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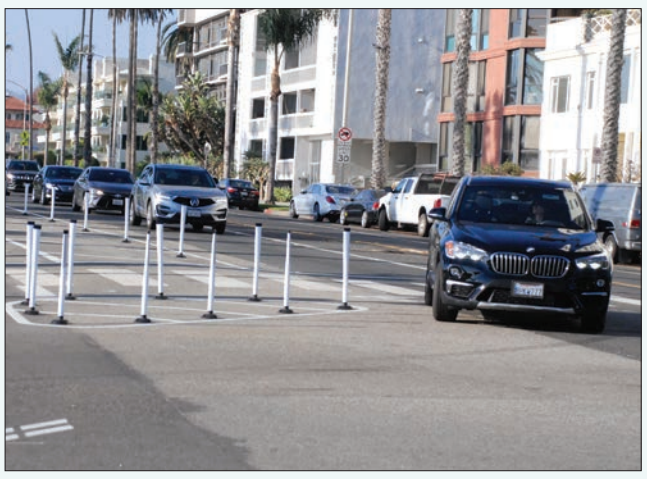
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BIKE LANES: The protected bike lanes on Ocean Avenue are almost complete as city leaders look to connect the Colorado Esplanade and California Incline bikeways to create a continuous protected route from the Downtown Santa Monica Metro light rail station to the beach. However, local drivers have had a hard time adjusting to the new flow of traffic near California and Ocean avenues.

What community members are thankful for this year

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

In a year of challenges, setbacks and sacrifice, everyone is learning important lessons in gratitude. Here is what twelve Santa Monica community leaders are feeling thankful for this year.

CHRISTINE PARRA, INCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

I'm thankful for my beautiful family and extended Santa Monica family for their love and support. I feel incredibly blessed and grateful to have the opportunity to serve the city that I love so much! Wishing you all an amazing Thanksgiving!

ERIC SHAFER, PASTOR AT MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

This Thanksgiving I am grateful for so much, but one thanks that stands out is my gratitude to the members of Mt. Olive and others in our community who have responded to our growing food ministries with donations of $$ and food items to help feed the hungry in this community. Thank you!

ERIC BAILEY, BIG BLUE BUS DRIVER

I would have to say that in a year where there's been so much loss, I've been fortunate to see a minimal amount of it. It goes without saying that my thoughts are with those who haven't been so privileged.

RON HOOKS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WEST COAST CARE

I am thankful for all the great people in this caring community who, even in the most difficult times, rallied to help West Coast Care keep going. A phenomenal year - reducing homelessness and advancing the wellbeing and safety of everyone. I am thankful!!!

KINGSLEY FIFE, PRESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA LIONS CLUB

I'm most thankful for the fact that in the midst of this terrible pandemic my wife and I and our daughter and her family and our relatives are all healthy.

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Restaurant workers out of work again as virus surges anew

BY TAMMY WEBBER, DANIELLA PETERS AND BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

Waiters and bartenders are being thrown out of work – again – as governors and local officials shut down indoor dining and drinking establishments to combat the nationwide surge in coronavirus infections that is overwhelming hospitals and dashing hopes for a quick economic recovery.

And the timing, just before the holidays, couldn't be worse.

Restaurant owner Greg Morena in Los Angeles County was trying to figure out his next step after county officials banned in-person dining for at least three weeks, beginning Wednesday. But he was mainly dreading having to notify his employees.

"To tell you, 'I can't employ you during the holidays' to staff that has family and kids, I haven't figured that part out yet. It's the heaviest weight that I carry," said Morena, who had to close one restaurant earlier in the year and has two in operation at the Santa Monica Pier.

Randine Karnitz, a server in Elk River, Minnesota, said her boss laid her off last week after Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz announced that bars, restaurants and gyms would close for four weeks as infections spiked to an all-time high and pushed hospitals to the breaking point.

"'Well, your last day is tomorrow. You don't have a job. You can thank your governor for that," Karnitz said her boss told her. She said her husband's hours also have been cut at his manufacturing job, forcing the family to postpone house repairs.

Karnitz, though, said that she supports a shutdown and that people who didn't take the virus seriously bear much of the blame.

"I just think that if we all would've done our part to begin with, we wouldn't be in this predicament," she said. "Things are only going to get worse for the service industry before it gets better, unfortunately."

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards on Tuesday said he is limiting the number of customers in restaurants, gyms, salons, casinos, malls and other nonessential businesses to 50% of capacity as the state sees a third spike in coronavirus cases and hospitalizations. Most bars will be restricted to takeout, delivery and outside seating.

Restaurant owners — most of whom underwent shutdowns in the spring and summer — are finding the new round of closings challenging as colder weather sets in. Many are offering curbside pickup but also trying to hold outdoor dining, even if it means setting up shelters or heaters.

But in Los Angeles County, restaurants and bars are prohibited from providing outdoor dining beginning Wednesday. They will be limited to takeout and delivery.

Some are challenging shutdown orders in court, with little success.

On Tuesday, a judge rejected a request from a restaurant industry group to block the Los Angeles County outdoor dining ban. A day earlier, a California judge refused to temporarily restore indoor service at restaurants and gyms in San Diego County that were forced to move operations outside, saying there is scientific evidence to support Gov. Gavin Newsom's sweeping public health orders.

