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Bacon is the big deal for new business openings

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Downtown Santa Monica has seen some high profile closures recently across both retail and restaurant spaces but there are several new businesses cropping up including a breakfast spot specializing in the best breakfast meat.

CLOSED

Del Frisco's Grille

The restaurant with the amazing locale at 1551 Ocean Ave has closed. This is arguably one of the single busiest spots in the city, facing the Pier and the Pacific Ocean, the intersection of Colorado and Ocean has a lot of foot traffic and tourists crisscross to and from the iconic Santa Monica Pier. There is no word yet who will inherit this prime location.

Jinky's

The restaurant has a hand written "closed" sign taped to the door and while it also says it will reopen "soon," an employee at the nearby Jink's coffee shop said the full restaurant is permanently closed. The website still lists a Santa Monica location for the regional chain but the local location is omitted from the holiday coupon currently offered online.

Carlo's Bake Shop

The sugar-snack shop located at 1354 3rd Street Promenade has permanently closed. If you're a die-hard fan, you'll have to travel to Las Vegas and even then, there are only vending machines, albeit 16 of them, dotted around the city.

The Independence

This popular gastropub has quietly called last orders for the last time. Located in the heart of Downtown, at 205 Broadway, it has served good food and a respectable selection of beer since 2014, when it replaced Buddha's Belly. Another prime location up for grabs.

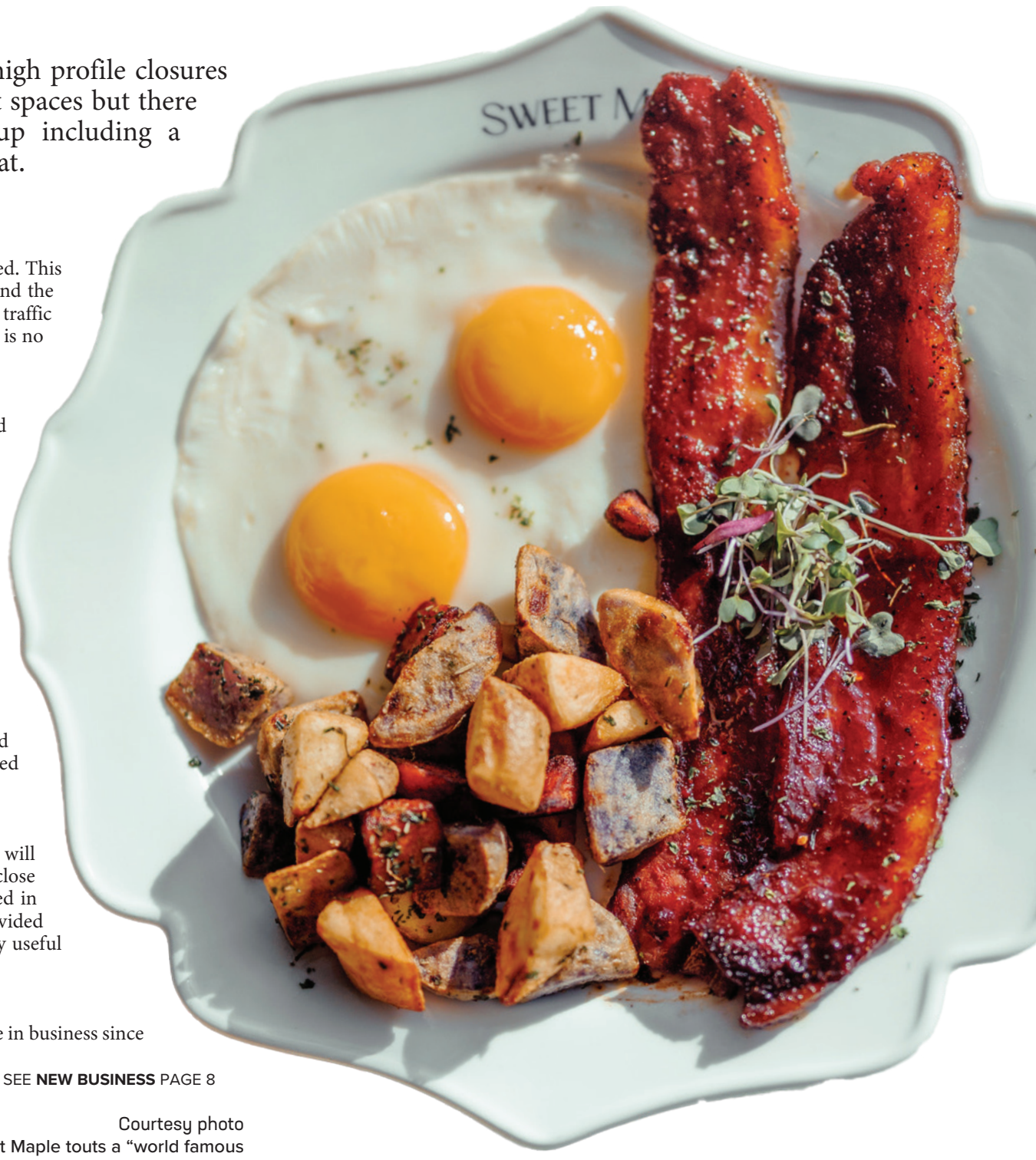
REI

The extremely popular outdoor activity store REI has announced it will not renew the lease on its downtown Santa Monica location and will close on Feb. 29, 2024. There is a new outlet in Marina Del Rey that opened in September of this year, but this one will be missed as it not only provided an escape into everything outdoors, but it also offered mindbogglingly useful services like bicycle maintenance and repair.

Dagwood's

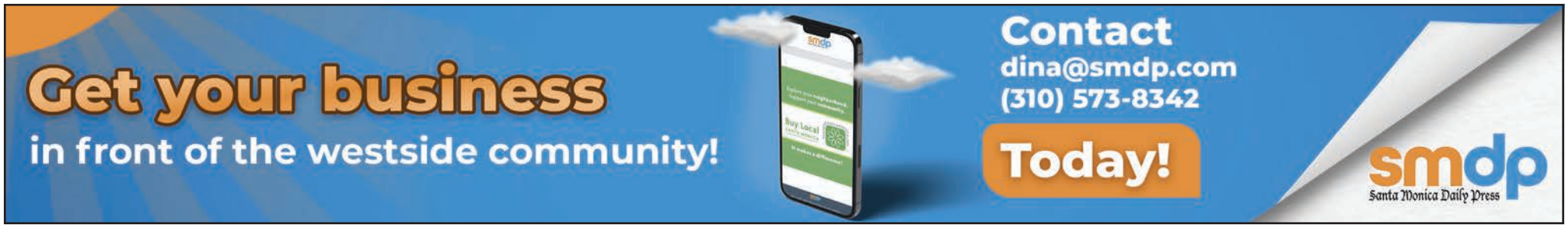
The pizzeria will close at the end of the year citing the general decline in business since

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SWEET MAPLE: Now open at the corner of Olympic and Ocean, Sweet Maple touts a "world famous Millionaire's Bacon" in addition to a full menu of breakfast classics.



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Divine Vintage is celebrating one year of creative success on Montana Avenue



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WINE AND CLOTHES: The store has an unusual pairing but draws a dedicated following.

ANTOINETTE DAMICO
SMDP Intern

Although tiny in size, Divine Vintage is celebrating a big milestone after their first year of doing business on Montana.

To celebrate their one-year anniversary, the store is offering a promotion all December long. All new wine is 20% off, along with all new wine club sign ups. If any current members refer a friend, 20% off a January wine club membership will be added as well. They are also introducing a slew of new wine classes, including Champagne and Caviar, and Party Wines.

"We're really proud of the impact our little shop has had on the street and we're looking forward of many more years of curated wines and gorgeous vintage treasures," said David Kianmahd, the Director of Operations for all of Rush's businesses, including the popular Blue Plate Taco and Blue Plate Oysterette.

An eccentric vintage apparel and wine shop in the heart of Santa Monica on Montana Avenue, the store showcases the alluring interests of co-owners, Jennifer Rush and Nick Dumerge. "Divine Vintage is kind of a love child between Jen's two greatest passions" said Kianmahd.

