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# "Venaissance" group offers new ideas for addressing homelessness



Clara Harter

**COMMUNITY: Venaissance is a Venice-based community group spearheaded by local activist Sultan Sharrief, who said the organization is working to improve the relationship between housed and unhoused neighbors.**

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Month after month, government strategies have been unable to tackle the rise in homelessness on the Westside, but Venice-based community group, the "Venaissance," is trying a new approach by working with unhoused community members to brainstorm solutions.

The organization was

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## Thanksgiving to go

As we near the Thanksgiving holiday,, there are new guidelines to assist in slowing the spread of COVID-19, Although we cannot gather, we can still celebrate and give thanks for our health.

As of November 19, the CDC has recommended that no one travel this holiday season, and the State of California and Los Angeles County have implemented new COVID-19 guidelines, such as a 10 p.m. curfew for all non-essential activities, prohibiting in-person dining, limiting indoor

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# County reports record daily COVID-19 cases

**BRENNON DIXSON**
SMDP Staff Writer

While Santa Monica restaurants prepare to shutter for three weeks as a result of the most recent health order, Los Angeles County reported a new record of daily COVID-19 cases Monday, meaning more restrictions could be on the way if the trend continues.

During a media briefing Monday, Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said the region had more than 6,100 cases in the region at the start of the week. The total included 1,500 backlogged cases, but Ferrer said she and her

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# Biden signals shift from Trump with national security picks

**BY MATTHEW LEE**
Associated Press

President-elect Joe Biden on Monday tapped Obama administration veterans for top national security positions, signaling a stark shift from the Trump administration's "America First" policies that disparaged international alliances, career diplomats and other veteran government officials.

The six picks, including former Secretary of State John Kerry, mark a return to a more traditional approach to America's relations with the rest of the world and reflect Biden's campaign promises to have his Cabinet reflect the diversity of America.

In choosing foreign policy veterans, Biden appears to be seeking to upend Trump's war on the so-called "deep state" that saw an exodus of senior and mid-level career officials from government, notably from the ranks of the State Department and National Security Council, including some who were fired for voicing opposition to the president's moves.

Biden will nominate his longtime adviser Antony Blinken to be secretary of state, lawyer Alejandro Mayorkas to be homeland security secretary, Linda Thomas-Greenfield to be ambassador to the United Nations. Avril Haines, a former deputy director of the CIA, will be nominated as director of national intelligence, the first woman to hold that post.

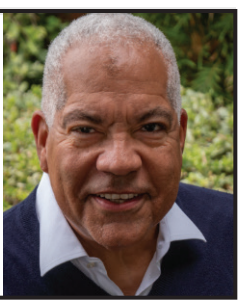
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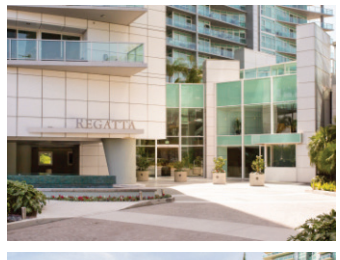
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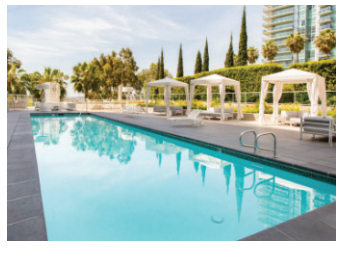
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peers at the department of public health are still concerned with the steepening curve.

"Given the huge surge in cases across the country this past week, we strongly recommend that you only celebrate the holiday with people from your household, and that you not gather at all with people from outside your household to eat this meal — even if you're outdoors," Ferrer said Monday, when she reiterated the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is to celebrate at home with the people you live with.

"From October 31 through November 13, average daily cases increased 108 percent, which is a much more rapid surge in cases than what we saw in the summer; and this does not include the latest case numbers from the past week," Ferrer said. "Unfortunately, with such huge increases in the number of cases, we're not confident that these numbers will decrease this week since our case numbers reflect the actions people were taking a couple of weeks ago... And as we're just beginning to implement a series of new safety modifications, we're likely not to see the impact of these actions in our case numbers for a couple of weeks."

Ferrer said the county continues to see a much steeper increase in daily cases of COVID-19 than it saw back in June and July, which is what prompted the suspension of outdoor dining that begins Wednesday.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger disagreed with the closures in a news release Monday, which said the proposed measures will further devastate local businesses and employees who have been asked to shoulder an unfair burden this year.

"Increased case counts are not coming from businesses reopening, but from large gatherings where people aren't wearing masks," Barger said.

Ferrer said Monday she and DPH will be working with the Board of Supervisors this week to determine additional safety modifications.

"We know this has created a lot of hardship for so many," and county leaders are hopeful that these actions help the region get back to slowing the spread so that restaurants, breweries and wineries are able to once again open for in-person dining.

"In the interim, we ask everyone in LA County to please continue to support the sector by putting in your takeout, drive-thru and delivery orders," Ferrer said, adding in closing: "At the end of the day, more people are becoming infected at their jobs, in their homes and in their community. And this results in much more transmission across the county. As we've asked so many times over the past months, we hope you'll be able to dig deep and find a way to make the changes required with the new safety modifications. We do have a very bright light at the end of this long tunnel with the promising news about effective vaccines, and we know we'll be in a different place next year. This year though, we need to continue to ask everyone — individuals and businesses — to own their part in slowing the spread of COVID-19 so that we can stop the surge in cases and, ultimately, get back to our recovery."