A federal judge last week declined to halt a three-week ban on

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued By Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 20ENT-0163 (Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 83026)
1427-1431 Lincoln Boulevard
APPLICANT: Lincoln Santa Monica, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Lincoln Santa Monica, LLC

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

The applicant is requesting an approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to subdivide one land parcel into 32 airspace parcels for the purpose of creating 30 residential condominium units and two ground floor commercial condominium units in a 33,731 SF, five-story building situated above a 30-space subterranean parking garage located in the LT (Lincoln Transition) District of the Downtown Community Plan (DCP).

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/fqgfetqq or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 2546647 #).

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by pre-registering on the link provided on the posted online agenda no later than 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item.

Address your comments to: Rathar Duong, Associate Planner
Re: 20ENT-0163

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Rathar Duong at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at rathar.duong@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Some California counties winding down hotels for homeless

BY JANIE HAR
Associated Press

Some California counties are pushing ahead with plans to wind down a program that's moved homeless people into hotel rooms amid the coronavirus pandemic despite an emergency cash infusion from the state aimed at preventing people from returning to the streets in colder weather as the virus surges.

Gov. Gavin Newsom recently announced $62 million for counties to move hotel guests into permanent housing or to extend hotel leases that were part of "Project Roomkey," which he rolled out this spring as a way to protect some people experiencing homelessness from the virus. The Federal Emergency Management Agency agreed to pick up 75% of the cost.

But counties say that with federal relief funding expiring soon, it's time to transition residents from expensive hotel rooms to cheaper, more stable housing. Officials hope to offer a place to every resident leaving a hotel, though they acknowledge not everyone will accept it and affordable housing is difficult to find.

California is one of several states, including Washington, that turned to hotels to shelter homeless people as the virus took hold. Homelessness has soared nationwide during the pandemic, and it was already at a crisis level in California because of an expensive housing market and a shortage of affordable options. The nation's most populated state has by far the highest number of people on the streets, though other places have a higher per capita rate.

In San Francisco, advocacy groups and some officials are outraged by the mayor's plan to start moving hundreds of people out of hotels around the holidays. They say it's ridiculous when thousands of people are still sleeping on sidewalks and in cars, and they don't believe the city can find enough virus-safe housing for 2,300 people living in more than two dozen hotels.

"It makes absolute zero sense. It is outrageous, it's irresponsible, and it basically tells people experiencing homelessness that you're not a priority for the city," Supervisor Hillary Ronen said as she and other leaders announced proposed legislation to slow the move and ensure every resident is offered alternative housing.

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing said in a statement that money from the state will provide "more flexibility and time" but would not say if San Francisco had changed its timeline. The department has said it plans to move homeless people out of all 29 hotels by June.

"We will continue to work with city staff and our service providers to deliver on our commitment to get people housed and ensure no one in our hotels gets moved back on the streets," the statement said.

An estimated 150,000 people experiencing homelessness live in California, and there are signs that number will only increase with an economy ravaged by the pandemic. Newsom has awarded $800 million to cities and counties to buy hotels and other properties to convert into housing, saying he didn't want to squander an opportunity to get more people indoors.

At times, connecting homeless people to shelter, work, medical care and social services boils down to finding them in time, and the hotels have been a huge help, advocates say. They say hotel residents have flourished with regular checkups and meals.

"If this were to be taken away from us at this time, it really would be like having a carpet pulled out from under us in a really major way," said hotel resident Nicholas Garrett, who appeared with the San Francisco supervisors.

Dr. Danielle Alkov spoke of one of her patients, a transgender woman who has blossomed after being brought indoors. But her hotel is scheduled to be among the first to close.

"She's thriving, she's engaged in medical care, she's very future-thinking for probably the first time in a long time, thinking about her career goals, her educational goals," Alkov said. "The idea of her not having a stable place to go, and losing all the progress that she's made, would be devastating."

In Los Angeles, the Homeless Services Authority said nearly 600 people have moved out of hotel rooms and into interim housing, with 62 others in permanent housing. About 3,400 people remain in hotel rooms, and while the agency has received funding from the city to extend leases at several hotels, it will keep moving people into other housing, spokesman Christopher Yee said.

Alameda County, which includes Oakland, hopes to use state money for rental subsidies and to extend leases on hotel rooms but will continue with plans to close five of nine hotels between December and February. Over 1,000 people are in hotels there.

It's much more cost-effective to use the money "for permanent housing with leases than to continue the hotel program indefinitely," said Kerry Abbott, director of the county's Office of Homeless Care and Coordination. And while some people have chosen to return to a shelter, "our goal is to make sure everyone has a housing offer. Most people will take a housing offer."

The hotels won't go away entirely. Abbott said the county plans to operate a 98-room quarantine and isolation hotel for six months next year and keep an additional 240 hotel rooms open through 2021 for residents who require the extra care.

By year's end, Sacramento County plans to close trailers housing 46 people either recovering from the virus or awaiting test results. But county spokeswoman Janna Haynes said shelter hotels will stay open through early next year and nobody will be forced to leave without a place to go.

Even though the program is ending, Abbott, of Alameda County, says people have benefited deeply, with some able to start addressing issues that have kept them out of stable housing.

