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Mélisse to reopen as 14-seat restaurant, with Citrin bistro next door



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REOPENING: Melisse will reopen with a new tasting menu including the Uni Puff with uni, truffle and honey.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

One of Santa Monica's most iconic restaurants will reopen its doors next week, and it's bringing a new concept along for the ride.

Chef Josiah Citrin closed Mélisse late last year, saying he would reimagine the white tablecloth French restaurant to reflect the changing fine dining scene. On Monday, Dec. 23 — 20 years after its debut — Mélisse will reopen as a 14-seat restaurant with a seasonal tasting menu. Citrin will also open the 99-seat restaurant Citrin in the same building on Thursday, Dec. 19.

"With the retooling of Mélisse and the opening of Citrin, we want to offer something novel and compelling to our longtime Los Angeles patrons," Citrin said.

Mélisse's nine-course, $295 tasting menu will be accompanied by a $195 France and California-focused wine pairing. Guests can also opt for a non-alcoholic pairing that features housemade kombucha and infusions.

Citrin said he will continue to source ingredients from the Santa Monica Farmers Market, which he has frequented since he was a teenager growing up in Santa Monica and Venice, and draw on his French culinary training.

"It's progressive California cuisine using modern and classic

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Tenants secure $1 million settlement from Santa Monica landlords

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Nine local rent-controlled tenants have secured a million-dollar settlement in a lawsuit against their former landlords.

In the 2016 lawsuit, the tenants alleged that their landlords, the Mink family, maintained their apartment building in an uninhabitable and unsafe condition and then illegally tried to terminate their tenancies after a fire forced them to vacate the building and failed to pay them temporary relocation benefits required under local law. The building on Ocean Front Walk near the Santa Monica Pier, which was known as the Overlook Hotel, caught fire in December 2015.

The fire was a result of the building's substandard electrical system, according to a press release from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and Scali Rasmussen, PC, who represented the tenants pro bono. The tenants said the building also contained defective plumbing, fire prevention and heating systems, mold and infestations of bedbugs and cockroaches.

The Mink family did not pay the tenants the temporary relocation benefits required under Santa Monica law while they were

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SMMUSD budget shows $4.7 million shortfall by 2020 / 2021

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

With winter break a few weeks away for many Santa Monica students and teachers, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District gathered Thursday for its final board meeting in the month of December.

Decisions related to the board's leadership and budget matters were some of the many agendized items that were discussed during the four-hour meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENT

"Today is actually the last day that Ricard will serve as president and Jon as vice president. From my vantage point, you guys have done a wonderful job during the year," said Superintendent Ben Drati at the beginning of Thursday's meeting.

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The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2627 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2627 (CCS) ("the Ordinance")

The Ordinance amends Section 3.21.090 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to state that permits issued pursuant to Chapter 3.21, Shared Mobility Device Pilot Program, shall terminate and be of no further force or effect beyond May 17, 2020, unless otherwise extended or terminated earlier by the City.

Ordinance Number 2627 (CCS) was adopted on December 10, 2019 and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, December 18

The Story of Snow
We will read from, Our Wonderful Weather: Snow by Valerie Bodden and learn why and how snow falls in certain regions. Work on a project to make some snow and take it to go! Limited space; registration starts, 11/25. Ages 6-10. Friends sponsored. Pico Branch Library Annex, 4 - 5 p.m.

Pajama Storytime: Winter Wonderland
Cozy up in PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and get ready for a winter wonderland of stories! For families. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group
December title: Renoir's Dancer, by Catherine Hewitt. In the 1880s, Suzanne Valadon was considered the Impressionists' most beautiful model. Then Renoir caught her indulging in a passion she had been trying to conceal: the model was herself a talented artist. Hewitt tells the remarkable tale of an ambitious, headstrong woman fighting to find a professional voice in a male-dominated world. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 pm.

Thursday, December 19

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting
The Recreation & Parks Commission advises City Council and City staff on matters related to recreation and use of public open space. City Hall Council Chamber, 7:30 p.m.

Finals Study Hall for High School Students
Grab some coffee and snacks, and take advantage of a quiet study area in the Activity Room, or check out a private study room with a library card. Please note: private study rooms are first-come, first-served, with limited availability. Presented by the Santa Monica Public Library Teen Advisory Council. Main Library, Activity Room, 2 - 7 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pico Branch Library, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Friday, December 20

Music and Movement at the Library
A musical story time that will have little ones singing and dancing along as they learn important early literacy skills. For ages 18 months to five years old. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Main Library Docent Tours
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection! Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Main Library, Central Courtyard, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

Master Gardeners at the Market
Helping others to grow more of their own food, even in an urban setting! Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month. Virginia Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Ocean Park Fiction Winners Book Group
This book group reads and discusses prize-winning fiction. The group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month. December's title: 'Euphoria' by Lily King. Ocean Park Branch Library, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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Your column here

Kevin McKeown

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We can't afford not to

BY KEVIN MCKEOWN

A Daily Press headline last week bannered that the City Council supports removing barriers to development. In fact, the Council discussed restrictions on commercial development, instead encouraging housing, specifically affordable housing.