These two passions, travel and fashion, have encouraged Rush to generate an antiquated collection of goodies from her hundreds of trips. "She's got this giant collection of clothing and jewelry and belts and home objects and found objects and just like really cool stuff that she brought back... And she's like, 'we should open a shop and let's give people access to this really cool stuff that I'm finding all the time'" said Kianmahd.

The idea to include wine in the shop was never out of the question for Rush and her partner Dumerge. "I think it was organic [to sell wine and clothes]... they both have a real passion for sharing," said Kianmahd. Having worked at both Decanter and Harrods, judging specialty wines, Dumerge is a wine expert certified by WSET, the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. His passion and experience has given him the keen eye which organizes the collection of organic wine filling the shelves of the store.

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> - David Kianmahd

Dumerge's knowledge goes beyond just curating wine, but also teaching about wine,

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AROUND TOWN

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Holiday Activities

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Free Ice Skating, La Posada Event, SANTA Monica Pub Crawl, and much more!



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CRAWL: The annual pub crawl has a holiday theme.

Pet Photos with Santa: Bring your four-legged friend to a special pet night and "sit" for a photo with Santa. Cats and dogs only. Please be sure to have your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier. December 14, 4-7 p.m. at Santa Monica Place.

SaMo Ice Skate for FREE on Netflix Family Nights: "Guests can visit Ice at Santa Monica for Netflix Family Nights and enjoy complimentary skate sessions featuring family favorite films and shows." Free sessions over the next week are Friday Dec. 15 & Tuesday, Dec. 19. https://iceatsantamonica.com/

La Posada Event: This annual celebration of the season and starts as a procession at Virginia Avenue Park and travels throughout the neighborhood. Traditional songs are played as a sing-a-long, led and accompanied by a Mariachi Ensemble. Bring beach chairs and blankets to set out on the grass and enjoy the entertainment! Friday, Dec 15, 5 - 10p.m. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4w259kqjakeg85bkxr8ea5jrdx/202312151700

Vermiculture Workshop and Gently Used Toy/Book Swap: Come for a dive into the life of worms and their part in recycling your kitchen scraps. If you are interested in starting your own worm bin at home, this is the perfect time to learn the do's and don'ts to make your project successful. This event is also our 3rd Annual Gently Used Children's Toy and Book Pick Up. Saturday, December 16, 9 - 11a.m. @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. https://santamonica.gov/events/4czeyk0ar7as7xtnsfnkhkzq5a/202312160900

SANTA Monica Pub Crawl: Join thousands of Santas, Elves, Naughty Reindeer, and over 20 of the city's best bars & and restaurants and raise money for the Westside Food Bank to help those in need for the holidays. This year's crawl will feature 3 different routes - Main Street, Ocean Ave. & Third Street Promenade), $6-$9 Food & Drink Specials, Beer Gardens, Costume Contests, Scavenger Hunt, and Santa's Official After Party. Saturday, Dec. 16, 5p.m. - 2a.m. https://santamonicapubcrawl.com/

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

THURSDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Slow much of the day, then watching for a gradual lift in fresh NW/WNW swell mix late.

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

A storm north of Hawaii over the weekend sends a modest round of WNW swell. A deep morning high tide slows many breaks but there should be some energy left for the afternoon low tide and wind could remain light.

Weather

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 53. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 75. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

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2023/12/14	Thu	11:28 PM	3.55	H
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2023/12/15	Fri	09:54 AM	6.43	H
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Daily Lottery

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Jackpot: 28 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 12/9
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Jackpot: 22 M

Fantasy 5
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RESTAURANT REVIEW

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LA Times Top Restaurant Picks



Merv Hecht

BURGER: The Times may not know the best place to get a burger.

I recently read the LA Times list of its top restaurants and I must admit to being disappointed. First, they did not separate their recommendations geographically. I'm not usually too interested in restaurants in Alhambra and Cucamonga. I rarely eat East of the 405 freeway.

Then there is the way in which they make their selections. No criteria are listed, so I don't really know how they decided. Nevertheless, I have a couple of comments on two of the selections.

I doubt many of my readers are old enough to remember the song the Ink Spots made famous: I love coffee I love tea; I love the java jive and it loves me...". Well, that's me. I love coffee and coffee houses. My favorite coffee house is Luxe on Montana. There's a Luxe in the Palisades, which also has good coffee, but no inside seating and no snacks to go with the coffee. The Luxe on Montana has comfortable seating and wonderful snacks.

The coffee shop given the top rating by the Times, which will remain unnamed in this article, is also in Santa Monica. So, I went there. The coffee was OK, and the pricing reasonable, and the friendly young Turkish couple running the place were nice people. But the ambiance was not comfortable, there was very little indoor seating, and there were no snacks to go with the coffee. There were packaged sweets to take home (too much for a snack with coffee). I don't agree with the Times on this one.

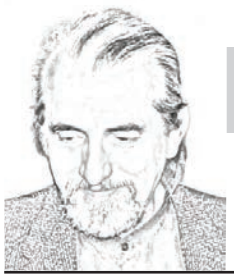
Then there is the top hamburger pick. That award went to Hank's in the Palisades. The hamburger at Hank's consists of one or two thin patties, always cooked medium, no matter how you order it. Yes, the sauce and bun are good, and you can get onion rings instead of French fries (the only reason to go there). A much better hamburger can be found right around the corner at Cafe Vida (the busiest restaurant in the Palisades). Vida serves up a thick patty that can be ordered medium rare (the way I like it) and is quite juicy. Bonus: comparing prices with tax and tip, the burger at Cafe Vida is $5 cheaper!

Cafe Vida is not the only place where you can get a more delicious hamburger than the one served at Hank's. There are several in Santa Monica. Even the hamburger at Patrick's Roadhouse in Santa Monica canyon is thicker and juicier than at Hank's. Maybe it's a matter of taste, because the burger at Hank's tastes primarily of the (good) sauce, not the meat. I like to taste the meat.

I didn't see my favorite Mexican restaurant listed: Lares on Pico. When I was there last week, I saw a banner announcing its 50th anniversary. I was there for the opening, and it is no coincidence that Lares has been in business that long. They know how to do Mexican right!

P.S. I see the Draycott in the Palisades has a new French menu. It looks wonderful.

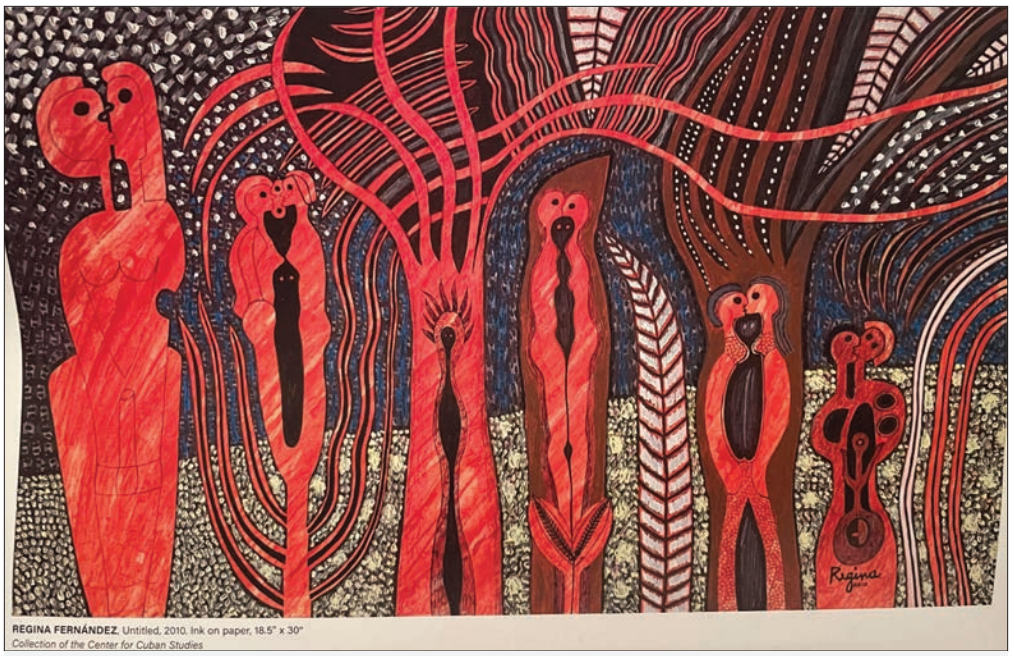
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So Many Good Shows!