"Many people have been inside for the first time in a decade or longer, and have stayed inside, and have benefited from a place to stay, the services and the food and even the community our providers have put in place," she said.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 226 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 24

Grand Theft Auto Report 1800blk Dorchester Ave 12:59 a.m.
Trespassing 2400blk Main St 2:58 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk 5th St 5:57 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2600blk Barnard Way 6:33 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Pico Blvd 6:34 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:31 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 7:42 a.m.
Person Down 2600blk Pico Blvd 8:01 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1900blk Ocean Way 8:11 a.m.
Trespassing 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:12 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 2600blk Barnard Way 8:33 a.m.
Arson 1600blk The Beach 8:34 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 7th St 8:46 a.m.
Trespassing 700blk 14th St 9:27 a.m.
Armed Robbery In Progress 1300blk 4th St 9:29 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1100blk 10th St 9:34 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 9:57 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:06 a.m.
Identity Theft 500blk Ocean Ave 10:12 a.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk Idaho Ave 10:24 a.m.
Elder Abuse 300blk Olympic Dr 10:28 a.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 10:38 a.m.
Trespassing 1500blk 6th St 10:48 a.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:52 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1700blk 16th St 11:31 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 700blk Broadway 11:35 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk 19th St 11:38 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:45 a.m.
Identity Theft Unknown 12:27 p.m.
Death Investigation 600blk Washington Ave 12:41 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Pico Blvd 12:49 p.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 9th St 12:53 p.m.
Identity Theft 1300blk 4th St 1:02 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1700blk 16th St 1:09 p.m.
Trespassing 2200blk Broadway 1:32 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 4th St 1:44 p.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:56 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1300blk Ocean Front Walk 2:24 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 4th St / Interstate 10 2:43 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Bay St 3:06 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:23 p.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk Idaho Ave 3:25 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 2600blk Barnard Way 3:50 p.m.
Trespassing 200blk Marine St 4:03 p.m.
Armed Robbery Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 4:17 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 4:17 p.m.
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Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 2900blk Exposition Blvd 4:55 p.m.
Battery Report 1700blk Ocean Ave 5:02 p.m.
Burglary Now 1800blk 9th St 5:03 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 6th St 5:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:54 p.m.
Auto Burglary Now Main St / Kinney St 6:18 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 2600blk Main St 6:31 p.m.
Identity Theft 500blk Ocean Ave 6:51 p.m.
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Trespassing 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:07 p.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:00 p.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:01 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 9:31 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:33 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 3000blk Broadway 9:52 p.m.
Person Down 1500blk 2nd St 11:46 p.m.

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EMS 2600blk Pico Blvd 7:58 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 9:36 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:08 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Oak St 10:09 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Pico Blvd 10:42 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1300blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:52 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 12:23 p.m.
EMS 600blk Washington Ave 12:42 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 300blk Santa Monica Pl 1:29 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Exposition Blvd 1:51 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:39 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1500blk 2nd St 2:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Centinela Ave / Interstate 10 3:33 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 3:34 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:44 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 3:57 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 4:13 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 27th St 4:14 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 5:14 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:54 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2000blk Main St 6:51 p.m.
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Letter to the Editor

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Our amazing City Planners are at it again. Do they stay awake at night thinking of ways to make traffic flow worse?

They have reduced southbound Ocean Ave. south of Wilshire to one lane. Not only that they have eliminated the right turn lane from southbound Ocean onto the California incline. Brilliant! BRILLIANT!!

So, now there will be no right turn on red when there is a car ahead of you. And when you do turn right on a green light you will be crossing the bike lane. I guarantee there will be a bike or car accident. GUARANTEE IT!!

By Jim Estes
Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Southern California rescuers spotted a missing hiker Tuesday night using their night-vision goggles and flew her to safety, authorities said.

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team, part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and Los Angeles County firefighters found the 45-year-old woman in the Red Rock Canyon Park area of Topanga, the team said in a Facebook post.

The rescuers worried for the woman's safety as the temperatures dipped into the 40s on Tuesday night and thought she might have gone off the park's trail, the post stated.

They found the "proverbial needle in the haystack" by using their night vision goggles to locate the hiker, authorities said. She was not injured.

THIS STORY WAS WRITTEN BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DACC Wins a 2020 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Merit Award for Response to COVID-19

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) recently announced the recipients of its 2020 Challenge Awards spotlighting the most innovative programs developed and implemented by California counties.

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) is honored to have won a Merit award under the award category of Disaster & Emergency Response/Management. DACC was acknowledged for implementing a Managed Intake and Expanded Placement program for animals. This program allowed DACC to rapidly implement a new animal management practice to respond to and enhance services during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

"DACC is honored to receive this prestigious award from CSAC." said DACC Director Marcia Mayeda. "Our entire DACC team is to be congratulated for their adaptability, resourcefulness, and commitment to our mission as we dramatically changed our operations to continue to serve animals and constituents."

Managed Intake aligns DACC practices and resources with the needs of the community to reduce the necessity of accepting animals into the seven DACC animal care centers. The Enhanced Placement initiatives increase positive outcomes for stray and unwanted animals by increasing adoptions, providing additional foster homes, and partnership with private animal adoption organizations. More information can be found at www.animalcare.lacounty.gov.

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indoor dining in Michigan after an industry association complained that restaurants were being treated unfairly. The judge noted that restaurants are unlike other businesses in that their customers have to remove their masks to eat or drink.

The U.S. has seen more than 12.4 million confirmed infections and over 258,000 deaths from the coronavirus. Almost 86,000 people — an all-time high — were in the hospital in the U.S. with COVID-19 as of Monday.