Some will say, "Why?" Others will counter, "Why did it take so long?" And isn't it true that Santa Monica already has done a better job over many years, producing far more real affordable housing than other cities?

California's housing crisis is an affordability crisis, which has escalated to the point where draconian state laws threaten to override locally sensitive land use and housing decisions. Newly issued regional housing mandates assign over 9000 new housing units to Santa Monica in the next eight-year cycle, with the large majority required to be affordable.

Housing for the wealthy is not a problem. If we simply let developers erect profitable market-rate housing at the same rate as the last eight-year cycle, we'll easily meet the assigned market-rate goal. Deed-restricted affordable housing, though, will take money and encouragement, such as streamlined processes and zoning changes to benefit non-profits.

What we will not do is let mandated new housing replace our existing occupied rent-controlled apartments, displace our neighbors, or gentrify Santa Monica in ways that make living here unaffordable for long-time residents.

Fortunately, Santa Monica already has years of earned experience in protecting our inclusive mix of housing options for residents at all economic levels.

PRESERVING EXISTING AFFORDABILITY

Santa Monica's latest zoning ordinances shift new housing opportunities to transit-served boulevards and to downtown, relieving some of the pressure on existing, occupied, relatively affordable housing in our neighborhoods.

PREVENTING HOUSING LOSS

We took decisive action when the conversion of rental apartments to vacation rentals was turning neighborhoods into tourist party zones and our existing affordable housing stock into de facto hotel rooms. Santa Monica's law controlling home sharing is the strongest in the country, has repeatedly been affirmed in court challenges, and is now locked in by the recent resident-friendly settlement we won from AirBnb.

PROTECTING RENTERS

We have expanded our protections against tenant harassment, and increased renter relocation benefits. Recently we countered Ellis Act eviction abuses with new rules, higher fines, and greater enforcement powers for the City Attorney's Office. We've enhanced no-fault eviction protections during the school year for educators and families with students.

HELPING RENT-BURDENED SENIORS

Our initial "Preserve Our Diversity" pilot program, providing rent subsidies to long-time resident seniors, was so successful that the Council allocated $2 million more to help as many as 400 low-income, often minority, senior households.

PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE POOR

Santa Monica's pioneering "source of income" ordinance, which expanded housing opportunities for tenants with federal Section 8 housing vouchers or other housing subsidies, is now enshrined in California state law.

Despite all these efforts, the overheated regional housing market means increased economic pressures on Santa Monica residents, particularly renters. We still don't have enough affordable housing, and just one visible proof of that is the number of unhoused people on our streets.

Just this week the Supreme Court let stand the so-called "Boise" ruling, which protects the right of homeless people to sleep in public places if housing or other shelter is not available. Again, Santa Monica is a bit ahead of most cities.

Last April the City Council authorized up to 150 units of supportive housing on city-owned land downtown, replacing an aging parking structure. This new housing will be specifically designed and staffed to ease the transition out of homelessness for individuals and families currently on our streets.

Santa Monica has a long history of commitment to affordable housing. Our City Charter requires at least 30% of new units in multi-family buildings be affordable. Our Downtown Community Plan requires up to 35%.

Ever since the state of California ended redevelopment funding for affordable housing seven years ago, though, we haven't had enough public money to encourage sufficient production of 100%-affordable deed-restricted housing for lower-income families. Even after passing local tax measures to fund affordable housing, our best efforts have been unable to meet exploding need.

So, the Council is looking at removing barriers to more affordable housing, not development in general. We'll be considering effective strategies to retain and increase our supply of affordable housing.

We can't afford not to.

Kevin McKeown is Mayor of Santa Monica

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ALL MUST SPEAK OUT, III

TIRED

Tired of writing the same headline for my columns. Tired of why I must. Because it just doesn't stop these days, does it?

The dams have broken, the unrelenting flood of political evil in SM and DC sweeps our breath away daily, hourly.

Wait — "evil"? That's a pretty extreme word, isn't it? Aren't we talking about a disagreement over political philosophy, or policy?

No. This isn't that. That train left the station a few years ago. Obama was born in Kenya. We can build our way to affordability of housing in SM. No, you can't have any Constitutionally-mandated judicial appointments, not even your Supreme Court nominee. Defend at large elections that keep you in power even though you lost in court, spend tens of millions of our dollars appealing but refuse to tell us how much. Children in cages. $140M of our money for an office building so "green" it will be world-famous. 15,000+ lies and counting. (hmm — DC or SM?) Give our city-owned land in the center of town over to a developer for their huge profit, forget the plaza open space for residents that it should be.