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### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 18

EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 1:40 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 1:49 a.m.
EMS 300blk 24th St 2:20 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 2:38 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 3:48 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 7th St 5:55 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Grant St 6:27 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 7th St 6:29 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 6:38 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:33 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 9:39 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Centinela Ave 10:45 a.m.
Public Assist 1100blk 11th St 11:06 a.m.
EMS 800blk Grant St 11:19 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Ocean Ave 11:48 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 12:13 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:13 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Montana Ave 3:10 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 3:13 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:17 p.m.
EMS 500blk Euclid St 4:23 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1000blk 2nd St 4:56 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:58 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 5:57 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk Ocean Ave 6:05 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 8:05 p.m.
EMS 800blk 23rd St 8:09 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 10th St 8:15 p.m.
EMS 600blk 20th St 8:59 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 10:12 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:01 p.m.
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Missing Person 1500Blk 7Th St 12:16 a.m.
Party Complaint 1700Blk 10Th St 12:22 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 12:38 a.m.
Trespassing 400Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:22 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000Blk Exposition Blvd 3:29 a.m.
Found Senile Person 2Nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:09 a.m.
ENCAMPMENT 1800Blk Main St 7:10 a.m.
Person Down 2300Blk Pico Blvd 7:47 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2200Blk 31St St 8:03 a.m.
Trespassing 800Blk Broadway 8:50 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 700Blk Broadway 9:04 a.m.
Identity Theft 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:15 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 2000Blk Ocean Ave 9:16 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2100Blk Ocean Ave 9:17 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1600Blk 20Th St 9:24 a.m.
Found Person 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:49 a.m.
Report of Shots Fired 1800Blk 12Th St 9:59 a.m.
Loud Music 2200Blk Virginia Ave 10:00 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400Blk Broadway 10:08 a.m.
Vandalism 2000Blk 21St St 10:35 a.m.
Arson 7Th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Burglary Report 2300Blk Schader Dr 10:53 a.m.
ENCAMPMENT Main St / Olympic Dr 10:57 a.m.
Vandalism 2000Blk 21St St 11:13 a.m.
Hit and Run Misdemeanor Investigation Main St / Bay St 11:14 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000Blk Exposition Blvd 11:18 a.m.
Trespassing 1600Blk 11Th St 11:24 a.m.
Trespassing 200Blk Marine St 11:40 a.m.
Trespassing 1100Blk 10Th St 12:26 p.m.
Person with a Gun 1200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:28 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 900Blk 16Th St 1:07 p.m.
Burglary Report 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:08 p.m.
Loud Music 2400Blk Main St 1:14 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 14Th St 1:19 p.m.
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Battery Report 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:55 p.m.
Trespassing 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:09 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating in Public 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 2:23 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300Blk Princeton St 3:07 p.m.
Loud Music 1000Blk Princeton St 3:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision with Injuries 14Th St / Washington Ave 3:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision with Injuries 17Th St / Broadway 3:42 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2800Blk The Beach 3:55 p.m.
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Party Complaint 1400Blk 5Th St 8:46 p.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:53 p.m.
Exhibition of Speed Centinela Ave / Ocean Park Blvd 8:57 p.m.
Loitering 800Blk Pico Blvd 9:17 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 2900Blk Exposition Blvd 9:24 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2700Blk Neilson Way 9:37 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 10:05 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 5Th St / Colorado Ave 10:08 p.m.
ENCAMPMENT 1600Blk Ocean Ave 10:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision with Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 10:47 p.m.
Party Complaint 700Blk 21St Pl 11:07 p.m.
Trespassing 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 11:18 p.m.
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# What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING?

This is the week of Thanksgiving, reflection, and preparation for the upcoming New Year! Yes, I know that we still have Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah and such to go. But Thanksgiving seems to be the kickoff to the end of the year for me.

Normally, I'd be clearing the decks as I head to Mexico mid-December and not return until early January. Not this year.

In a year of turbulence, extreme quietness and downright craziness – I'm sticking close to home. I've received invitations to North Carolina, Florida and Colorado, but I think I'll be staying low this year.

It's a strange season we're in. The restaurants have been shut down for the next three weeks, and I expect that come Friday we'll be asked by the Governor to stay at home more, probably with a "lockdown" order to take effect on Monday the 30th. That's nothing more than this uneducated pundit's thoughts and observations.

Thanksgiving for me has always been a favorite holiday. The food, the family, the fun. The sheer fact that we were celebrating all the blessings we have, means a great deal to a natural optimist such as myself.

I've always loved the openness of Thanksgiving in America. It's a time of year when people just open their homes to others and welcome them in. When I was attending college in Maryland I was working in a law office and the receptionist heard I had no plans for Thanksgiving. She sent her dad to come get me. They always had a house full of people on Thanksgiving, usually Midshipman from the U.S. Naval Academy that was across the street from my college so picking me up was just another stop on the tour.

That attitude of "Come join us!" is what I love about the day. The mixing of cultures and families and experiences is what makes the day so fun for me. I love meeting new people and seeing how other cultures blend into the idea of Thanksgiving.