The infections have led to a shortage of hospital beds and health care workers, and they threaten non-COVID-19-related surgeries and other care.

On average, the U.S. is recording over 172,000 new cases per day. It is seeing more than 1,500 deaths per day on average — the highest level since May.

Restaurant owners in Los Angeles County contend infections are more likely to be coming from private gatherings where rules about masks and spaced-apart seating aren't in force.

"The same people desperate to go to bars are going to party in their houses," said Brittney Valles, owner of Guerrilla Tacos in Los Angeles. "You will never see them until they're spreading coronavirus around willy-nilly. It's insane."

Valles said she broke down Saturday as she realized it could be the last time — at least for a while — that she would see some of her employees. It will be the third time she has had to furlough employees, and she was working Monday to develop a plan to keep as many employed as possible.

She has already opened a coffee shop that offers breakfast burritos. She plans to expand those hours, continue to operate the taco business for lunch takeout and open a burger joint at night that would deliver meals and offer food to go.

Webber reported from Fenton, Michigan; Peters from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Melley from Los Angeles. Associated Press writer Melinda Deslatte in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, contributed to this story.

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Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

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LIVE MUSIC IS A LIFEFORCE

LIVE MUSIC!

I got to hear live music!! A band, a good band, a mariachi band, and I didn't have to venture out to see them, any further than my parking area.

My neighbors Colin and Jess were celebrating a friend's birthday recently, and the mother of that friend hired the band. Allllllll-right! A five piece, including a female vocalist playing fiddle, guitarra and guitarron (also sang), and two horns, with one trumpeter just killing it. Dug his short solos, waited for them. From photos on the website, it looks like they switch around on instruments.

It was a nice little private concert scene out there, and a few lucky folks walking by at dusk stopped to enjoy. My wife made guacamole and passed it to the birthday crowd, and I quickly accepted the offer of a margarita from a new neighbor as I was hanging off a set of stairs, for isolation and a good view.

I have no idea how much that cool performance cost but you can find out, by calling Erwin Vasquez, Mariachi Teocuitatlan, (323) 506-5002.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

WATCH "THE LAST WALTZ" -- Alone or with just those in the household this Thanksgiving? Let The Band keep you company. There is no film quite like Martin Scorsese's "The Last Waltz," a concert film capturing Canadian-American rock group The Band's farewell concert, filmed on Thanksgiving Day in 1976. It features very special performances by Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Muddy Waters, Eric Clapton, Van Morrison, Dr. John and more. I was always bummed to be out of town when The Aero Theatre would show it around Thanksgiving, but since we're all missing that this year I figured I might just pop in the tape and watch it myself.

CHARLES CHIMES IN: and lo and behold our own local Library Girl literary salon is also celebrating the work of this extraordinary ensemble at this very moment, with an online presentation of "Tears of Rage," words and music inspired by the title of the first song on their first album, "Music from Big Pink." (I wrote last week of how influential that album has been for me.)

Susan Hayden (with husband Steve Hochman, noted music critic) chooses a theme, always music-oriented, and then calls on a group of poets and other writers and performers to go from that prompt to wherever their imagination takes them. This particular show promises more music than usual along with the words (a big plus!), likely to be from The Band's stellar repertoire. The unique monthly performance, now in its 12th year, is inspiring, thought provoking, often surprising, and not to be missed.

10 a.m. 11/24 to 7 p.m. 12/4, online at Library Girl.

A LAST WALTZ NOTE

A tale I read of the very famous concert related that there was a dispute over Dylan's participation being filmed, because he had his own film about to be released, "Renaldo and Clara." (Did not break any box office records, nor find a place in history and critical acclaim like "The Last Waltz.") It wasn't settled until a negotiation backstage during an intermission!



Courtesy image.
NOTEWORTHY: Turkey Day with the band.

The Band's Robbie Robertson later related, "Somebody working with Bob said 'We're not filming this.' And (promoter) Bill (Graham) just said, 'Get out of here, or I'll kill you.' It all worked out."

Furthering the notion that rock and roll is not just a fun ride for the faint of heart, Scorsese said Dylan made the stipulation that only two of his songs could be filmed: "Baby Let Me Follow You Down" and "Forever Young."

"When Dylan got on stage, the sound was so loud, I didn't know what to shoot," Scorsese later recalled. "Bill Graham was next to me shouting, 'Shoot him! Shoot him! He comes from the same streets as you. Don't let him push you around.' Fortunately, we got our cues right and we shot the two songs that were used in the film."

ESTONIA'S SINGING REVOLUTION

I love this true historical, political, impossible musical tale, of how little ol' Estonia threw the Russian army out without a gunshot. Sang them out. I've told it before in this column so won't again but here are a couple of links, the longer deep history dive (https://singingrevolution.com/about-the-history), with old maps and photos that I recommend, of course (-- hey, life is for learning, always, right?) and the slightly shorter Wiki one (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singing_Revolution), also good and seemingly accurate.

But to make it more human and personal, I asked my Estonian friend Leeni Laasfeld, vocalist, composer, musician and angel, who we met at the Hilton Hotel in Reykjavik, Iceland a few years back (she has lived there for years), to give a first hand account. (On a CA visit later she walked! from Beverly Hills, because she wanted to and could see more that way, and dropped into our backyard for a wonderful singalong.)