In Santa Monica it's a little harder to get away with evil, so we just go for corrupt.

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THAT "OPEN PROCESS"

For what will happen to the Muir Woods mural? Truth be told, it never was open. The Save the Muir Woods Mural (SMWM) group — Jerry and Marissa Rubin and me — have fought, mostly without success, for nearly six years to get information. From our first meeting with then-Olympic High principal Janie Gates to last week's stealth School Board meeting consent calendar torpedo, it's been too much obfuscation and deception.

I still trust the School Board to do the right thing. They are elected officials subject to the will of the people, and most of the effort to continue to destroy the mural rather than restore it seems to come from a small cadre within SMMUSD with their own agenda for that wall and property at Lincoln and Ocean Park. Visible, valuable.

A consent item put on the calendar, only four days before a Board meeting in Malibu last October, would have sealed its fate, without any community input. They removed that item and at the subsequent Board meeting declared they would get that community input and abide by it.

Now there seems to be some fudging. We see that last week's Board meeting contained another consent calendar item — meaning, no discussion, items supposedly so obviously needed and without opposition that a whole slew of them is voted on as a group, just a yes or no. It was so buried at the bottom it took me about five minutes of scrolling down to find it. You really have to keep your eyes on these folks, to make sure they do the right thing that I'm sure they want to do, which is to leave it up to the community to decide.

SOUNDS GOOD, BUT...

"The Board directed FIP staff to engage Jane Golden [the original artist] and [her] Mural Arts Institute to lead an inclusive community process in creating a new mural that will pay homage to the Muir Woods mural and also reflect the vision of the MBO[bama] campus. Board Member Kean graciously agreed to act as a liaison with Mural Arts Institute to request a proposal to provide these services."

But what does inclusive mean? There is no mention of the SMWM group as a longtime representative of community stakeholders. No one has told us of any plans for us to be included in the process. No one has told us anything, despite repeated promises to do so.

A few months ago SMMUSD COO Carey Upton stood with me on the sidewalk in front of the mural and looked me in the eye and promised that, despite past silence, he would keep the SMWM group informed and in the loop. A week later banners went up over the mural declaring it the site of the Obama Center. Haven't heard a peep from anybody since.

"Homage"? No, from the very beginning we have made it crystal clear that the value of this 41-year-old representation of conservation is the way it so realistically wraps around that building at that very busy intersection. That's what everyone loves. It pulls you in.

No cutting the baby in half. No one is interested in an "homage." The language of this leaves no possibility for the repainting restoration.

"Graciously"? What kind of obviously prejudicial language is that in an official governing document? In fact, Board member Keane violated the agreement both sides made during our mediation process, to not contact Golden, because she stated clearly she did not want to be involved in a fight.

But I'm sure everyone wants to do the right thing and that it will all work out. Trust, and verify.

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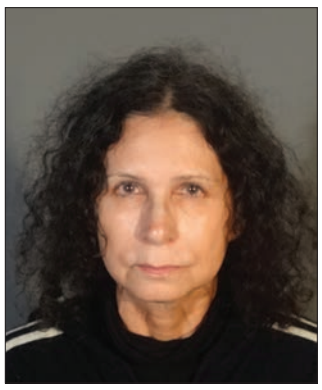
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON DECEMBER 3, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:25 P.M.
Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 900 block of PCH involving multiple cars. Officers arrived on scene and observed a female talking with a Public Safety Officer who arrived at the traffic collision first. The Public Safety Officer observed the female driver exit the car that had significant front end damage. When contact was made with the driver, he noted the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from her person. Officers conducted various field sobriety tests to check for impairment. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence. Virginia Skolnik, 62, from Pacific Palisades was arrested for DUI Alcohol causing injury, DUI with BAC .08% or greater causing injury and Driving with BAC .01% or more while on DUI Probation. Bail was set at $100,000.



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California freelance journalists sue over new state law

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Two national groups representing freelance writers and photographers on Tuesday filed the second legal challenge to California's broad new labor law that aims to give wage and benefit protections to people who work as independent contractors.

While the public focus has been largely on ride-share companies such as Uber and Lyft, the lawsuit brought by the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Press Photographers Association says the law would unconstitutionally affect free speech and the media.

The law set to take effect Jan. 1 makes it harder for companies to classify workers as independent contractors instead of employees, who are entitled to minimum wage and benefits such as worker's compensation. It establishes the nation's strictest test and could set a precedent for other states to follow.

The livelihood of many freelance writers, editors and visual journalists would be threatened by an "irrational and arbitrary" limit of 35 submissions per year, per client, before they would be considered employees, the lawsuit says.

That requirement draws "unconstitutional content-based distinctions about who can freelance," the lawsuit argues, noting that "the government faces a heavy burden of justification when its regulations single out the press."