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ART: 2024 CALENDAR FROM CENTER FOR CUBAN STUDIES.

MUSIC GIFT SUGGESTIONS

When most people think of Cuban culture, they hear music. True enough. And the cuisine is great too. But from my visit there a few years ago, I have to put their art on a level with the music. It is everywhere, part of everyday life, it is colorful, explosive, thought-provoking, it is often cutting edge, overwhelmingly excellent. That is how I became interested in going to Cuba, after seeing an exhibit some years ago at one of our airport galleries. (Also spoke with Tom Hayden there, not long before he passed, and bought his excellent book on Cuba, "Listen, Yankee! Why Cuba Matters," so I could get an autograph, that I now treasure. He wrote that I should "keep writing," so, blame Hayden. He might have meant that I was no good and needed a lot more practice.)

That's when I met the energy whirlwind named Sandra Levinson, who founded the Center for Cuban Studies (CCS) in New York in 1972. The next year a bomb was set off in their office. Levinson was, fortunately, the only one there at the time. She survived, and was back at work the next day, to clean up and reopen. The CCS is first and foremost educational. It deals in facts about Cuba and its 1959 revolution, to counter the propaganda coming from anti-Castro forces, and the U.S. government at the time. There was a lot of it then, still is. The trade embargo JFK ordered in 1962 is still in effect. Most Americans don't know that.

One of the effects is that artists can't get materials. Canvases, brushes, paint, cameras, pencils, ceramics. But they are incredibly creative and productive with what is around, and the quality is sometimes stunning. CCS could certainly use your contributions. But here's a win-win. Every year they produce a colorful calendar of the work of Cuban artists, and the 2024 is something I'm loving more each time I flip through it. (See February, above.) I love calendars – art you are reminded of every day, every month.

If you order very soon, Levinson promises to get it to you by Christmas. $25, $20 for CCS members. (Oh, go ahead.) $10 each if you order 100 - what a great gift idea. Everyone covered. And edified, uplifted, educated. To order, Levinson told me, "Oh, just have them call me, that's the simplest." CCS (212) 242-0559, or her cell: (917) 224-0578. If she talks you into taking a tour, well, lucky lucky you. You will never forget it.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

So in the expected drought or great live shows at the end of December, here are a dozen HIGHLY RECOMMENDEDs, a record, I think. Go figure. But go.

Tonight - MEHTA, BEETHOVEN Symphonies – Hold on. This will be quite a ride. You may even drift off to Ludwig's 6th, "Pastoral," as he transports us to the idyllic Vienna countryside. Or maybe you will be visualizing "Fantasia." Get a shot during intermission of whatever will prepare you for the 3rd, "Eroica" (Heroic). Dark and fast. The "Fantasia" crowd may find themselves in some fast and dangerous Disneyland ride of similar scariness. All Beethoven, the great Zubin Mehta calling the shots – unforgettable. Thurs, Sat 8 p.m., Fri 11 a.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $14-334.

MANHATTAN TRANSFER, Final Farewell Concert – "Final, Farewell Concert" - sounds like they mean it. And this particular performance: their very last one, on this 50th anniversary tour. Probably the finest vocal harmony group

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Locals to crawl for a cause



Courtesy photo

FUNDRAISER: Tickets are still available for the Saturday fundraiser.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Flocks of locals will have drinks flowing this Saturday for a milestone anniversary in entertainment and charity.

The annual Santa Monica Pub Crawl, with emphasis on the Santa, will hold its 15th get together through three distinct bar and restaurant routes filled with holiday spirit. More than 20 local establishments will be offering exclusive food and drink specials throughout the evening, culminating in Santa's Secret After Party at 1212 on the Third Street Promenade.

In the spirit of giving, the annual event benefits the Westside Food Bank, which provides free access to nutritious food through acquisition and distribution. Since the crawl began in 2008, the food bank has received 20% of the event's net profit, providing over half a million meals through contributions. Westside President and Chief Executive Officer Genevieve Riutort noted that every $5 donated from the crawl can provide for 20 meals due to the organization's bulk-buying procedures.

"We were really looking for a partner to align with that was very Westside based and helped the community," said Spin PR Group's Kim Koury, who has organized the crawl since its inception. "We met Genevieve and instantly knew it was going to be the perfect fit."

At first, the event took in canned food donations, with 4,000 pounds delivered at the 2008 crawl despite only three weeks of advance notice. The next year, rain descended on the Santa Monica area, meaning "a lot of soggy boxes of cereal" and a long process of drying cans, prompting a switch to monetary donations. In addition to ticket sales, Westside Food Bank staff and volunteers will be at crawl route starting locations (1212 for the "Promenade Route," Sugar Plum at Viceroy for the "Ocean Avenue Route" and The Victorian for the "Main Street Route") to collect donations and sell Santa hats.

"I've presented them with some pretty nice checks over the years … to be able to bring the community together, to fill the streets of Santa Monica with jolly and good cheer, and to help support local businesses (by filling) all the bars on some of their busiest days of the year, (all of) that coupled with helping all these less fortunate for the holidays has been very fun and rewarding," Koury said.

Riutort added that much like area bars, the food bank also earns a large portion of their funds during December, with the month determining how much food staff can provide over the next year. She said that the height of the hunger crisis is occurring "right now" due to the loss of pandemic-era economic supports, and the food bank is seeing a "huge surge in demand" at all of its pantries.

"We're distributing twice as much food as we were before (COVID-19), and we expect that need to stay really high at least for the next decade," Riutort said. "I was here for the 2008 recession, and we were just starting to recover from that when COVID hit. I know that it takes more than a decade, especially for low income people, to recover, and COVID was the biggest economic disruption we've ever seen in our lifetime. We're here for the long haul .. we want to continue to serve at this higher level, but it's going to take more community support for us to keep it up."

The funds and awareness raised for the food bank come from both local generosity and the good times the crawl brings to the thousands of participants each year. Tickets for the Promenade and Ocean Avenue routes cost $20, while the Main Street route and VIP route hopper tickets cost $30. The route hopper option provides access to all three routes, and all tickets provide one free drink as well as food and drink specials and access into the 1212 party. Amenities aside from the traditional crawl include DJs and live entertainment, prizes for the best Santa or holiday-related attire, and "Santa's Scavenger Hunt" taking place throughout the city.

"It transcends culture, (it) transcends religion, this is really about celebrating community and having a good time, and supporting the people that are in need and making sure that we're including everyone," Riutort said.

Tickets can be purchased at santamonicapubcrawl.com.

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Orchestra kicks off week of winter music shows







Photos by Thomas Leffler

MUSIC: The Samohi Orchestras started a week of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District winter shows strong, bringing its brightest string prodigies to the stage at Barnum Hall Tuesday evening. Directed by Jason Aiello and Jim Wang, the orchestras Winter Concert included performances by combined string and concert, concert, sinfonia, intermezzo, chamber, philharmonic and symphony orchestras. The holiday season fundraising continued outside of Barnum Hall, where supporters could purchase merchandise and snacks. The fundraising goes towards orchestra program activities, such as the symphony orchestra's tour of Germany in March 2024, bringing the group to Leipzig and Berlin. District musical performances continued Wednesday evening with the John Adams Middle School choir concert, and Thursday night shows will be held by the Malibu choirs and the Lincoln Middle School band at 6:45 p.m. in the Lincoln auditorium. Friday evening will be the Samohi choir's "Motus Perpetuus" concert beginning at 6:30 p.m., including students singing and moving throughout Barnum Hall.