Maybe most of us actually like that aspect also. Maybe that 'homecoming' effect is also why so many of us will be travelling this weekend in spite of the pleas of the Center for Disease Control, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Governor and local public health directors across the country. That need we have for connection with family, both born and chosen, is a strong one. In this year of isolation, fear and anxiety we are all yearning for a sense of normalcy.

I know I am. As much as I'm having a fairly easy go of it with the pandemic, I'm still feeling the stress of it all. My restaurant owner friend is nervous about his future. My clients are all pressing me for faster resolution of their divorces and custody battles. I haven't been to a gym since February and it's showing. I feel the changes in my body from being too sedentary as I sit in front of the computer watching CNN and Fox and an endless parade of Youtube videos to distract me from the fact that I have friends I haven't seen in months.

Life has changed radically for all of us. This is normally the time of year that I'd be catching up on movies at the Laemmle. Many of us would be shopping at the mall and doing the last minute push to the gym to look good for the upcoming holiday parties.

There will be few parties this year. No movies. No gym. It feels like the Grinch has come early to steal not just Christmas but Thanksgiving also.

But that's not true. I have much to be grateful for, and I believe we should focus on that in this season of uncertainty. I have food, housing, my health, friends, a business that will help people through this rough season. I have loads of opportunity to be of aid to other this season.

There are many who are homeless, hungry and cold. This year, I can help others. From the very easy and painless task of buying a bag of burritos and distributing it to the men and women on the corners who are hungry, to helping out the service providers that do the public outreach to the homeless camps under the freeways, there are many ways to help.

Yes, this year will be different than others. My celebration of Thanksgiving will be smaller, but maybe that will force me to be more grateful for the friends and family I do have. Maybe this Thanksgiving we can all help more people in quieter, more direct ways.

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## SHIFT

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The incoming president will also appoint Jake Sullivan to be his national security adviser and Kerry to be his climate change envoy. Those posts do not require Senate confirmation.

The choices reflect Biden's emphasis on developing a diverse team with Thomas-Greenfield, a Black woman, at the helm of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and Mayorkas, a Cuban-American lawyer who will be the first Latino to lead Homeland Security.

Thomas-Greenfield previously served in high-level State Department positions and Mayorkas was a deputy Homeland Security secretary under Obama.

They "are experienced, crisis-tested leaders who are ready to hit the ground running on day one," the transition said in a statement. "These officials will start working immediately to rebuild our institutions, renew and reimagine American leadership to keep Americans safe at home and abroad, and address the defining challenges of our time — from infectious disease, to terrorism, nuclear proliferation, cyber threats, and climate change."

In making the announcements, Biden moved forward with plans to fill out his administration even as Trump refuses to concede defeat in the Nov. 3 election, has pursued baseless legal challenges in several key states and has worked to stymie the transition process.

The stakes of a smooth transition are especially high this year because Biden will take office amid the worst pandemic in more than a century, which will likely require a full government response to contain.

"If confirmed, this is a mission I will take on with my full heart," said Blinken who would take over the nation's oldest Cabinet agency and be fourth in line for the presidency.

Thomas-Greenfield — a career diplomat for more than 30 years serving as ambassador to Liberia, director general of the foreign service and assistant secretary of state for African affairs before being pushed out early in Trump's presidency — paid tribute to her mother in accepting the nomination.

"My mother taught me to lead with the power of kindness and compassion to make the world a better place," she said in a tweet. "I've carried that lesson with me throughout my career in Foreign Service — and, if confirmed, will do the same as Ambassador to the United Nations."

Perhaps the best known of the bunch is Kerry, who made climate change one of his top priorities while serving as Obama's secretary of state during which he also negotiated the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris climate accord. Trump withdrew from both agreements, which he said represented a failure of American diplomacy in a direct shot at Kerry who he called the worst secretary of state in U.S. history.

"America will soon have a government that treats the climate crisis as the urgent national security threat it is," Kerry said. "I'm proud to partner with the president-elect, our allies, and the young leaders of the climate movement to take on this crisis as the president's climate envoy."

Sullivan, who at 43 will be one of the youngest national security advisers in history, was a top aide to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton before becoming then-Vice President Biden's national security adviser. He said the president-elect had "taught me what it takes to safeguard our national security at the highest levels of our government."

"Now, he has asked me to serve as his national security adviser," Sullivan said. "In service, I will do everything in my power to keep our country safe."

Mayorkas said he was humbled by the nomination. "When I was very young, the United States provided my family and me a place of refuge," he said. "Now, I have been nominated to be the DHS Secretary and oversee the protection of all Americans and those who flee persecution in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones."

Blinken, 58, served as deputy secretary of state and deputy national security adviser during the Obama administration and has close ties with Biden. If confirmed, he would be a leading force in the incoming administration's bid to reframe the U.S. relationship with the rest of the world after four years in which President Donald Trump questioned longtime alliances.

Blinken recently participated in a national security briefing with Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and weighed in publicly just last week on notable foreign policy issues in Egypt and Ethiopia.

Blinken will inherit a deeply demoralized and depleted career workforce at the State Department. Trump's two secretaries of state, Rex Tillerson and Mike Pompeo, offered weak resistance to the administration's attempts to gut the agency, which were thwarted only by congressional intervention.