The bill's author, Democratic Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez of San Diego, did not immediately comment, nor did Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who is named in the lawsuit.

The Pacific Legal Foundation, a nonprofit libertarian group, brought the lawsuit on behalf the organizations and filed it in federal court in Los Angeles.

The two associations together have more than 650 members in California. Their lawsuit asks a judge to invalidate the portion of the law that would affect them.

The lawsuit was filed the day after the digital sports media company SB Nation, owned by Vox Media, announced that it would end its use of more than 200 California freelancers, switching instead to using a much smaller number of new employees.

The California law "makes it impossible for us to continue with our current California team site structure because it restricts contractors from producing more than 35 written content 'submissions' per year," the company said on its website.

The new law implements a legal ruling last year by the California Supreme Court regarding workers at the delivery company Dynamex. But the Pacific Legal Foundation lawsuit says that ruling would have had little direct effect on professionals engaged in "original and creative" work, like its clients.

The law gives newspaper companies a one-year delay to figure out how to apply to the law to newspaper carriers, who work as independent contractors. The California Newspaper Publishers Association, which sought the extension, did not immediately comment on the new lawsuit.

The California Trucking Association last month filed the first challenge to the law, arguing it would harm independent truckers. Uber, Lyft and DoorDash have said they will spend $90 million on a 2020 ballot measure opposing the law if they can't negotiate other rules for their drivers. Uber also said it will keep treating its drivers as independent contractors and defend that decision in court if needed.

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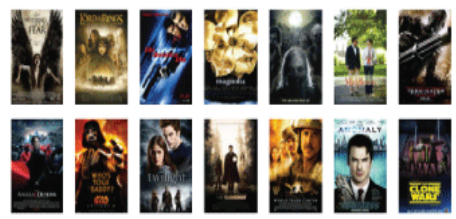
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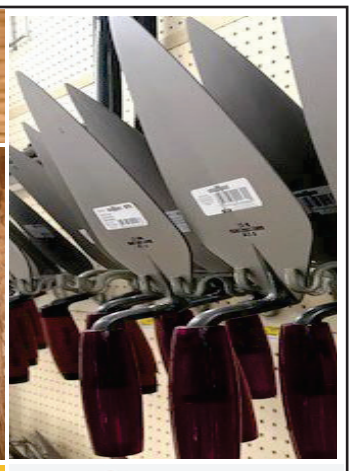
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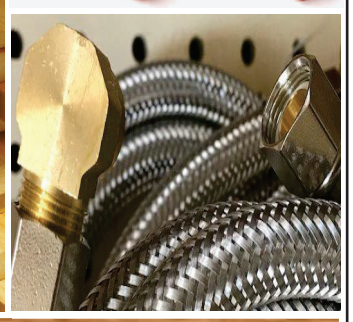
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You'll gain from becoming more involved in your community, and you'll find a niche that serves all quite well while making you the money you need for your next adventure. A sincere and devoted individual comes into your world. Work brings pleasure, and pleasure brings work. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 40, 12 and 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've an appreciation for history. Thinking backward helps you think forward. There will come a day when people don't have to deal with the things you're dealing with now. You'll look back in amazement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't struggle with your choices. There is nothing for you in vacillation or fickleness. Instead, think of yourself as one who researches and observes until your choice is clear. You're not indecisive. You're just thorough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because you know the same word definitions doesn't mean you speak the same language. Slow down; double-check; stay aware of the other person. Then you can avoid the trouble caused by miscommunication.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One person is embarrassed or offended by something that is no big deal to the next person. To fulfill today's purposes, toe a straight line down the acceptable and middle lane of appropriateness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Machines are broken when they can't do the thing they were built to do. People aren't like that. You can't assume the brokenness of a living thing, because you don't know what it was built to do. Living things transform instead of break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There doesn't have to be agreement, similarity or a confluence of interests for things to work between people. Those things are a luxury. As long as there is respect and the acknowledgment of connection, coexistence is possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The small works can't be tended to in broad strokes. Too much would get missed. The large works require a mix of both broad strokes and attention to detail. So whether you're working large or small, the small things will matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a way of loving another person that is purely for your own expression and joy. Then you have an entirely different way of showing your love that matches how the other person would prefer to receive it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Attraction is the trigger that inspires you to flex your muscles of imagination. Wanting makes you resourceful. Needing makes you determined. Speculating makes you smart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In days of old, one had to go door to door to make connections. Now the doors are email addresses and the knock is a good subject line. Such things are worth spending time on to get right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Longing is, to many, an uncomfortable version of love. Then there are those who actually prefer it, though they may not realize or admit this is so. Being at a distance allows for much fantasy and idealism.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People can walk your path with you, but they can't walk it for you. They can do a lot of other things for you, and you should totally make sure that they do today, as success will depend on deft delegation.