LAULUPIDU

"Imagine: try to open your mouth and start singing next to a stranger but surprisingly that stranger happens to know that song and joins

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Adoptable Pet of the Week



Martin Hernandez

PET: The Adoptable Pet of the Week is available from the Santa Monica Animal Shelter.

Coco

Hi I'm Coco, a female Red Eared Slider. I fly in the face of stereotypes that assume turtles are indifferent, sluggish, and even boring! I'm a vivacious and graceful swimmer, with elegant moves that are fascinating to watch. With mighty strength, I can pull myself onto tall rocks, and I'm assertive in my choice of logs. Uninhibited when approached, I'll pop my head out of my shell to greet you with a wondrous gaze. Among these irresistible qualities, I'm easy. No snob about food, I find anything in my normal diet thrown into my pond to be simply divine. But I confess, I favor the delicacy of a live goldfish to chase down and fill my belly. The usual fawning over me is welcomed, but not necessary. We can skip petting and picking me up. And just in time for the chill of holiday season, under the light and warmth of a UV lamp, I still adore basking, and taking long dips in clean water. Coco ID #A059748 is available for adoption at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter located at 1640 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404. The shelter is closed to the public and adoptions are by appointment only by calling the shelter at 310.458.8595. You can also learn more about Coco online at smanimalshelter.petfinder.com.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: THANKSGIVING FUN AND SAFETY FOR CATS AND DOGS

'Tis the season to be thankful to loved ones! While you may not be able share this Thanksgiving with family and friends due to COVID-19, it's a great chance to have your cats and dogs in on the festivities, while also avoiding holiday pet hazards.

Plan extra activities with them before you start the busy day of cooking. Cats are at their prime at dusk and dawn. Engage in flattery, playtime, petting, and grooming in exchange for their purrs, headbutting, kneading, and chatty meows. Play with your dog, take them on a long and leisurely morning stroll, and provide them lots of cuddles.

When it's time to cook or catch the football game, give them their own chance for a good time. Find toys and games that stimulate their unique drive. Cats can pounce on squeaky mouse toys, chase battery operated lasers, and with their quick reflexes, invigorating puzzle toy boards make way to capturing prey! For dogs, treat dispensing toys stimulate hunting, and interactive games require problem-solving that utilizes their keen sense of smell and desire to chew.

For cats and dogs that want to be with you at all times, increased action in your home may create opportunities for them to escape. Their ID tags should be worn at all times. Close all windows, and keep them away from entrances and exits.

Keep festive decorations and plants out of reach. Redirect their curiosity by providing them with new holiday themed pet toys to romp instead. Hazardous plants include amaryllis, some ferns, chrysanthemum, and more. The ASPCA and Humane Society offers lists of plants that are poisonous to cats and dogs. Tipped over candles can cause burns and fires, and acorns can cause injury and be toxic when consumed.

Add cat and dog dishes to your thanksgiving recipe list. Whip up your own homemade pet meals and deserts with pet safe ingredients, their own kibble, wet food, and treats. Cats can indulge in tuna crackers, kitty bruschetta, and holiday cheese balls. Dogs will devour canine casserole, meatballs, and pumpkin dog biscuits.

Avoid sharing your dinner with them. Many common thanksgiving dishes can cause serious gastrointestinal illness in cats and dogs like fatty foods, and raw and undercooked turkey. Small bones are choking hazards and can cause gastrointestinal injury. The yeast in raw bread dough can be life threatening. Raw eggs in pie and cake batter can lead to food poisoning, and deserts that contain xylitol and chocolate can be fatal.

Accidents happen! Have an emergency plan for your pet. Contact your veterinarian to inquire about special holiday hours, and keep a pet first aid kit handy. If you suspect that your dog or cat has consumed a poisonous substance, or you observe any signs of illness, contact your veterinarian or emergency veterinary hospital immediately. Set up cat carriers in advance, and put dog leashes by the front door in the event you need to transport them quickly. Contact your local animal control about their protocols in helping you find your cat or dog if they escape.

Most important, giving thanks to your pets and having a happy and safe Thanksgiving should be at the top of the list!



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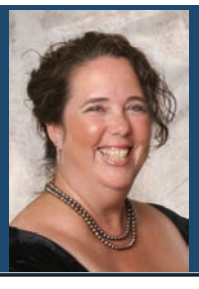
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BULLDOG REALTORS

NOTEWORTHY

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you! You are not strangers anymore: these are the moments when 'you' and 'me' disappears and your breathtakes become the breathtake of a bigger organism.

"Now imagine how big and powerful an organism is born out of 100 000 people's united breathtakes. That creature fights for the wishes deep inside our hearts and is more powerful than anything that wants to step on our toes.

"This 'anything' doesn't always have to be a foreign enemy: those enemies can also come in the form of stress, depression, greed, envy, lack of self - love, guilt, and the list of the things we as the members of a modern society suffer from goes on... Song Festival is a magic ritual that cleanses and enriches our souls with positivity. It's hard to put that feeling into words but something so beautiful happens to your soul there.

"What I am also very happy about and proud of is that Estonians have managed to keep that tradition going and growing for so long. Here we are in the 21st century: we have the Internet, the world can notice our Laulupidu. Now, once a tradition that was mainly created to make Estonia stronger as a nation has really got the chance to inspire the whole world to explore the power of singing together. This could have so strong impact on absolutely any society. We are humans and what connects us is always stronger than what separates us. It's time for the world to experience the magic we have already found in Estonia."