Although the department escaped massive proposed cuts of more than 30% in its budget for three consecutive years, it has seen a significant number of departures from its senior and rising mid-level ranks, from which many diplomats have opted to retire or leave the foreign service given limited prospects for advancements under an administration that they believe does not value their expertise.

Blinken served on the National Security Council during the Clinton administration before becoming staff director for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee when Biden was chair of the panel. In the early years of the Obama administration, Blinken returned to the NSC and was then-Vice President Biden's national security adviser before he moved to the State Department to serve as deputy to Kerry.

A graduate of Harvard University and Columbia Law School, Blinken has aligned himself with numerous former senior national security officials who have called for a major reinvestment in American diplomacy and renewed emphasis on global engagement.

"Democracy is in retreat around the world, and unfortunately it's also in retreat at home because of the president taking a two-by-four to its institutions, its values and its people every day," Blinken told The Associated Press in September. "Our friends know that Joe Biden knows who they are. So do our adversaries. That difference would be felt on day one."

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## THANKSGIVING

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capacities, keeping groups of people to ten or less and mandating that masks be worn at all times outside of your household. Let's spread cheer and not germs this Thanksgiving.

### EAT LOCAL, SANTA MONICA

Local Santa Monica restaurants have your back. Many of your favorite restaurants are hosting to-go Thanksgiving dinner specials where you can book your family feast in advance and pick up your hot-meal on Thanksgiving day. Whether you are looking for vegan specials or meat lovers delicacies, there is something for everyone this holiday season.

For a proper Thanksgiving feast, check out Calabra at the Proper Hotel on Wilshire Blvd. Their Thanksgiving take-out menu includes all of your classic favorites, including a white and dark meat turkey roulade, a mediteranean salad along with fresh dinner rolls, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce and a seasonal favorite, pumpkin pie — Is anyone else's mouth watering? You can pre-order a prepared Thanksgiving feast from Calabra for pick up at Santa Monica Proper on November 24 and 25 from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. or November 26 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., with prices ranging from $135 for two or $250 for four. To place a to-go order, visit their website at www.properhotel.com/santa-monica/restaurants-bars/calabra.

This isn't your average Thanksgiving, so why have an average Thanksgiving meal?

Bangkok West Thai on Santa Monica Blvd. has created a delectable fall menu, including traditional Thai Cuisine and some fusion-favorites, such as their Kabocha, Creamy Soup, and Tasteful Turkey Breast, complete with Asian Pumpkin Custard for dessert. Their focus on "Sanuk" — "the feeling of joy associated with great times, good friends, and a homey atmosphere" according to their website, can be found in every bite, making this a Thanksgiving feast you will never forget. For just $45, you can get this amazing "Sanuk" holiday feast. More info: https://www.exploretock.com/bangkokwestthai.

Thanksgiving feasts normally include everything but the kitchen sink, but have you ever heard of a Thanksgiving feast without the turkey? At Uplifters Kitchen on Ocean Park Blvd, you can get a delicious Thanksgiving feast without the meat for those in need of vegetarian, vegan or gluten free dinner options. With a bit of creativity and a focus on delicious, fresh food, the Kitchen has created delightful twists of your favorite Thanksgiving sides, including roasted beets with whipped feta, smashed garlic-rosemary potatoes, farro-stuffed acorn squash with tahini dressing and more. Finish off your feast with their pumpkin or apple pie, their seasonal fruit galette or fruit crumble, maple upside-down pear cake or almond ginger carrot cake. With options this good, you won't miss the turkey this year! Book your holiday feast by November 22 for pick-up on November 25. More info: https://www.toasttab.com/

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## Santa Monica Shines COVID-19 Assurance Program

Look for the Santa Monica Shines COVID-19 Assurance program seals in the storefronts of Santa Monica businesses. These businesses have gone above and beyond to ensure you feel safe and comfortable.

- **Accents Jewelry Design**
- **Beach Burger**
- **Big Dean's**
- **Blazing Saddles Beach Rentals and Tours**
- **Dagwoods pizza**
- **Dogtown Coffee**
- **Dolcenero**
- **Eve European Salon**
- **Fairmont Miramar Hotel and Bungalows**
- **Fig Restaurant**
- **Hostelling International**
- **Kye's**
- **Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica**
- **Lunetta**
- **Main Street Visitor Center**
- **Meat on Ocean**
- **Pacific Park**
- **Perry's Cafe and Beach Rentals 1200 PCH**
- **Perry's Cafe and Beach Rentals 930 PCH**
- **Perry's Cafe and Beach Rentals 2600 PCH**
- **Perry's Cafe and Beach Rentals 2400 OFW**
- **Physical Therapyworks**
- **Rusty's**
- **Santa Monica Motel**
- **Santa Monica Walk-in Visitor Center**
- **Sea Blue Hotel**
- **Sea Shore Motel**
- **Shore Hotel**
- **Solstice Sunglasses**
- **Sonoma Wine Garden**
- **Stella Barra Pizzeria & Wine Bar**
- **Tar & Roses**
- **T Heritage Art Gallery & Frame Shop**
- **The Albright**
- **The Bungalow**
- **The Georgian Hotel**
- **The William Warren Group**
- **Tiato**
- **Tidbits by Dialogue**
- **Trapeze School New York**
- **Tribe Pilates**
- **Viceroy Santa Monica**
- **Water Grill**
- **Westside Music Conservatory**
- **The William Warren Group**

## THANKSGIVING

FROM PAGE 6

uplifters-kitchen-2819-ocean-park-blvd/v3.