Venus Rings the Buzzer

The last four weeks have been rife with power plays, shows of authority and political shifts. Now the timer ticks down to the last day of Venus in Capricorn, and here comes the buzzer. Make your move or let it go. Tomorrow Venus in Aquarius begins a cooling cycle when we can get a grip on heated feelings and learn emotional mastery.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"I'm angry that my husband, a Pisces, isn't a better father. He's not bad, but he's far from good. He plays with our 4-year-old, but after about 20 minutes he's on to doing what's more important to him – taking a business call, shopping online, watching television. He just doesn't have great parenting skills and has no interest in developing any. I'm angry that he doesn't take more of an interest in our child's development, and I feel as though I am doing all of the work. It's just not fair. Signed, Leo Mom." Your sign connects to children in a unique way. To expect others to have the same connection is unreasonable and a good way of setting yourself up for disappointment. Your standards are too high for him to fulfill, and he doesn't want to. If he ever feels like being a better parent, it will be by his own volition. There is probably nothing you can do to make him more interested in parenting, although being angry with him is sure to make him less interested in being loving toward you. I write this to liberate your soul and prod you to move on from this losing battle. Celebrate what he does give, and find workarounds for his limitations.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Christina Aguilera grew up in front of an audience, from "The Mickey Mouse Club" to "Genie in a Bottle" and beyond. Sagittarians are usually more worldly than their years can account for, and Aguilera proves her sophistication by playing with media perceptions, changing her image constantly and producing vocals that can go toe-to-toe with any of the world's best singers. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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Noun
The ringing or sound of bells.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



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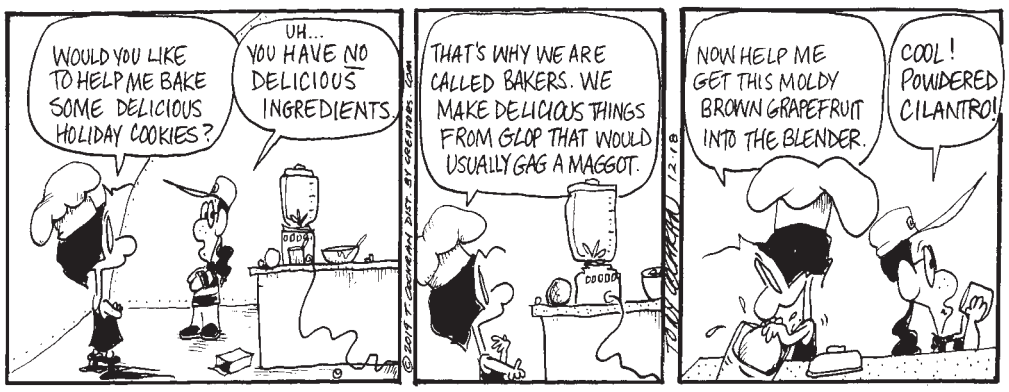
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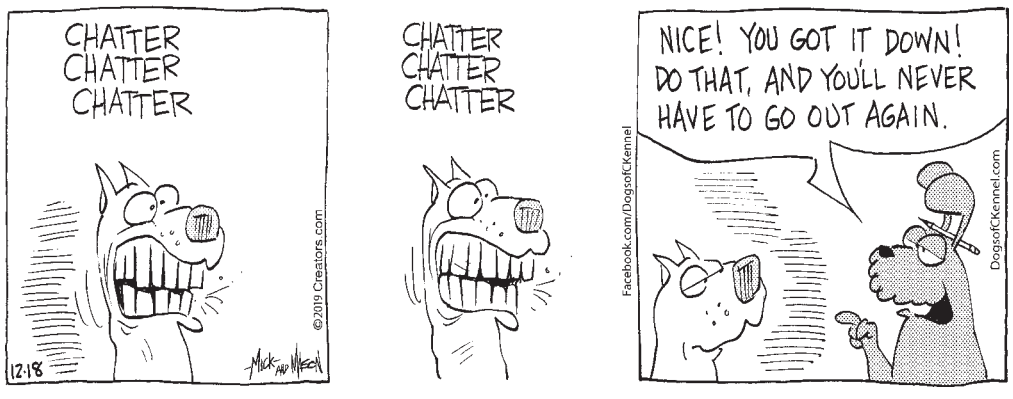
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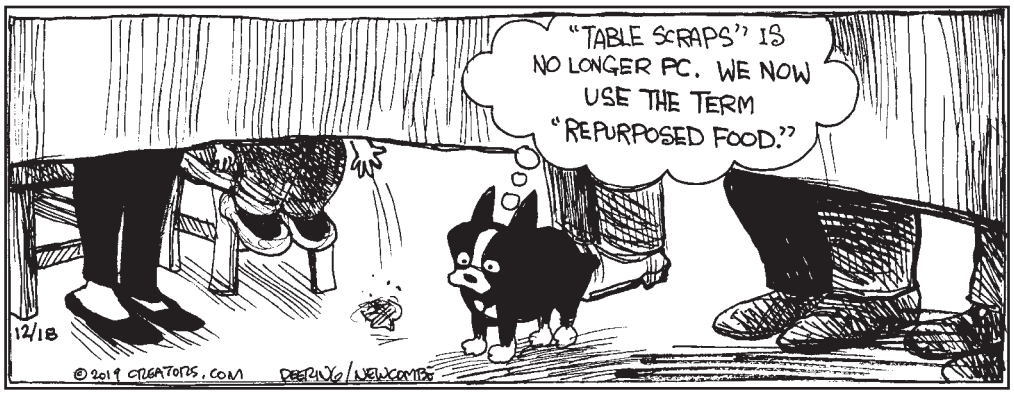
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Jackpot: 160 M