CRIME WATCH

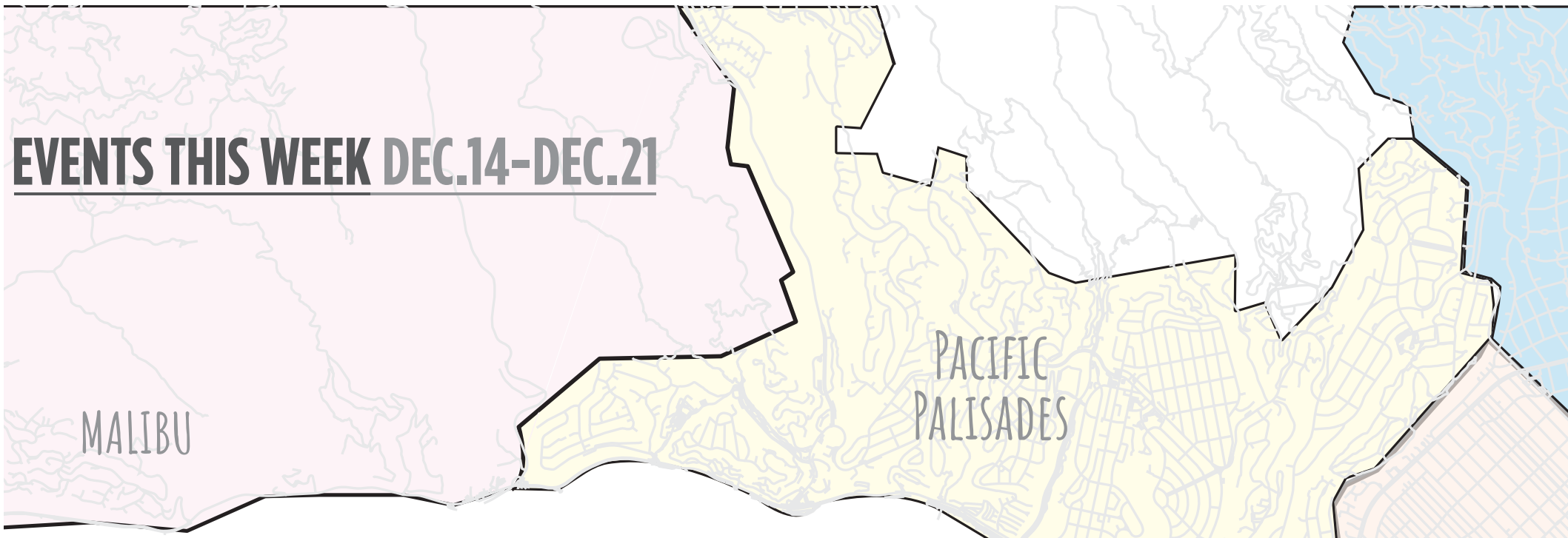
Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON DEC. 7

The Organized Retail Theft Task Force, a collaboration between Santa Monica Police Department and LAPD, made multiple arrests at one local retailer over a four-hour time span. Eight individuals, many chronic offenders, were arrested and booked into the Santa Monica Jail for shoplifting.

This coordinated effort resulted in the recovery of over $500 in stolen merchandise and is part of an ongoing initiative to tackle retail theft. Operations like this one, that combine resources from multiple jurisdictions and across disciplines, help focus attention on the daily issues of shoplifting that get hidden behind the headlines of smash and grabs at high-end retailers.

EVENTS THIS WEEK DEC.14-DEC.21



Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 15-17, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Arts Center, 1310 11th St.

Santa Monica College Holiday Art Sale

Starting over 50 years ago, the Kinsey's have been on a journey of collecting fine art and primary source historical objects that document the African American experience and illuminate the untold stories of Black Excellence throughout U.S. history. The exhibition focuses on the lives, accomplishments, and brilliance of African Americans from the 16th century through the years of slavery and emancipation to the civil rights movement and modern-day. SoFi Stadium, 1000 S. Prairie Ave, Inglewood. Dec 8 3 - 6 p.m. $15. https://culturela.org/event/the-kinsey-african-american-art-history-collection/2023-12-08/

Sunday, Dec. 17, 12-4 p.m.

237 Hill St, 90405.

The Network SM Holiday Toy Drive

Please bring new, unwrapped toys for kids ages 0-12, OR you can donate gift cards for teenagers. Drop off is from 12-4pm @ 237 Hill St, 90405. You'll see a sign that says "Meditation & Yoga Center" out front. We're partnering with The Church in Ocean Park, the self-described "progressive, inclusive, interfaith church for people who don't like church", to get these holiday presents to kids & teens. (There's free parking in the lot next to 237 Hill St.)

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Saturday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

681 Venice Blvd Venice Beach Los Angele

Unfolding through Signatured Time

A workshop in letting go by gaining hold of the sincere self. Considering musical genres, influences, and elements that develop our knowledge of structure and momentum and our musical ear, we infuse our poetry, our literary offerings with lyricism, sound, and rhythm. In this session, we will explore how playing with cadence, tone, and sonic delivery creates memorable lines and infuses and sustains dynamic movement while intentionally opening up to possibilities, trusting the visceral chord, and laying aside fear and doubt to unlock and unfold our sincere depths. Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, 681 Venice Blvd Venice Beach Los Angeles. $60 - $75. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unfolding-through-signatured-time-tickets-744308505777

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 5 - 7 p.m.

Hotel Casa Del Mar 1910 Ocean Way, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Santa Monica Chamber Holiday Party 2023

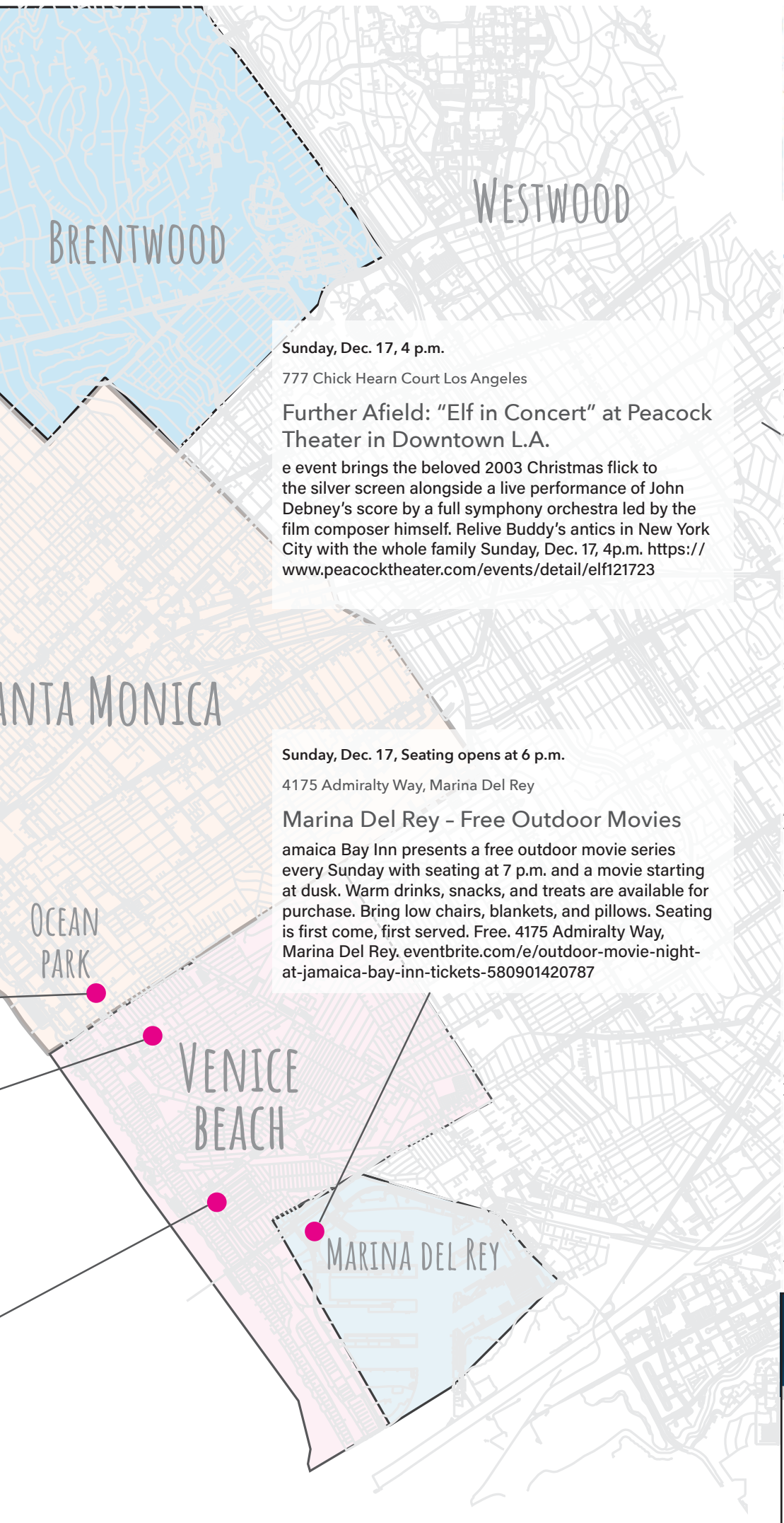
Join organizers at their annual Holiday Party At Hotel Casa Del Mar! Holiday Attire Encouraged. Meet business professionals while enjoying appetizers and beverages. Please register in advance to attend. This event will sell quickly. Opportunity To Win Raffle Prizes and More! $25 to $45 — $25 For Members and $35 for prospective members. Hotel Casa Del Mar, 1910 Ocean Way. https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/holiday-party-mixer-december-2023-19167

