnel.

Another concern at both the 14th St. and Euclid developments was that larger units should be provided, with the revised plan to remove studio apartments from the mix, with the 130 combined units now being a mix of one, two and three-bedroom apartments.

> We heard from people ... that studios are not ideal, and so we found a way to have a minimum unit size be at least a one-bedroom apartment, so we feel like that's a positive change
>
> - Sarah Letts

"We heard from people ... that studios are not ideal, and so we found a way to have a minimum unit size be at least a one-bedroom apartment, so we feel like that's a positive change," Letts said.

Despite the litany of changes discussed, which also includes stepping down the 14th St. site from 5-6 stories into 4-story buildings due to the potential Unleashed site acquisition mitigating "some of the height concerns," the elimination of the parking spots was still a sore subject for residents.

Local Lisa Jimenez, who stated she lived across the street from the 1217 Euclid parking lot, says it is "utilized very often throughout the day" and is nervous about the lot's removal. The 48-unit Euclid site is currently slated to have 40 resident and guest parking spaces.

"There are times where I've seen cars just driving around because they can't find parking ... I just feel like there's some decisions being made just quickly because it has to get done, and that might not necessarily be helpful for the quality of the neighborhood, for not only the existing neighbors, the businesses, but also the people that are moving into these spaces," Jimenez said.

HCHC representatives stated that the parking discussion will ramp up once more when the development returns to Council in either December or January. The HCHC team added that they have been speaking to businesses around the lots about anticipated impacts.

Another Euclid resident, Esther Chung, bemoaned the fact that the Euclid site would have less parking spots than total residents if the development comes to pass.

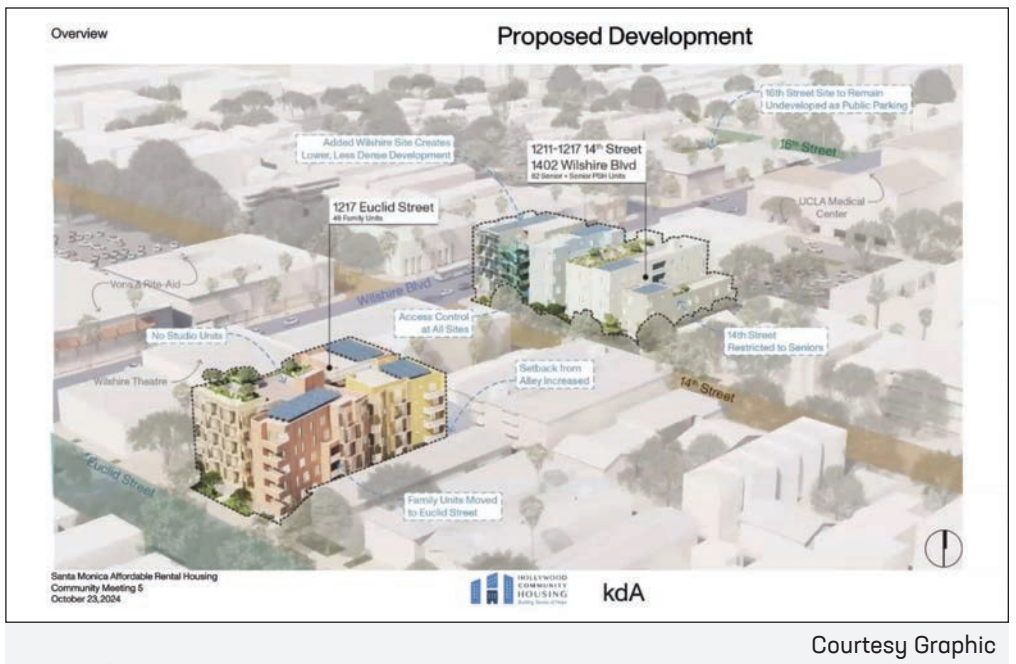
"In the last four years I've been living here, I must have been paid close to $1,000 for parking violations ... I drive around for two, three blocks trying to find a parking space ... there are 48 units, and I see 40 parking spots, and that means they are not even going to have enough parking spots for themselves, and now with (the) current situation that I am in, I am going to compete with these residents for parking spots, especially on the street cleaning day," Chung said.

Safety concerns were also brought up for the senior site at 14th, with the HCHC team stating that staffing at the site will include paying a security guard.