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Draw Date: 12/13
17 21 29 39 56
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 372 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 12/14
8 9 22 42 43
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 12 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/16
3 18 24 25 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/16
Evening: 6 8 1
Draw Date: 12/16
Midday: 1 5 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/16
1st: 02 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS RACE
TIME: 1:46.37

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.0°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Fading NW swell-mix. Favorable winds. Offshore Santa Ana winds, strongest out west.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Leftover NW swell-mix. New WNW swell due late. Favorable winds.

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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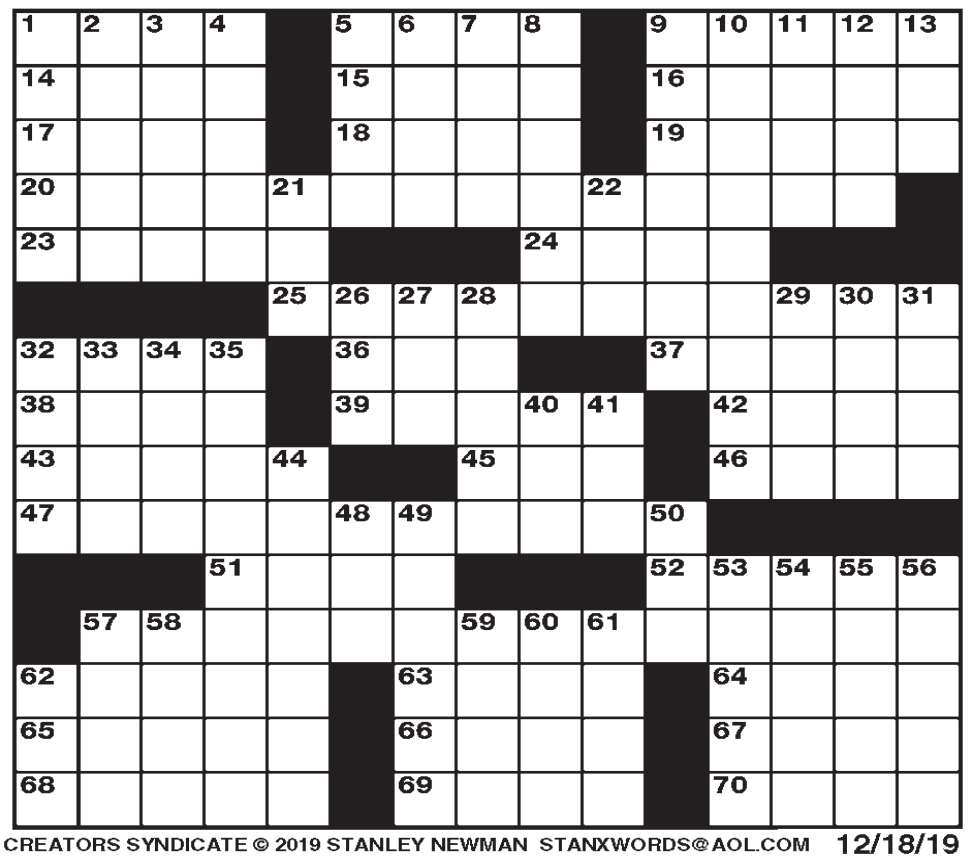
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Newsday Crossword

SLEEPY TIME by Carolyn Stewart
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ACROSS
1 Lose sleep (over)
5 Relaxing resorts
9 Exxon sister brand
14 Green citrus fruit
15 VIP's auto
16 Got up
17 Shakespeare's river
18 Each, informally
19 Ferris wheels and carousels
20 Sleep
23 Hard to climb
24 "The result __!"
25 Sleep
32 Prescriptions, for short
36 Pastor's nickname
37 Brother-in-law's daughter
38 "Right away," in a memo
39 Small rounded hill
42 Western alliance acronym
43 Throat ailment, briefly
45 Colorful pond fish
46 Smile broadly
47 Sleep
51 Matador's bull
52 Cause to chuckle
57 Sleep
62 Where Port-au-Prince is capital
63 Scarlett O'Hara's home
64 CBS crime series
65 Big name in aluminum
66 List-shortening abbr.
67 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
68 Crystal ball readers
69 Notre __ University
70 Depend (on)