Sat, Dec. 16, 2 - 4 p.m.

2100 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles, CA 90291

Painting Class on the Beach!

Enjoy a 2-hour acrylic painting workshop on the beach where you will create a sunset & water landscape. Artist Pat Conlon will guide you step by step in a painting process that will culminate in a beautiful outdoor landscape. You will leave calmer, accomplished and creatively inspired. Don't worry! No prior skills or experience are necessary. All materials are provided. You will receive an 8x10 canvas to create on in addition to all painting materials. You may not identify as an artist or creative; however, there is an artist that lives inside all of us, and it is more important than ever to set it free. 2100 Ocean Front Walk, $35, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/painting-class-on-the-beach-tickets-753916824517



Sunday, Dec. 17, 4 p.m.

777 Chick Hearn Court Los Angeles

Further Afield: "Elf in Concert" at Peacock Theater in Downtown L.A.

e event brings the beloved 2003 Christmas flick to the silver screen alongside a live performance of John Debney's score by a full symphony orchestra led by the film composer himself. Relive Buddy's antics in New York City with the whole family Sunday, Dec. 17, 4p.m. https://www.peacocktheater.com/events/detail/elf121723

Sunday, Dec. 17, Seating opens at 6 p.m.

4175 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey

Marina Del Rey – Free Outdoor Movies

amaica Bay Inn presents a free outdoor movie series every Sunday with seating at 7 p.m. and a movie starting at dusk. Warm drinks, snacks, and treats are available for purchase. Bring low chairs, blankets, and pillows. Seating is first come, first served. Free. 4175 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey. eventbrite.com/e/outdoor-movie-night-at-jamaica-bay-inn-tickets-580901420787



THURSDAY | DECEMBER 14

COMBAT PRINCESS USA (TOKYO JOSHI PRO WRESTLING & PRESTIGE WRESTLING)

Tokyo Joshi Pro Wrestling & Prestige Wrestling present COMBAT PRINCESS USA. Globe Theatre, 740 S Broadway 7 - 10:30 p.m. $55- $200. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/combat-princess-usa-tokyo-joshi-pro-wrestling-prestige-wrestling-tickets-690414718007.

ROCK N COMEDY NIGHT

2nd Thursdays of the month. $10. 8:30 p.m. door 9 p.m. show. Comedians from Netflix, BET, Prime etc Hosted by Reid Clark. Raffles, Prizes and giveaways. 1120 Wilshire Blvd. Avoid Eventbrite Fees by sending a cashapp to $rccomedy or venmo/paypal @reidclarkcomedy

HANUKKAH IN SANTA MONICA

Celebrate the Festival of Lights during the Hanukkah season with nightly menorah lightings on the 1400 block of Third Street Promenade (located between Santa Monica Blvd and Broadway). The lighting ceremonies will begin at sundown. The final lighting ceremony will take place at the ice rink.

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS

A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 6 p.m.

LYRIC CHORUS: SONGS OF THE SEASON

Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College puts you in the holiday mood with their seasonal favorites and festive Broadway tunes. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Library Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Public Library. The public is welcome to attend. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on smpl.org. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street, 6 - 8 p.m.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 15

LA POSADA

Virginia Avenue Park and Familias Latinas Unidas invite you to their annual La Posada event. Gather in front of the library at 5PM. Processions begins at 5:30PM. Bring beach chairs and blankets to set out on the grass and enjoy the entertainment! Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 5 - 10 p.m.

SMC HOLIDAY ART SALE

Santa Monica College's 45th Annual Holiday Art Sale, featuring a wide range of creative original works at fabulous prices, will be a three-day event again this year. Here's your once-a-year chance to buy some truly unique works of art — prints, ceramics, jewelry, and more created by SMC art students, staff, and faculty — to keep for yourself or to give as gifts this holiday season. East Wing Music Hall, SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 16

VERMICULTURE WORKSHOP AND GENTLY USED TOY/BOOK SWAP

Come join organizers for a dive into the life of Worms and their part in recycling your kitchen scraps. If you are interested in starting your own worm bin at home, this is the perfect time to learn the do's and don'ts to make your project successful. They don't part with our worms easily, but if you need a handful to kick start your vermiculture campaign, they'll send you home with some hungry ones. This event is also our 3rd Annual Gently Used Children's Toy and Book Pick Up. Do you know a small child (your own, relative, neighbor, etc.) that could use some cheer over the Holidays? Be part of the Upcycle movement. Give a gift to put a smile on someone's face, with a lesson about sharing and passing along. Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd. 9 - 11 a.m.

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join a community-led discussion of award-winning current and classic fiction, held via Zoom. Contact library@santamonica.gov for the link. December's selection is Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie. Virtual. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica Brew Works taps 10 Speed Coffee to continue "Breakfast Brew" Coffee Shop Collaboration Series.

Santa Monica Brew Works (SMBW) announces the latest edition in its series of coffee-shop collaborations. This time the brewery has teamed up with their 20th Street neighbors, 10 Speed Coffee. Together, the locally-owned businesses introduce the latest version of "Breakfast Brew" – a Golden Mocha Porter made with cocoa nibs, vanilla bean, and local cold brew coffee.

"Some things are just better together." Says Avery Colomb, SMBW Head Brewer. "It's no secret that coffee and craft beer can complement each other exceptionally well – but adding chocolate takes this brew to another level of deliciousness."

Located just two blocks apart, the independently owned & operated companies share a common ethos focused on community and craftsmanship. "The spirit of craft beer is rooted in local culture." Said Scott Francis, SMBW Co-Founder, President & CEO. "It's our belief that local and independent businesses shape the character of this city."

> We strive to be a dynamic and inclusive part of our neighborhood
> - Gideon Kleinman

"We strive to be a dynamic and inclusive part of our neighborhood." Said Gideon Kleinman, 10 Speed Coffee's Head of Operations & Branding. "We aim to bring people together through a shared love of great coffee and an active lifestyle. And we often find ourselves winding down with a pint at the brewery after a long day in the café."

Specialty coffee and craft beer share many similarities. From the production process to flavor profiles and roasting expertise - both disciplines require exceptional attention to detail.

For Breakfast Brew, bundles of cocoa nibs were brewed with Vienna malt and finished with Madagascar vanilla bean and a touch of chamomile for a silky-smooth finish. 10 Speed's Cold Brew adds an invigorating aroma and hint of butterscotch. The final product contains only a small measure of caffeine, less than one-tenth the amount contained in full-strength cold brew coffee. "Breakfast Brew" clocks in at 5.0% ABV.

"Both coffee and craft beer can be considered universal languages." Says SMBW Marketing Director, Johnny Wardell. "Each has a unique set of routines, customs, and rituals – they're products that people are profoundly passionate about. That's what makes this collaboration so special."