We all look forward to making our Thanksgiving meals with love and the Gourmandise School of Sweets & Savories in the Santa Monica Place is here to help with just that. It's no secret that everyone's favorite aspect of Thanksgiving is the dessert! Whether you're a pumpkin pie loyalist, or a chocolate fiend, French pastry chef Clémence Gossett has you covered with virtual pastry classes. To perfect the creaminess of pumpkin pie to the flakiness of an apple pie, Gossett will offer a virtual Bake and Take Pie class, where you can use code FALLFLAVORS15 at checkout to get 15% off your purchase. For those venturing into cooking, her classes are not limited to pies and desserts, but how to master the Thanksgiving sides, homemade sourdough, croissants and more; Thanksgiving has never tasted so sweet. More info: https://www.cookingschoolsofamerica.com/thegourmandiseschool.

Celebrate Thanksgiving without the extensive food preparation by ordering ahead and enjoying a to-go Thanksgiving dinner at home. From prix-fixe menus to specially curated holiday-themed dishes, celebrate with this list of restaurants, all offering the finest of Santa Monica cuisine sure to make the day memorable. See the full listing of over 40 Thanksgiving Specials in Santa Monica at www.santamonica.com/thanksgiving-dining-in-santa-monica.

### GIVE BACK LOCAL

With the holidays in full swing, many individuals are concerned about where their next meal will come from after a difficult year. In an effort to spread some kindness this holiday season, many local organizations are giving back to those experiencing job loss, food insecurity, or homelessness so everyone can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

The City of Santa Monica opened an emergency food pantry at Virginia Avenue Park in March to provide local families with fresh, nutritious food. They assist between 150-200 households each week, with the help of Westside Food Bank, by providing free pre-assembled food boxes for families. This holiday season, the Virginia Ave. Park Holiday Food Pantry is asking for your help to raise $30,000 for the holiday pantry. Your $30 tax deductible donation can help feed a local family of four for one holiday, or a $100-tax deductible donation can feed a family of four for the entire month of December. To donate, visit www.calfund.org/wearesantamonica and select "holiday food pantry."

The Salvation Army Corps. Community Center of Santa Monica is doing their best to help those experiencing homelessness or food insecurity by handing out weekly pre-assembled food boxes. Lieutenant Erin Wikle says that this program provides a "practical need with a profound impact" as they have assisted 4,000 new individuals since March. Boxes are handed out on a weekly basis, containing the essentials, such as canned goods, bread, eggs and more. The Community Corps. also assists elderly individuals by partnering with Wise and Healthy Aging to deliver food boxes to their front door. With Thanksgiving coming up, Wikle says that they wanted to make sure that everyone could have a Thanksgiving meal and as of Tuesday, the Community Corps. assisted 350-homeless individuals by handing out a holiday-themed food box with the intention to spread "hope in a time of fear." If you are in need of assistance, head to the Salvation Army Community Corps. at 1533 4th Street, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to apply for assistance.

### VIRTUAL GATHERINGS

2020 is the year to try new Thanksgiving traditions! Virtual gatherings are safest for both the host and attendees, and are the only way to ensure you prevent the spread of COVID-19 to friends and family.

Host a cook/bake off with extended family from the safety of everyone's own home. Take photos of the meal and vote which family member pulled off the dish the best!

Have a virtual football event...with the new option of turning down the volume of the opposing team's fans.

Share family recipes with one another so that if meals are eaten apart, the same great food can be enjoyed.

Host a virtual dessert party where loved ones can come together for coffee and pie no matter the location.

With all your virtual gatherings, use a fun Thanksgiving background to get in the holiday spirit!

Thanksgiving will be different this year as we explore new traditions and prioritize the health and safety of those we love! Whether you order from our amazing restaurants or pull out your chef's hat and whip-up a feast, Santa Monica has you covered. We all can give thanks for our health and wellbeing as we navigate this time together... Happy Thanksgiving!