Both Estonian and world citizen,
Leeni

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 2,500 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com





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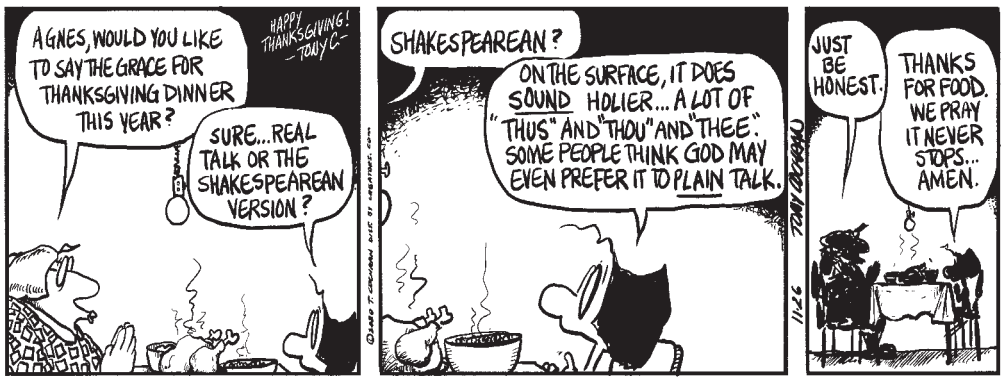
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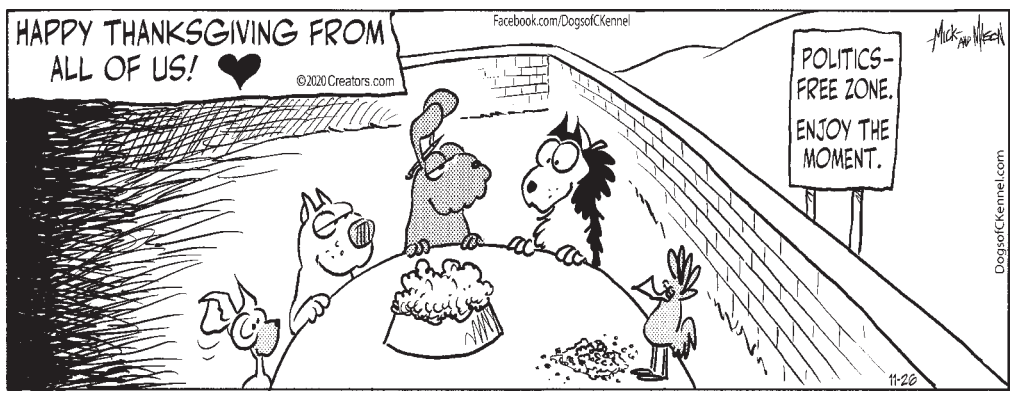
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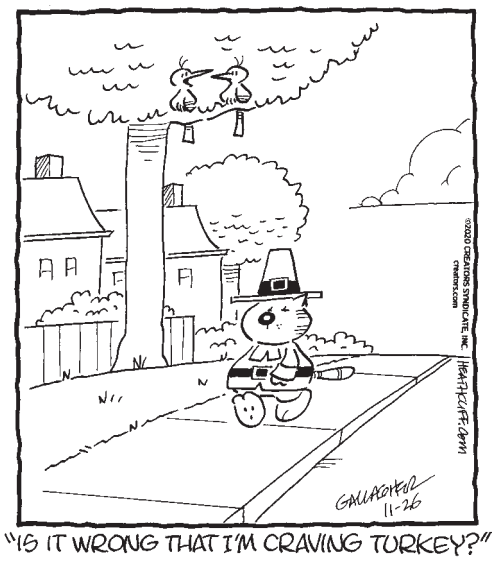
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"IS IT WRONG THAT I'M CRAVING TURKEY?"

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.0°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Larger, steep angled NW swell builds. Minor SSW swell. Offshore wind looking likely through the day.

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Steep NW swell continues. Offshore wind expected through the morning, may linger into afternoon.

WEATHER

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 63.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 66.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 65.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/11/26	Thu	12:21 AM	1.22	L
2020/11/26	Thu	12:21 AM	1.22	L
2020/11/26	Thu	06:46 AM	5.37	H
2020/11/26	Thu	1:27 PM	0.67	L
2020/11/26	Thu	7:26 PM	3.91	H
2020/11/27	Fri	12:47 AM	1.46	L
2020/11/27	Fri	07:08 AM	5.59	H
2020/11/27	Fri	1:58 PM	0.28	L
2020/11/27	Fri	8:05 PM	3.87	H
2020/11/28	Sat	01:12 AM	1.68	L
2020/11/28	Sat	07:31 AM	5.78	H
2020/11/28	Sat	2:28 PM	-0.04	L
2020/11/28	Sat	8:42 PM	3.82	H
2020/11/29	Sun	01:37 AM	1.89	L
2020/11/29	Sun	07:54 AM	5.92	H
2020/11/29	Sun	3:00 PM	-0.27	L
2020/11/29	Sun	9:19 PM	3.73	H
2020/11/30	Mon	02:02 AM	2.08	L
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:11/21
51 54 57 60 69
Power#: 11
Jackpot:202 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/20
9 15 34 61 64
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 214 M

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Draw Date: 11/21
8 12 16 21 41
Mega#: 20
Jackpot:9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/24
6 7 13 21 30