DOWN
1 Cloth national symbols
2 Girder fastener
3 Be overly dramatic
4 Uptight
5 Shut forcefully
6 Accessory for Frosty
7 Pop singer Tori
8 Actress Loren
9 Resident of the Red Planet
10 Getting one's bearings
11 Main part of a letter
12 "Got it!"
13 French article
21 Decide (to)
22 UCLA rival
26 Biblical boat
27 Barbie's boyfriend
28 Bring to mind
29 At one's fingertips
30 Start of a play
31 Lowly worker
32 Noun gender: Abbr.
33 *"¿Cómo __ usted?"*
34 Pub game projectile
35 One watching a game
40 Needing a refill
41 Designer Claiborne
44 Excessive fears
48 Comics canine's comment
49 Paid, as a bill
50 Tool with teeth
53 Seven Dwarfs' occupation
54 First cousin's father
55 Special ability
56 Pundit piece
57 Strong wind
58 Japanese cuisine staple
59 Pro __ (proportionally)
60 Disneyland shuttle
61 New Haven school
62 Is owner of



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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 31 CALLS ON DEC. 16

EMS 1300blk Franklin St 2:10 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Pico Blvd 8:01 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:30 a.m.
EMS 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:32 a.m.
EMS 400blk Colorado Ave 8:37 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 9:08 a.m.
EMS 200blk Broadway 9:25 a.m.
Flooded Condition 1200blk 12th St 11:09 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:15 a.m.
EMS 2100blk 6th St 11:16 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 12:03 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 12:54 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Kansas Ave 12:58 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk 17th St 1:36 p.m.
EMS 600blk Ashland Ave 2:03 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:08 p.m.
EMS 23rd St / Washington Ave 2:09 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:31 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1500blk 2nd St 2:40 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Euclid St 4:02 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 5:17 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Pico Blvd 6:08 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 6:14 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:08 p.m.
EMS 2400blk 26th St 8:23 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 9:46 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 10:22 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 3000blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:38 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 11:19 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Hill St 11:19 p.m.
EMS 2600blk 33rd St 11:34 p.m.

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SMMUSD

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After a short speech, outgoing president Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein asked members to not make a big deal of the occasion and tried to move on with the meeting but fellow board member Craig Foster interjected, explaining it'd be rude to not acknowledge the excellent efforts of Jon Kean and Tahvildaran-Jesswein throughout the past year.

"I know you're committed to innovation; I know you're committed to collaboration; I know you're committed to pushing the district forward… so I'm very thankful and you spent two years of your life," Foster said.

Board member Laurie Lieberman echoed her fellow members' sentiments when she took the microphone, and shortly after it was decided that Kean and Lieberman would serve as the board's respective president and vice-president, members settled into their new seats to wait for the presentation of SMMUSD's First Interim Report, which shows the district's financial position as of October 31, 2019

BUDGET ITEMS

This week's meeting was the first one held since Drati detailed the district's budget situation in a letter addressed to the community.

Drati wrote in late November that the district's financial situation was a pressing problem and a presentation by district staff Thursday outlined the specifics.

While looking at a slide of the district's financial projections, staff said the district is deficit spending a combined $19 million in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years. As a result, SMMUSD's ending fund balance is expected to be negative $4.7 million in 2021-2022.

However, the district is still able to submit its first interim budget report with a Positive Certification since it will still be able to meet its obligation in the current and next two fiscal years, according to Thursday's budget presentation.

Following the board's approval of the first interim budget report, the board of education moved to address a request from the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

"LACOE sent us a letter because they're afraid our reserves have fallen below a certain percentage that they monitor," Kean said, explaining that LACOE sent the same letter to two-thirds of all districts in Los Angeles. "And what they asked us for was a fiscal stabilization resolution … that shows we have a plan to address our deficit so that's what we're trying to accomplish now."

With the adoption of Resolution No. 19-13, SMMUSD will soon begin to identify possible budget reductions for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years, according to the resolution's text. SMMUSD would also be required to formulate a list of the prospective budget cuts that will be included in the 2019-20 second interim report.

"While these actions must be taken to maintain the fiscal stability of the district," the resolution reads. "The Board of Education will continue to make every effort to sustain a high-quality education program for our students."

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MÉLISSE

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techniques with world flavors," Citrin said.