10 Speed Coffee practices responsible sourcing and micro-batch roasting to ensure that they're always producing the highest quality cup of coffee. 4-pack 16 oz cans are available from Santa

Monica Brew Works' Tasting Room (1920 Colorado Ave, Santa Monica, CA). Breakfast Brew is available on-draft for a limited time at 10 Speed Coffee's sister café Pedalers Fork (23504 Calabasas Rd, Calabasas, CA). Learn more at santamonicabrewworks.com or https://www.10speedcoffee.com.

SUBMITTED BY JOHNNY WARDELL, MARKETING DIRECTOR

DIVINE

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which is described as his and Rush's other passion on their website. The offering of wine tasting classes allows customers to get first-hand experience and taste the wine with Dumerge's expert vision.

"Wine is something that you can talk about, and put a lot of words to and describe but there's nothing like actually trying and getting and then having a group conversation about what are you smelling? What are you tasting? Do you like it? Do you not like it, etc. It's like a, it's a convivial thing. It's like eating. It works better when it's done in a group and it's live" said Kianmahd.

Through their teaching, they have created a community of wine.

"The thing I love about the store truly is, the customers are awesome. They come in and they hang and they love it here and they come back and they bring their friends and they bring their cousins and they bring their family and it always feels really lively in [here] and energetic" said Kianmahd.

Aside from tasting classes, they have a monthly wine box, gift baskets, and a wine club. This month in particular, they are also introducing a slew of new wine classes, including Champagne and Caviar, and Party Wines.

"We hope they want to come here to learn more about wine and to feel empowered about wine, whenever classes are on how to order wine at a restaurant. Wine can be really geeky. The price points can vary wildly, and it's really hard to understand why. And empowering people with that information is something that I hold dear to my heart. And so [do] Nick and Jenny. So there's definitely the education and community aspects of it. But then also like they come and hang with us late. We love people. We're hospitality people… We do this because we love people" said Kianmahd.

It was important to open on Montana Avenue for Rush, where after over 20 years, she had to shut down Blue Plate Diner in 2017 due to maintenance issues with the building. "She's lived in Santa Monica for 25 years. And this is like her return to the community of Santa Monica on Montana Avenue," said Kianmahd.

Opening Divine Vintage, the hope of Rush and her team was to return some creative and artistic vibes to Montana Avenue that have been lost over the years. "It's not the same anymore, because the businesses that are here don't reflect what the creativity and the sort of … boho vibe that Montana initially had… It was eclectic…Montana was cool for a long time like in the 90s when I grew up here, and then it kind of just changed. Now it's a lot of not sexy businesses" said Kianmahd.

Divine Vintage marks a revival of the lost artistic culture of Santa Monica, and for Rush and Dumerge, it is the perfect setting to express their own artistry with the community. "They love to share what they know. And they love to share what they have with the people in Santa Monica. And that's kind of why it works" said Kianmahd.

More information about the shop can be found at www.divinevintage.com

NEW BUSINESS

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the pandemic and specifically challenges related to the use of third party delivery services as reasons the store would close. The owners said they hope another restaurant would take the space but nothing is on the immediate horizon.

Tara's Himalayan

The Santa Monica location at 262 26th St. has closed but customers can still order from the Venice location.

HiDeHo Comics

What was once the longest continuously operating comic book store in the area will close at the end of the year. The store was one of several looted during the 2020 riots but survived and moved to its current location. However, difficulties at the stores sister location in Torrance and medical issues with one of the owners are prompting the closure.

NEW OPENINGS

Bandit Bikes

A brand new bike store has opened at 930c Broadway. According to the e-bike dealership's website, "You can explore our top-notch e-bike range, take a test ride, and discover which model is the perfect fit for you."

El Husuba

The designer bag store stocks all manner of high-end brands, including Chanel, Prada, Gucci, Burberry and more. It can be found at 1437 3rd Street Promenade.

Little Hawaii Smoothie Bar

The site formerly home to KC Chocolatier will offer residents and visitors to Santa Monica a taste of the tropics located at 1431 2nd Street, on the ground floor of parking structure six.

Impasta

The popular pasta eatery based in Beverly Hills has opened a second site in Santa Monica. The menus are fully customizable, so you can create your own meal and choose the ingredients you want. You can order online for either delivery or pick up from 413 Santa Monica Blvd.

Pieces Los Angeles

Following on from the success of two pop-up stores in Arcadia and Melrose, the flagship store of the Los Angeles fashion outlet can now be found at Unit 149, Santa Monica Place and along with its own brand of clothing, it also stocks labels like Hellstar and Supreme to designer lines like Marni and Balenciaga

CoComelon Party Time

The space on the ground floor of the east side of Santa Monica Place that normally accommodates short-term activations like World of Barbie is currently filled by an immersive experience that takes you inside the world of the Netflix show CoComelon where children can explore their way through a variety of interactive party experiences. It runs until December 30.

Sweet Maple

Renowned California restaurateur Hoyul Steven Choi expands his brunch empire throughout California with the official opening of Sweet Maple — Santa Monica 1705 Ocean Avenue Suite #110. A few blocks from the Santa Monica State Beach and Santa Monica Pier, Sweet Maple — Santa Monica introduces for the first time an iconic San Francisco brunch eatery to foodies in Southern California. The new 4,000+ square feet locale at the corner of Olympic and Ocean features contemporary California fare with savory flavors from the Korean kitchen

REPLACEMENTS

Stout Burger & Beers…is being replaced by Burgette

The compact and bijou burger bar at 111 Santa Monica Blvd is being replaced by another burger joint, this new one is called Burgette, due to open in January of 2024.

Vanilla Bake Shop ... is being replaced by The Butter End Cakery

The snug bakery at 512 Wilshire Blvd that sold from-scratch cupcakes, dessert jars and other sweets is being replaced by a boutique bakery called The Butter End Cakery. Helmed by Food Network judge Kimberly Bailey, it will specialize in ornate cakes and tiered designs plus other haute desserts and is set to open in April of next year.

MOVERS

Crisp Imaging

The reprographics and print studio has moved from 708 Santa Monica Blvd to 910 Broadway, suite 104. "Crisp Imaging moved its location a few streets over due to the development occurring at our old location. This works out better for our company as well," Gary Crisp, Founder and CEO told the Daily Press.

SHAKERS

The Local Cannabis Company at 925 Wilshire Blvd has finally been granted a permit to sell recreational cannabis, rather than being purely a medical marijuana dispensary. Look out for an opening celebration on Thursday, Dec. 14, where there will be giveaways for customers, goodie bags, first time discounts and brand promotions set to take place over the whole weekend.

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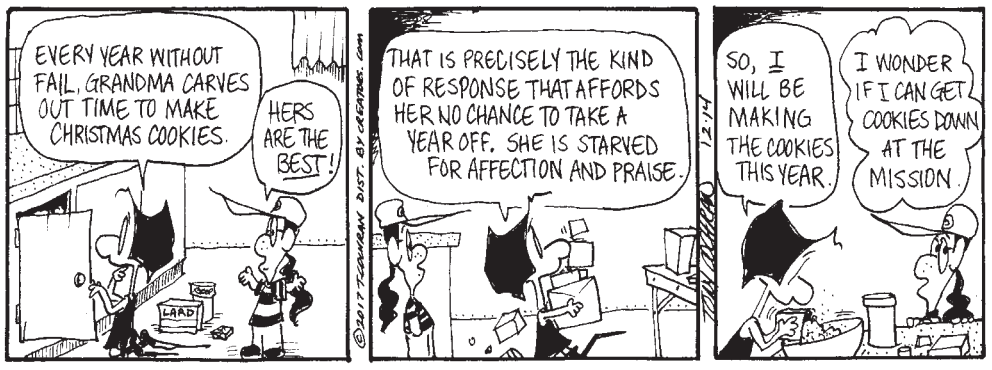


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PANCAKES: The breakfast staple are smaller than average at Sweet Maple but pack a flavorful punch.