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/24
Midday: 0 4 2
Draw Date: 11/23
Evening: 9 5 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/24
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
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You're a person who will knock yourself out for others. You'll do everything in your power to make sure that the team is winning. This quality will take you far this year. Even though your personal satisfaction often matters less to you, you'll have at least 10 chances to gloriously inhabit it. Virgo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 2, 22, 12 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Remembering how it used to be will bring gladness, wistfulness, unity and the beginnings of a plan for future days. You're especially compatible with Leo now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a kind word for the contributions of others. This comes easily to you because you are genuinely excited and impressed with the surprises of the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those around who have a harder time with socializing than you do. Some will use you as a model and others will submit to your coaxing and charms.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You find a way to bridge the gap between you and the people you want to be near but can't. You don't even have to think about adding the personal touches that make this happen; they'll come with your intention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The feelings of warmth coming at you are undeniable. It will be wonderful to find out that you are part of people's fondest memories. If you don't get verbal affirmation of this, assume it's true and keep building your legacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's a little quirky, the things you most appreciate about your current life. Thinking about what makes you happy, your senses light up and your creativity whirrs like a magical engine of fantastical production.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A kindness you gave long ago (and may not even remember giving) is now coming back to you in a new form. You'll get a prime opportunity to slow down so you can notice and acknowledge the gift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While you appreciate the tastes and comforts of the season, it's the small ones who win your heart. Their eyes and smiles are a gift that sends your spirit in somersaults.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't worry about how you're going to pull it all off. You will. You can count on yourself and others can count on you, too. Just make sure there's someone around who can take pictures of this because it will go down in history.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you firmly believe in content over style, as you focus on bringing something of value to the table, you won't be able to help yourself but to bring on the accidental, incredible flair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You give people something to smile about. You're playful, and many will be highly receptive to your kind of fun. If they aren't, then it's only because they are not in a position to let levity in. You're still better for trying.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You use empathy to navigate the ins and outs of your social life and this proves to be a navigational system that will not go wrong. Neither cloud cover nor electrical outage nor signal shortage can stop it.

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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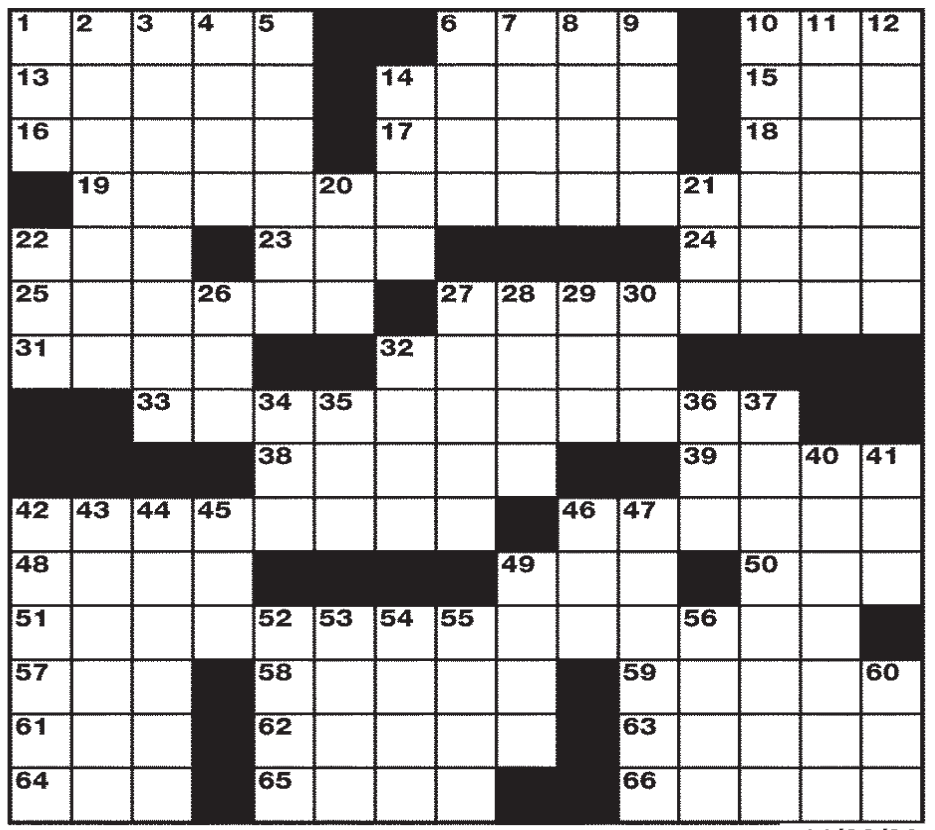
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Newsday Crossword

SHUT UP by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Slugger in Malamud's *The Natural*
6 Arm: Fr.
10 Venerable tech giant
13 Soprano's gig
14 Oblique direction
15 "The Purloined Letter" author
16 Radioactivity action
17 Flower that does well in shade
18 Attila follower
19 "Shut up!"
22 Sound from a ponderer
23 Comics cry of discomfort
24 Rice of vampire fiction
25 Ascended
27 Pay attention
31 Otter cousin
32 Fuzzy-skinned fruits
33 "Shut up!"
38 Set to rest
39 Word on Irish euros
42 Planetary motion
46 A Musketeer
48 Voice-over descriptor
49 Era
50 Picnic fare, for short
51 "Shut up!"
57 Spoil, as food
58 Black tea of India
59 Naruhito's home
61 Encouragement from Enrique
62 What are made for the future
63 Script direction
64 "__ out!" (ump's call)
65 Squishy
66 Get extra mileage from