"As (we) finish a building and lease it up and (it) becomes stabilized, we've committed to hiring a security guard nights and weekends during the first year of operations," Letts said.

Next milestones for the potential project include another round of Council talks in the coming months, followed by a hearing with the Architectural Review Board for design approval.

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Courtesy Graphic

DEVELOPMENT: A revised proposal for housing along Wilshire Blvd. was brought back to the community this past week.



TUESDAY | OCTOBER 29

WRITER'S WORKSHOP WITH JASMYNE BOSWELL

Learn to overcome writer's block, structure your outline, and start writing your next story with author, writing coach, and editor Jasmyne Boswell. Limited seats available. Email library@santamonica.gov for reservations. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 5 - 7 p.m.

MINDTRAVEL LIVE-TO-HEADPHONES 'SILENT' PIANO CONCERT IN SANTA MONICA

Join organizers for an evening of music + mindfulness as MindTravel brings a live-to-headphones 'silent' piano concert back to Santa Monica! 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. $20 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindtravel-live-to-headphones-silent-piano-concert-in-santa-monica-tickets-1042195965187

MIXOLOGY CLASSES AT FIG AT FAIRMONT MIRAMAR HOTEL & BUNGALOWS

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IE LOS ANGELES CAREER WORKSHOP

IE Los Angeles will be hosting a career workshop to help support the IE community with making connections and finding future job opportunities. We have a rockstar panel to provide recommendations for navigating networking in Los Angeles and give advice for the current career ecosystem. Lionsgate Entertainment, 2700 Colorado Avenue. $20, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ie-los-angeles-career-workshop-tickets-1038472478137.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 30

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

4 - 5 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Step right up and join for a delightful family story time and get a sneak preview of Cirque du Soleil's KOOZA. Children of all ages are welcome. Limited space; tickets will be available starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library front entrance.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

5:45 p.m. Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 31

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE LIBRARY

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Youth Services Desk, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Come to the library in your Halloween costume on 10/31 for a spooky goody bag. For ages 3-17. While supplies last. Also at Pico and Montana branches from 12 - 8 p.m.

TRICK OR TREAT DOWNTOWN

3 - 6 p.m. 1200 Block, Third Street Promenade. Join for an all-ages Monster Mash with kid-friendly costumed characters, a mini pumpkin patch with free pumpkins (first come, first served), pumpkin decorating, face painting, photo ops and more. Dogs welcome.

SANTA MONICA PAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

5 - 8 p.m. PAL Youth Center, 1401 Olympic Blvd. Each year, the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) creates a wonderful family-friendly free event and safe haven for the community on Halloween evening. Expect decorated rooms, trick-or-treat, games and prizes. Candy donations are still being accepted, for more information call 310-458-8988 or email pal@santamonica.gov.

SANTA MONICA HALLOWEEN NIGHT PUB CRAWL

6 p.m. - 2 a.m. Jameson's Pub, 2702 Main St. Go all out for Halloween in West LA's most famous bar hopping destinations. Registration runs from 6 - 10 p.m. at Jameson's Pub or Barney's Beanery, 1351 3rd St. Drink specials as low as $4 drafts, 2-for-1 specials and $5 shots. Go out with a band with VIP entry to exclusive free after-party at a location to be announced. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-halloween-night-pub-crawl-party-tickets-947020452667.

SHIPWRECK ON THE MILKY WAY

8 - 11 p.m. Del Vaz Projects, 259 19th St. Join Del Vaz Projects and Los Angeles Nomadic Division for an unforgettable haunted evening featuring an installation by Lucile Littot and performance by Adieu Dolorès. Gather with fellow art enthusiasts for a night of art and performance. Proceeds benefit LAND and Del Vaz Projects. Tickets $60, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-party-shipwreck-on-the-milky-way-tickets-1038440271807.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 1

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK FEST

5 - 9 p.m. 1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice. A fun and festive night on Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice. Chances are you will find whatever food you are craving, along with special merchant events.

SMC APPLIED MUSIC SHOWCASE

7:30 - 9 p.m. SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. Don't miss this fantastic concert performed by some of Santa Monica College's most accomplished music students. The eclectic program includes solo and group performances in diverse styles. Tickets $10, free with student ID. To purchase, visit: https://www.smc.edu/community/events/tickets.php.

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