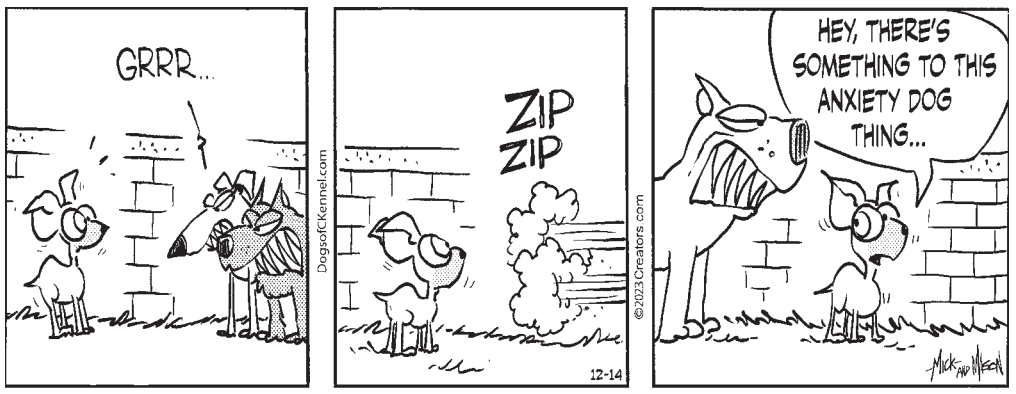
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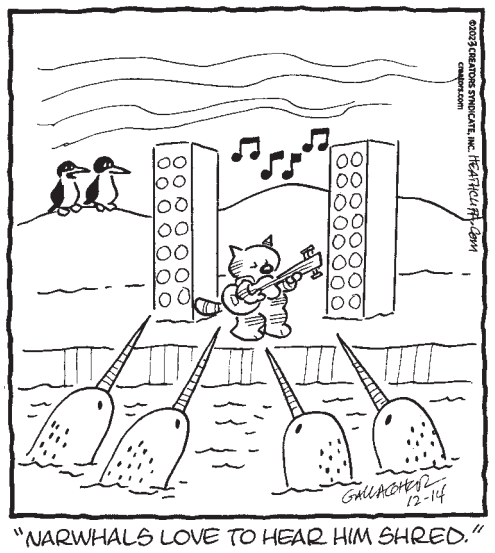
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"NARWHALS LOVE TO HEAR HIM SHRED."

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 12 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Shopping

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Axes	Children	Hats	Shirts
Bags	Dishes	Jams	Shops
Basics	DVDs	Jeans	Skis
Beautician	Eggs	Kits	Tacky
Bike	Ferns	Ladder	Tools
Books	Flowers	Lunch	Toys
Busy	Flute	Noisy	Trees
Cafe	Food	Pets	Tyres
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 14)

Like a sculptor sees the statue inside the marble, you see artful potential in problems. Your ability to adapt and thrive will be truly remarkable and will earn you loyal kinship and financial gain too. More highlights: It will be your pleasure and pride to provide for those in need, you'll break a record, and you'll elevate your health and physique. Scorpio and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 7, 44, 18 and 39.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a good time for asking hard questions. For instance, do you seek a deep understanding of a complex matter, or is there something different going on? Are you trying to control the uncontrollable?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Knowing the answer is only the start. You're all too aware of the work ahead: the long process of implementation, adaptation, recovery and repetition. Do not doubt that you have everything you need to succeed. One thing at a time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Transformation is just what love does. It changes anything in its path. Whether you give your attention and warmth outwardly or focus it on yourself, it happens the same. Hearts blossom; not a forced process, but one of acceptance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Loved ones can comment with a sharp precision that only comes from a deep understanding of your vulnerabilities. You'll use these pokes for your personal growth. Take heed, stay positive and buckle in for your extraordinary emergence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll strike a lovely balance of being aware of how you are perceived without being overly worried with what people think of you. You'll hold back some, give just the right thing and make a fantastic impression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Helping is your main drive. Whatever else is going on for you, you'll set it aside to be there for your people when something comes up. They don't always acknowledge your heroics, but today you'll get the nod.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The awareness of sleeping comes after one has been startled awake. Today's lucky disruption will be an energetic shake-up that will cause you to open your eyes to a level of consciousness that was inaccessible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love fosters a kind curiosity all its own, seeking to find out what people need and how you can help. You connect with people on a heart level and your compassion drives your interest in them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You embody the spirit of an adventurer who defies convention, seeking experiences few would think to do and even fewer would actually risk. It's about time for another one of your courageous escapades. What'll it be?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Our eyes have been trained to see the subject and let the negative space float into the background. Let the negative space be important and a whole different picture emerges, one that will be more interesting and useful to you today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You get clarity on a specific area you could improve on, and you'll see an accessible way to this end. There will be much helping, doing and giving, but nothing you give diminishes you. All that you give makes you bigger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a negotiation to hash out. Keep in mind that some people, for whatever reason, are incapable of sharing. With them, you're better off just giving what you're willing to part with and expecting no return.

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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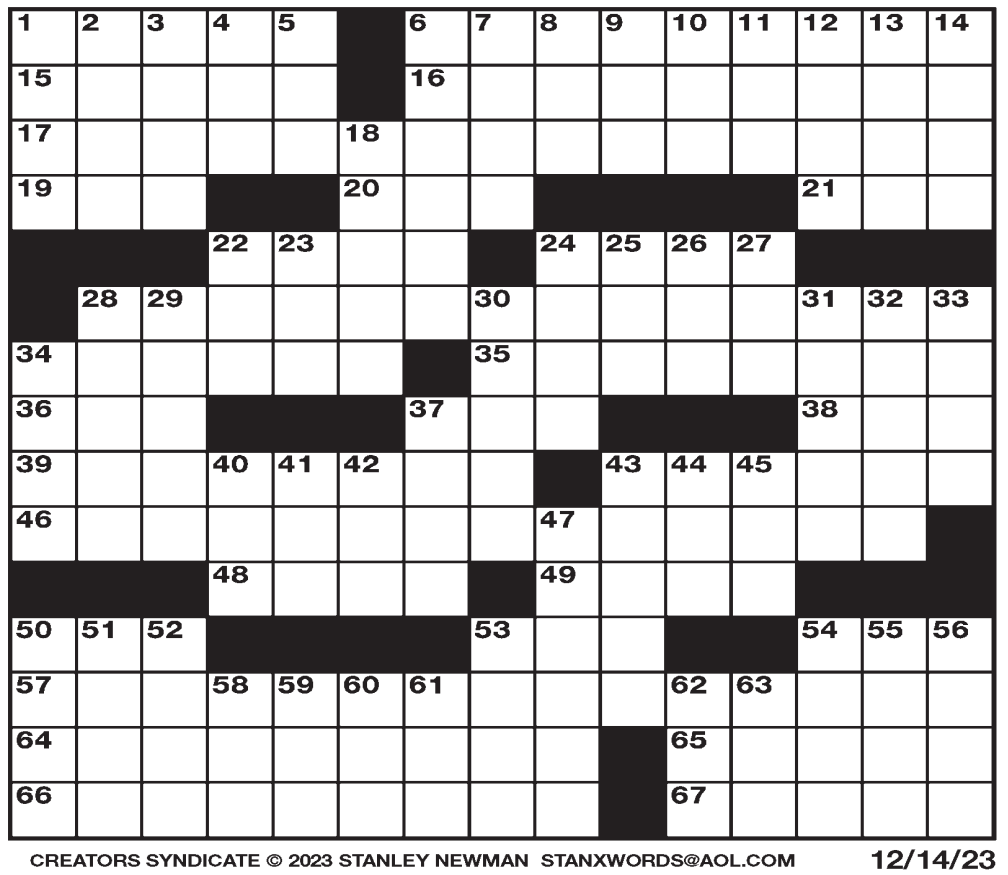
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66 Connoisseurs
67 On pins and needles

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3 Old Testament prophet
4 Forest female
5 Symbolic "help"
6 Stood up
7 Male deliveries
8 Machine part
9 End of some lists
10 Color TV pioneer
11 Something owed
12 Word sung every 1/1
13 "Got it"
14 Suffix meaning "quality"
18 Unspoken
22 Toastmasters, for short
23 Alias preceder
24 Took to court
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26 Profit by
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55 Affirmative votes
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TOWN