DOWN
1 Tray for bricks
2 Scan meant to minimize anxiety
3 Attractive, as clothing
4 Sandwich sausage, for short
5 Vote for approval
6 Dab with a towel
7 Carelessly quick
8 Opposite of post-
9 Bankable actor
10 Galaxy alternative
11 Ludlum's agent
12 Patched up
14 Become visible
20 __-GMO (food package label)
21 Noise from a nursery
22 Omelet ingredient
26 Runner for racing
27 Powerful leader
28 Out of town
29 Wine cocktail
30 Linguistic ending
32 European scale measure
34 Chocolate factory vessel
35 Yale student
36 Vast amount
37 Far-off place, figuratively
40 Certain steaks
41 ABA designation
42 Scottish folk hero
43 Symbol of Maryland
44 Become ragged
45 Tankard filler
46 Before now
47 She's not buying it
49 Money sources, briefly
52 Doesn't shut up
53 Nobel Peace Center city
54 Its academy is in CO
55 Vent one's anger
56 Out of town
60 Many an oxide in rocks



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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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The gap year

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THANKFUL THOUGHTS

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EDDIE GUERBOIAN, FORMER SANTA MONICA CHAMBER PRESIDENT, FORMER KIWANIS PRESIDENT, AND FOREVER THE STACHE

Proud to be American and give thanks to The Lord for having the privilege to be living in the Greatest Country in the World USA God Bless Everyone and God Bless America. HAPPY THANKSGIVING

JEFFREY MERRIHUE, FOUNDER OF HEROIC ITALIAN

Here at Heroic we are grateful that so far our customers and employees have escaped the scourge and we hope and pray for a better 2021 for all.

ZINA JOSEPHS, SMMUSD DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS, QUEEN OF SUNSET PARK

I'm very grateful that my family is healthy, that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won the election, and that I have the opportunity to do volunteer work with the amazing people on the Friends of Sunset Park Board, the Neighborhood Council, and Airport 2 Park.

JEFF JAROW, SANTA MONICA PIER BOARD MEMBER, SANTA MONICA CHAMBER BOARD, 4TH OF JULY PARADE KING

I haven't lost my mind....one half got lost... and the other went looking for it ! So I'm thankful I still have it together !!

LANE DILG, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

In these historic times, I am grateful to everyone providing care and hope to our community. From food drive and Farmer's Market volunteers, to health care, mental health, and child care providers, to transit operators and waste and water workers, to emergency responders and enforcement teams, to business owners and economic development supporters, to all developing and distributing vaccines, and to everyone loving and supporting them at home.

JACQUELINE SEABROOKS, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

As the Interim Police Chief of the Santa Monica Police Department, at this moment and during these seemingly uncertain times, I am grateful to be able to lead a dedicated group of public safety professionals who are proud and honored to be of service in our wonderful Santa Monica community.

KATHLEEN RAWSON, CEO OF DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA, INC.

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. is thankful for our dedicated hospitality, maintenance and quality of life ambassador teams who have been taking great care of our downtown throughout the pandemic, ensuring it is a safe and welcoming space for all. We are grateful for the resilient spirit of our businesses, who have been extremely creative over the last couple of months in transforming public space into amazing outdoor places that have helped bring downtown and the Promenade back to life.

ALBIN GIELICZ, BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTANA AVENUE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

The Montana Avenue Merchants Association is truly thankful for all of the hard work and determination demonstrated by our small businesses which comprise this unique street in Santa Monica. We are all grateful to the City of Santa Monica and our other partners throughout the community for their support and guidance during this challenging time, and to the Santa Monica Police Department for watching out for us and keeping us safe. It takes a village and we could not have done this without you.

DANA MOOREHEAD, MERCHANT ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR PICO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Pico Improvement Org is fortunate to help promote the merchants that line the 3.2 miles of Pico Blvd, from Centinela to the beach. The resilience of our merchants, from restaurants to nail salons, paint stores to fitness studios, coffee shops and auto repair, is inspiring. We encourage residents to Buy Local this holiday, as we work to support this goal. That is the spirit of Pico!

NEGIN SINGH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SANTA MONICA PIER CORPORATION

As an organization whose main source of income in the normal times was event rentals and sponsorships, I am so thankful for a dedicated, do-whatever-they-had-to-do team that never once let the anxiety and insecurity of these crazy times stop them from going above and beyond to serve the Pier community. Also thankful for the pier's incredible tenants, our board members, public safety officers, city employees, sanitation workers, community partners, and more who came together to safely reopen the pier. What a giant feat that was!

JAN WILLIAMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 18TH STREET ARTS CENTER

I'm grateful for all the workers who keep our public and private spaces clean. The tending and care that they provide to so many, often unseen, is deeply appreciated.

MISTI KERNS, PRESIDENT/CEO OF SANTA MONICA TRAVEL AND TOURISM

I am grateful for my family and friends and that they are safe and healthy. To live and work in a city that I love. I am thankful to our first responders, healthcare and essential workers and to our community for all that we are, as we each offer something special that contributes to our unique neighborhoods and the diverse experience's they each offer. For each Santa Monica sunrise as the colors paint the sky reflecting its beauty bringing yet another day of hope. And, I am thankful as well as grateful that 2020 is almost over!



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