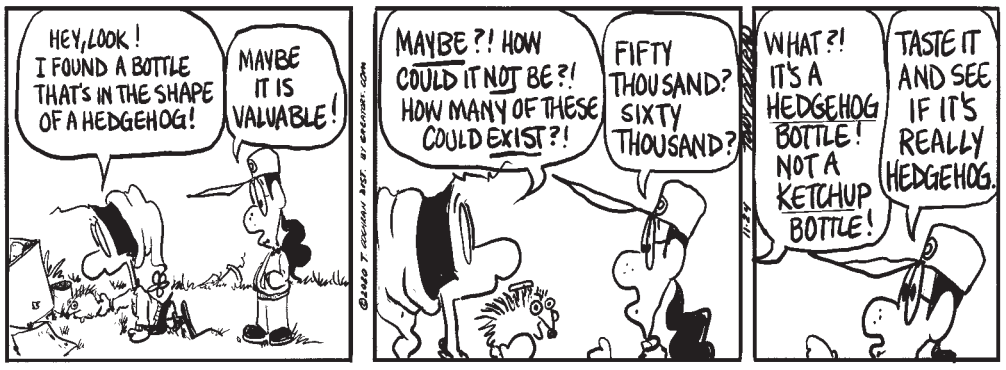
# THANKSGIVING DINNERS TO-GO

- 1212 Santa Monica
- Bangkok West Thai
- Blue Plate Taco
- BOA Steakhouse
- Broadway Baker
- Calabra
- Co-Opportunity
- Del Frisco's Grill
- El Torito Restaurant
- Esters Wine Shop & Bar
- Fia Restaurant
- FIG Restaurant at Fairmont Hotel & Bungalows
- The Georgian Hotel
- Gourmandise School of Sweets & Savories
- Greenleaf Chopshop
- Holy Cow BBQ
- Hotel Casa del Mar
- Huckleberry
- Jameson's Pub
- Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
- Lunetta
- Meat on Ocean
- Mélisse x Citrin
- Milo & Olive
- Dialogue x Pasjoli
- Papille Gustative
- Shutters on the Beach
- Socalo
- Sonoma Wine Garden
- Sweet Lady Jane
- Sweet Rose Creamery
- Thyme Cafe & Market
- Tiato
- True Food Kitchen
- Uplifters Kitchen
- Urth Caffe
- Vucacious Catering
- Wexler's Deli
- Ye Old King's Head

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By PETER GALLAGHER




## Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING







## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.6°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee high
Minor/steep NW swell, very small SW swell. Should be clean for much of the day but likely not much size to work with.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee high
Minor/steep NW swell, very small SW swell. Should be clean for much of the day but likely not much size to work with.

## WEATHER

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 66.
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
**Thanksgiving Day:** Sunny, with a high near 63.
**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

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| 2020/11/26 | Thu | 1:27 PM | 0.67 | L |
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| 2020/11/27 | Fri | 07:08 AM | 5.59 | H |
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| 2020/11/27 | Fri | 8:05 PM | 3.87 | H |
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Jackpot: 200 M

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**Daily 3**
Draw Date: 11/19
Evening: 8 9 8
Draw Date: 11/19
Midday: 6 0 7

**Daily Derby**
Draw Date: 11/22
1st: 07 - EUREKA
2nd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
3rd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
RACE TIME:1:45.38

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 24)

You excel in your talents and do so in such an agreeable manner that you'll be promoted, applauded and five-star reviewed. You'll become more necessary to your various roles and jobs than they are to you -- a powerful position to be sure. And you will be mindful to use that power for the good of all. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 44, 3, 19 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Saying "no" will be more important than saying "yes." This "no" will clarify the sacrifice you're willing to make in order to have what you want and be who you aspire to being.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're used to people thinking you're amazing at something because you are. You're also afraid that if they knew how terrible you were at other things, then it would detract from your reputation. That's the part you're wrong about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a strong desire to learn, and it only gets stronger when you have an excellent teacher, an enticing model and an exceptional method. All will be made available to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's wonderful to get your way immediately, but even more wonderful to get your way eventually, as the anticipation makes winning all the sweeter and gives you the sense that you've earned the reward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't know what's in another person's mind. However, if they keep showing up for you, then that's a good indication that you figure strongly in their thoughts. This is an honor you won't take for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The newborn baby doesn't cry out of weakness; the opposite is true. The crying announces life in all its glorious pain. Whatever emotion you feel, accept and embody it as the natural gift it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have to ask what's in it for you. Otherwise, you'll be living and giving at half-capacity. When you know you're getting what you want from an exchange, it will be easier for you to commit to delivering wholeheartedly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whether you signed up for it or not, you're a role model. It's not always fun knowing that people are watching and likely to copy what you do, but it does inspire you to make the best choices you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're always happier when you have outlets for your creativity. This time, you won't have to go looking because the project finds you. Tonight, you'll be rewarded for what you did ages ago.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Thoughts can be a kind of worship. To think of a thing is to pay homage to it. Repeated thoughts are veneration. If you are "worshiping" something accidentally, you'll be empowered to change that.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People have different reactions to your curiosity. Some are flattered and want to be known and understood. Others are threatened, likely because they have something to hide. Take their skittishness as a warning sign.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your influence is more potent than you realize. If you aim for the kindest way to direct others, you won't regret it. People really want to impress you and are wounded by anything less than your favor.