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Spanish Harlem Orchestra - Salsa Navidad: It "brings its energy, hard-hitting rhythms, and musical precision to BroadStage with Salsa Navidad, a special holiday concert of American Christmas classics done in a Latin/Salsa style." The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage. Saturday, Dec. 16, 7p.m. 1310 11th St. https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/spanish-harlem-orchestra-salsa-navidad/

Zuma Cars and Coffee: "Exotic Cars – Hyper Cars – Race Cars – The Unusual." Sunday, Dec. 17, 8 - 10a.m.@ Killer Shrimp Marina Del Rey, 4211 Admiralty Way. https://carsandcoffeeevents.com/event/zuma-cars-and-coffee/2023-12-17/

The Network SM Holiday Toy Drive (Sunday, Dec. 17, 12-4 pm): Please bring new, unwrapped toys for kids ages 0-12, OR you can donate gift cards for teenagers. Drop off is from 12-4pm @ 237 Hill St, 90405. You'll see a sign that says "Meditation & Yoga Center" out front. We're partnering with The Church in Ocean Park, the self-described "progressive, inclusive, interfaith church for people who don't like church", to get these holiday presents to kids & teens. (There's free parking in the lot next to 237 Hill St.)

SaMo Democratic Club Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive: "Please join us to celebrate at our 7th Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive for a fun agenda-free holiday party. No speeches, no program. Just informal socializing. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child in need." Sunday, Dec. 17, 5 - 7p.m., at Santa Monica Brew Works, 1900 Colorado Ave. RSVP Here: https://forms.gle/4DGudZtBZtYnTxkr8

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

LA Times Annual "101 Best Restaurants" Features Multiple SaMo Eateries: Staples Melisse, Pasjoli, and Cassia makes the list again, along with newish-comers Crudo-e-Nudo and Birdie G's. https://www.latimes.com/food/list/101-best-los-angeles-restaurants-ranked-2023

Eater LA Covers New Sweet Maple on Ocean Ave: This write-up states "A Silicon Valley Brunch Spot Delivers Quiet Luxury and 'Millionaire's Bacon' to Santa Monica" that took over the former Joan's on Third Santa Monica location @ 1705 Ocean Ave. https://la.eater.com/2023/12/8/23993972/sweet-maple-asian-brunch-restaurant-santa-monica-opening-los-angeles

Gourmandise School Offering Cookie Classes & Recipe Kit Gift Ideas: This KTLA Channel 4 video report visits the Gourmandise School @ SaMo Place for holiday ideas. @ Santa Monica Place https://www.nbclosangeles.com/california-live/from-cooking-to-shopping-were-getting-the-best-of-the-holidays-in-santa-monica/3285309/

Tre Mani Infatuation Review Describes it as "A Santa Monica must-try": "When one of the city's best bakeries and a Westside pizzeria collab, the result is incredible Roman flatbread sandwiches." 1620 Ocean Park Blvd. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/tre-mani

Nibbles & Bubbles with Chateau Ste Michelle at SALT Restaurant: "We're reflecting on 2023 and all its highs and lows with some bubbles and the makers behind Chateau Ste Michelle Winery." $95 ticket includes a welcome glass of bubble & three-course dinner with pairings. Thursday, December 14, 7p.m. @ 13534 Bali Way, Marina del Rey https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nibbles-bubbles-with-chateau-ste-michelle-at-salt-restaurant-bar-tickets-532691954977

Wally Wine Tasting x Fallen Grape Natural Wine Tasting: Fallen Grape is an organically grown, natural wine, with two varieties in the portfolio. Grown from the central coast of California using sustainable practices to maintain the wines integrity. $35. Saturday, Dec 16 3 - 5 p.m. @ 214 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.exploretock.com/wallys-wine-spirits-santa-monica/event/451732/wally-wine-tasting-x-fallen-grape

Holey Grail Seasonal Holiday Menu: Flavors include their Naughty List, made with Hawaiian vanilla bean cookie glaze and charcoal streusel; Saffron Snickerdoodle spiced with saffron and rolled in cinnamon and vanilla sugar. Holey Grail Donuts also has a holiday pop up with popular San Francisco's bean-to-bar chocolate maker, Dandelion Chocolate running through December 31. 2441 Main St. https://www.holeygraildonuts.com/

Further Afield: "Elf in Concert" at Peacock Theater in Downtown L.A. The event brings the beloved 2003 Christmas flick to the silver screen alongside a live performance of John Debney's score by a full symphony orchestra led by the film composer himself. Relive Buddy's antics in New York City with the whole family Sunday, Dec. 17, 4p.m. https://www.peacocktheater.com/events/detail/elf121723

Looking Ahead Around Town: Pier Locals Night Holiday Extravaganza (12/21), Marina Glow Party & Fireworks (12/31),

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Here are my past columns and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Halloween Activities and Flavors & A Cookie Tasting Event.

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NOTEWORTHY

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this side of Lambert, Hendricks & Ross, they took a musical form that doesn't sell millions or pack stadiums, and made it good and popular, worldwide, for half a century. When you hear them, you will know why. Fri 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $109-209.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Looking for something different? But really good? And on a Monday? EVERY Monday? They'll even be there Christmas night – "Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it were, it couldn't possibly be this good. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night." Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

X - For years I have said, that until you've seen X rock the wallpaper off an LA venue, you haven't really experienced them, in all their power and charisma. And you haven't lived. The intimate Roxy? Might explode those nights. Better get tickets to the first night. Tues,. Wed 8 p.m., Roxy Theater, W. Hollywood, $50.

BILLY GIBBONS & FRIENDS – This will be very electric blues rock guitar heaven. And in the lil ol Troubadour? Look out. ZZ Top co-founder Gibbons was a phenom at 16, praised and promoted by none other than Jimi. He's in a class by himself. And his friends? God, or The Devil, might flash onto the stage, all strapped into their Strats. Even with only Billy's terrestrial friends, it could be jaw-dropping. Tues, Wed, Thurs 7 p.m., The Troubadour, W. Hollywood, $55.

Next Thurs - CELSO & DARRYL – Go. Just go. I'm not going to write a paragraph about how great they are. Look up the two dozen I've already published. Of course, you have got to love the blues. If you do, you will be, well, delighted. Thurs 8 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10. (No, seriously, only 10 bucks, parking structure next door to Havelle's, small room with great sound, cheap drinks – really, just what do you want?)

RECOMMENDED:

RACHAEL & VILRAY – She's Rachael Price, the captivating, authentic vocalist for Lake Street Dive, what a voice, and delivery, and Vilray is a guy she knew in school. They both love a certain style of -30s-'40s vocal music, and they do a great job. I've seen better, but it's rare, and they are good together, so, enjoy. Mon 7 p.m., The Troubadour, W. Hollywood, $30-35.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great decadent fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Toledo may have his trademark ciggy, but it's the band that really smokes! Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 12/17, 24, 31, 1/7, 14, 21, 28; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 12/18, 25. 1/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; RICK SHEA, TONY GILKYSON, Cinema Bar, 12/28; DUDAMEL, LA PHIL, MAHLER 6, Disney Hall,1/11/ 12; Whisky a Go Go 60th Anniversary presents LOVE. "FOREVER CHANGES," W. Hollywood, 1/14/24; BOOKER T. JONES, The Soraya, 2/2/24; HOT TUNA acoustic, McCabe's, 2/10/24; ROBERT FRIPP, David Singleton, An Evening of Conversation, Questions, Insights, McCabe's, 3/3/24; ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS, The Soraya, 4/21/24. "LA TRAVIATA," LA Opera. 4/6, 14, 18, 21, 24, 27; RHIANNON GIDDENS, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 4/25; "TURANDOT," LA Opera, 5/18, 26, 30, 6/2, 5, 8; CHRIS STAPLETON, Hollywood Bowl, 6/26, 27; ROLLING STONES, SoFi Stadium, 7/10, 13.

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