The restaurant will offer 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. seatings from Tuesday through Saturday. (Reservations are available via Tock.) Guests will enter the 14-seat dining room by ringing the doorbell and entering through Mélisse's familiar red door. Chefs and sommeliers will double as servers, leading guests through the dining experience.

Citrin said he has always dreamed of serving guests in a small, intimate setting. Cooking for 14 people means that his chefs can focus on technique and use only the most pristine ingredients, he said.

"There's going to be a very close and beautiful relationship between the guests and the chefs — it will be like going to a dinner party," he said. "I loved the white tablecloth Mélisse, but I spent 20 years doing it and I wanted to do something different."

Occupying the majority of the building at 1104 Wilshire Blvd., Citrin will offer the same sort of California cuisine à la carte. The restaurant will be open daily from 5:30 to 10 p.m. (Reservations are available via Resy.)

"Citrin is going to be a lively, fun place with a big bar," Citrin said. "It will be elegantly decorated with a kind of mid-century feel."

The menu inherits some of Mélisse's signature dishes, such as lobster bolognese and egg caviar. New items from Citrin and chef Ken Takayama include truffle pasta with housemade tagliatelle, truffle foam and white truffles shaved tableside; wild Japanese yellowtail with radish, grapefruit and nori; and Santa Barbara rockfish with chive blossoms, mussels, mussel broth and quince mustard.

Distinct from Citrin's 77-seat dining room, the 22-seat bar offers the full menu and cocktails such as the Love Me Two Times made with mezcal, cherry liqueur, cinnamon demerara, yuzu and angostura and the Wild Horses made with white rum, Pimm's, blueberry-thyme syrup, lime and angostura.

"We'll use the bounty of California products and having fun with bold flavors," Citrin said.

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SETTLEMENT

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displaced after the fire, according to the press release.

"Although it took years of litigation, we were able to get these tenants compensation for the hardships they endured," said Denise McGranahan, an attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. "I hope that this case will serve as a warning to landlords who consider defying laws designed to protect vulnerable tenants."

After the fire, the Mink family filed paperwork with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board to withdraw the property from the residential rental housing market under the Ellis Act. They then began planning to convert the Overlook Hotel and adjacent properties into a commercial enterprise.

The family eventually offered the tenants permanent relocation benefits after illegally terminating their tenancies, according to the press release.

"I lost my home of 28 years and all of my belongings in a fire that could have been prevented had the Mink family taken proper care of their building," said Isabel Cerneka, one of the plaintiffs. "Rather than pay temporary relocation, Marty Mink told my neighbors and me to sleep in sleeping bags on the manager's floor. I am now 77 years old, and the fire took a toll on my health and the lawsuit was very stressful."

John Swenson, an attorney with Scali Rasmussen, said the Mink family delayed the trial in the lawsuit for three and a half years before a judge ruled they had to pay their former tenants $1 million.

"If (they) had simply complied with local law, (their) liability would have been limited to only tens of thousands in relocation benefits," Swenson said.

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Bike Theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:03 a.m.
Battery 1400blk 4th St 1:42 a.m.
Prowler There Now 1400blk 17th St 2:03 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 3:17 a.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:33 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:39 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1900blk Stewart St 6:47 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2700blk Broadway 7:37 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:47 a.m.
Encampment Lincoln Blvd / Grant St 7:54 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Pico Blvd 8:01 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Montana Ave 8:19 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:34 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:42 a.m.
Elder Abuse 3000blk Margaret Lane 8:43 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1200blk 6th St 9:03 a.m.
Assault 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:12 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Idaho Ave 9:16 a.m.
Prowler 200blk Bay St 9:20 a.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 9:26 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:32 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / California Ave 9:48 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk 19th St 9:52 a.m.
Encampment 1400bkk Ocean Front Walk 10:21 a.m.
Encampment 100blk The Beach 10:42 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 11:05 a.m.
Hit And Run Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 11:09 a.m.
Lewd Activity 4th St / Washington Ave 11:16 a.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:21 a.m.
Hit And Run 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:25 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 11:37 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1600blk Berkeley St 11:49 a.m.
Encampment 2800blk Olympic Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Identity Theft 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:51 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:55 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Exodus West 12:26 p.m.
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Panhandling 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 3:16 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2400blk 14th St 3:17 p.m.
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Encampment 600blk Palisades Park 3:40 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 6:19 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Interstate 10 6:34 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2300blk 28th St 6:36 p.m.
Fraud 900blk Euclid St 6:59 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 7:20 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 7:42 p.m.
Grand Theft 2400blk 30th St 8:07 p.m.
Hit And Run 1800blk Centinela Ave 9:07 p.m.
Battery 1500blk 2nd St 9:38 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 10th St / Michigan Ave 10:02 p.m.

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Los Angeles, this is big: We're on the verge of becoming a **no-kill** city *this year*.
But to get there, the animals need you to raise your hand and step up *now*!
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22%
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