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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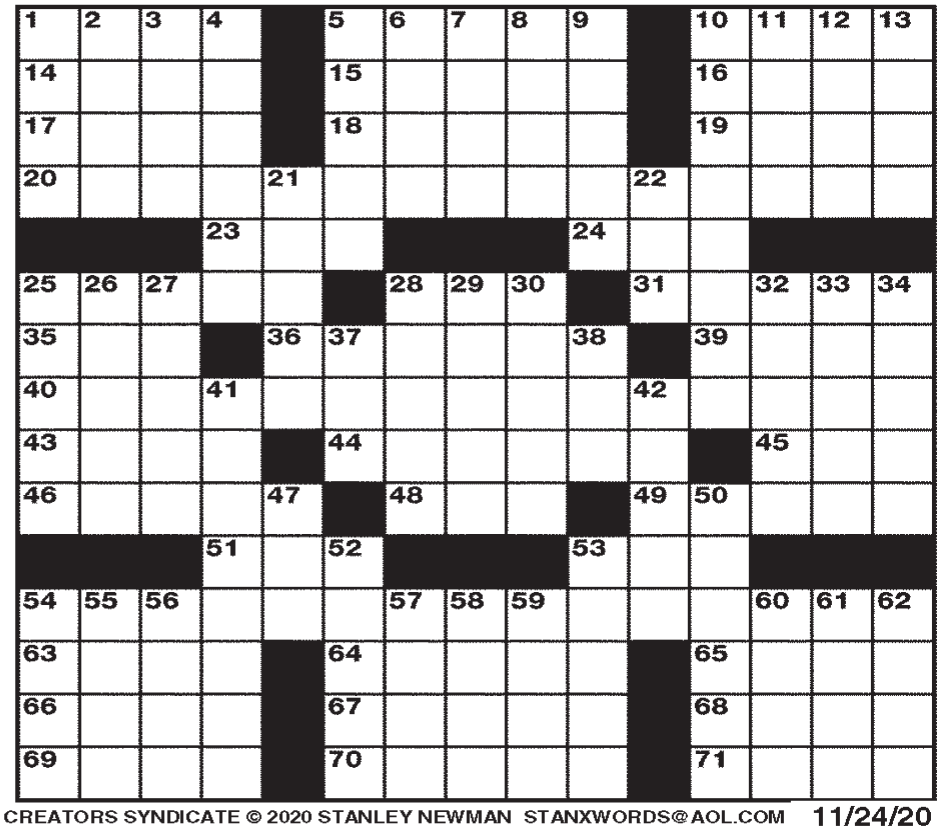
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## Newsday Crossword

HOUSEWORK by Billie Truitt
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**ACROSS**
1 Cabbage shredded for a picnic
5 Out of alignment
10 Enthusiastic review
14 Apiece
15 Museum tour leader
16 Fail to mention
17 Partner in war
18 Marry again
19 Change for a twenty
20 Cash-moving financial crime
23 Rock from a mine
24 Have lunch
25 Bunch of, informally
28 ". . . or so __ told"
31 Kitchen countdown clock
35 "Ah, I caught you!"
36 Ascended
39 Volcano's outflow
40 Longing for the old days
43 The Emerald Isle
44 Good-natured
45 Suffix for favor or meteor
46 Short summary
48 __ room (play area)
49 Hollywood award
51 Female pig
53 "Steady as __ goes"
54 Major modifications
63 Teheran's country
64 Mountain climbed by Moses
65 "Bro!"
66 A smaller amount
67 One in an airline's fleet
68 Cleveland's lake
69 Leg joint
70 Stitched together
71 Tedious routines

**DOWN**
1 Make watertight
2 Tra __ (song syllables)
3 Rights advocacy grp.
4 "What's there to lose?"
5 Think alike
6 Plaintiff in court
7 Brown, fuzzy fruit
8 Eve's garden
9 Pie slice shape
10 Turn soil by machine
11 Prayer's last word
12 Grape plant, for one
13 Website for crafts
21 Lured (into)
22 Yoga pad
25 Decrease
26 Chicago airport
27 Poisonous, as chemicals
28 Deep-seated
29 Make amends
30 Sound from an orchestra
32 Illusionist's act
33 Broadway show about the Peróns
34 NASCAR driver
37 "Hard-boiled" breakfast
38 Grade school support grp.
41 Not exactly
42 Luau greeting
47 Mom-and-__ store
50 Person in a return address
52 Thin strands of clouds
53 __ away from (avoided)
54 Fancy necktie fabric
55 Little songbird
56 Make less difficult
57 Egypt's major river
58 Chew like a beaver
59 Walking stick
60 Wise teacher
61 Make revisions to
62 Witnesses as it occurs



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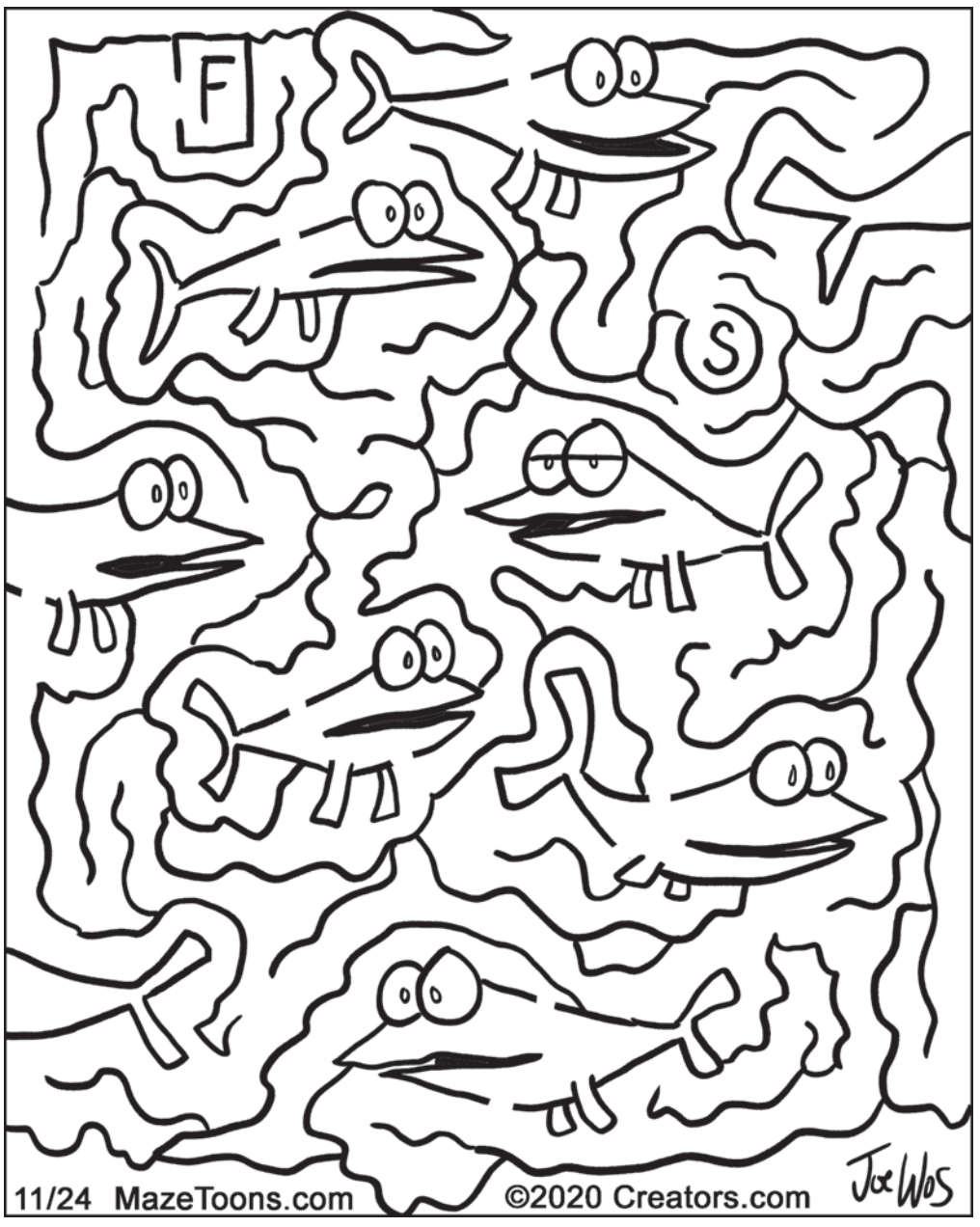
## Binary Puzzle

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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## VENAISSANCE

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spearheaded by local activist Sultan Sharrief who is developing a new methodology for designing solutions to community issues as part of his Ph. D. in Media Arts and Practice at USC.

The goal of the organization is twofold: to improve the relationship between housed and unhoused neighbors and to create solutions from people whom have lived through neighborhood issues, instead of relying on the interventions of outside organizations.

"No one is coming together asking people: how can we design something that serves all of the interests?" said Sharrief. "You have the boardwalk business owners, you have unhoused people themselves, you have neighbors that live in the area, you have real estate entities trying to sell properties and there is no presented community vision of where we want to go."

According to Sharrief, community conversations around homelessness mainly occur in town hall meetings where people fight over specific projects, such as new shelters. The Venaissance group strives to create a space for productive neighborhood dialogue outside of those forums.

Part of this work involves building relationships with homeless individuals. Sharrief believes that gaining the trust and learning about the background of unhoused people is an essential step in connecting them to long-term solutions.

"Most of the non-profit or government outreach groups don't really have the infrastructure or take the time to get to know someone. They are usually trying to hit numbers that they have to submit to their funders or their boss and people don't respond well to being treated like numbers," said Sharrief. "Our philosophy is you have to get to know people, be a neighbor."

One idea brainstormed by the Venaissance group is a reimagining of how planter boxes are utilized on the Westside. Instead of putting them on the pavement to prevent people from sleeping there, as is a common practice, the group is building boxes with organic produce on top and storage in the bottom.

The storage compartments provide a place for homeless individuals to put their belongings. This decreases clutter on the sidewalk and pleases residents. The lockable bins also reduce fights and crime around homeless encampments, which often stems from people stealing belongings, according to Sharrief. Additionally, the plants on top can serve as a food source.

Sharrief acknowledges that this is a short-term solution and wants the group to build out more long-term sustainable solutions. However, he also believes that it is essential to start with small steps and build up momentum.

Last Thursday, the Venaissance hosted an outdoor thanksgiving meal and community planning session to work on some of these broader goals. Volunteers made sure everyone had access to appropriate PPE and housed and unhoused neighbors broke bread together.

In Sharrief's perspective, this is one step toward building a better relationship and he looks forward to seeing the organization grow in the coming months.

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### SANTA MONICA MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #21.05.SMS – Lincoln Middle School – HVAC Project at Lincoln Middle School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$7,000,000.00 to $7,700,000.00** and includes school modernization including HVAC improvements, electrical improvements, plumbing improvements, replacement of campus wide fire alarm system, and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 1/12/2021 no later than 2:00 PM. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 12/8/20 at 1:30 PM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 12/28/20 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html.

**Mandatory Job Walk:** 12/8/20 at 1:30 PM

**Job Walk location:** Lincoln Middle School located in Santa Monica, CA – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the front of the school administration building, 1501 California Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location. Due to COVID-19 all attending contractors must bring and wear face masks/coverings at all times while on the site and adhere to social distancing safety requirements during the meeting or they will be asked to leave the property.**

**Electronic Bid Submittal Deadline:** 1/12/21 at 2:00pm

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