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AIRPORT: The long awaited process to determine the future of Santa Monica Airport took another slow step forward at the Dec. 19 council meeting.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica Airport took its first small step to being transformed into a park of some description on Tuesday night when Council voted 6-0 to enter into an agreement with urban design specialist Sasaki Associates, Inc. for community outreach, visioning services and concept design for the Airport conversion project.

City Councilmembers rejected a public lottery form of public outreach to determine the future use of the land currently at Santa Monica Airport back in October. In a 4-3 vote, Council instead opted to ask Sasaki, the Boston-based company originally selected by staff to undertake the technical design work for the airport land, to include a standard public outreach element when they presented their proposal to Council in the meeting on Tuesday evening.

The rejected system would have involved a panel chosen through a randomized lottery-based system that's designed to draw in a broader range of potential participants and to help remove many of the barriers from participation present in the traditional land-use planning community outreach processes.

To put this space into perspective, the principal area of land that would be transformed is 227 acres in area. Central Park in Manhattan is 843 acres and Golden Gate Park in San Francisco is 1,017 acres in size. So, while the project isn't going to break any records, it will without a doubt transform this little corner of Southern California.

Amber Richane, from the Public Works Department with the City of Santa Monica gave an impressive presentation that was well thought out and thorough. It consisted of past examples of transformative projects that Sasaki has worked on all around the world, together with conceptual comparison, hierarchy details, information on outreach and recommended actions.

For most of this presentation and subsequent discussion, the expression "great park" was used as an all-encompassing term,

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Santa Monica's only cannabis dispensary is now open





Thomas Leffler and the Chamber of Commerce

CANNABIS: With the adoption of recreational cannabis sales, Santa Monica's only store, Local Cannabis Co., held a grand opening last week. Lines for the first day of recreational sales stretched the length of the block and the store officially joined the business community with a Ribbon Cutting from the Chamber of Commerce.

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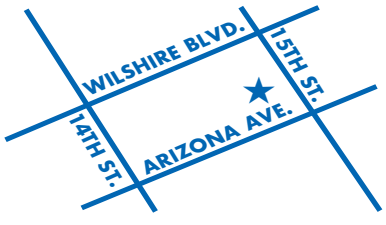
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Six months in and protests continue at local hotels

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Ongoing protests against several local hotels have evolved in the week before Christmas with tents, clothing lines and inflatable rats joining the existing picket activity.

Workers have been protesting since July 4 over expired contracts at hotels across the region.

Unite Here Local 11 represents about 15,000 hotel and hospitality workers in California, including room attendants, dishwashers, cooks, front desk attendants, bellmen, cooks and dishwashers. The union says it is seeking better pay and benefits, which workers say they need because housing, groceries, gas and other basic needs are becoming increasingly unaffordable on their current salaries.

The union's expired contract with hotel operators provided a minimum hourly wage of $20-$25. Workers want an immediate $5-an-hour raise with an additional $3-an-hour raise for 2024 and 2025. The hotels have proposed wage increases of $2.50 per hour in the first year and $6.25 per hour over the following four years, along with maintaining current health care plans and pension contributions.

Some hotels have signed individual deals to settle the protests but so far, Le Merigot Santa Monica is the only hotel in the city to agree to terms with the union.

That has prompted periodic protests at several locations with an increased intensity in recent days. In addition to the regular bull-horns and drums, protests have included tents, clothing strung from street lights and giant inflatable rats.

City officials said some of the new measures crossed legal lines recently, specifically setting up protests on private property and obstructing sidewalks.

"Santa Monica values free speech and freedom of expression, however, local ordinances should be followed," said a statement provided by City Hall. "While some of the enhanced activity may be considered protected within the first amendment, enforcement will be determined based on what is allowed in our city."

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 16 calls over the past weekend related to the protests with most for disturbing the peace. SMPD advised protesters about positioning the tents on private property and monitored their removal.

Officials said the tents did not constitute a violation of local anti-camping laws.

SMPD responded to a call on Sunday evening about a fight occurring between valet staff at the Hampton Inn and demonstrators. After a review of surveillance footage and statements, a report was taken for possible filing of assault and unlawful assembly charges. No arrests were made. There was an additional call on Sunday of a person cutting down the protesters' clothesline and then brandishing a baton. However the suspect had left before officers arrived.

"The organizers of the protest activity have been advised to not interfere with use of the sidewalk," said the statement provided by the city. "The presence of the tents in this regard is separate from our work to address homelessness. Our Police Department and City Attorney's Office continue to monitor the situation."

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The protests have also become a regular topic at City Council meetings. Supporters are asking the City to do more to pressure local hotels to settle and have complained about intimidation and violence against them. Critics have said the protests are a violation of local noise ordinances and say organizers are illegally conducting protest activity on residential streets.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **62.1**

THURSDAY
POOR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Decent size pulse of WNW swell but will need to watch storm expected offshore/near the region to dial in size and quality. Looking like a decent size swell with conditions dicey for most of the region under continued E/SE winds.

FRIDAY
POOR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Currently looking like WNW swell from Wed-Thu will back down through the day. Models are split on whether conditions improve or remain an issue. Stay tuned.

Weather

Thursday: Rain and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 63. East southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Thursday Night: Rain and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 54. East northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Friday: Rain, mainly before 4pm. High near 63. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain, mainly before 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/12/21	Thu	04:45 AM	5.39	H
2023/12/21	Thu	11:43 AM	0.82	L
2023/12/21	Thu	5:30 PM	3.41	H
2023/12/21	Thu	10:48 PM	1.39	L
2023/12/22	Fri	05:27 AM	5.83	H
2023/12/22	Fri	12:40 PM	0.04	L
2023/12/22	Fri	6:48 PM	3.44	H
2023/12/22	Fri	11:35 PM	1.75	L
2023/12/23	Sat	06:07 AM	6.17	H
2023/12/23	Sat	1:27 PM	-0.58	L
2023/12/23	Sat	7:50 PM	3.54	H
2023/12/24	Sun	12:20 AM	2.03	L
2023/12/24	Sun	06:46 AM	6.38	H
2023/12/24	Sun	2:10 PM	-0.98	L
2023/12/24	Sun	8:40 PM	3.62	H
2023/12/25	Mon	01:02 AM	2.22	L
2023/12/25	Mon	07:24 AM	6.47	H
2023/12/25	Mon	2:50 PM	-1.17	L

Daily Lottery

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Draw Date: 12/18
5 8 19 34 39
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Jackpot: 572 M

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Draw Date: 12/19
17 26 50 58 61
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3 6 12 17 29
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/19
16 22 27 30 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/19
EVENING: 4 2 5
Draw Date: 12/19
MIDDAY: 4 5 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/19
1st: 06 - Whirl Win
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
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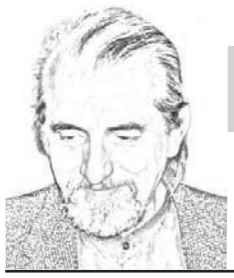
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Peace on Earth ... Please

MUSIC GIFT SUGGESTIONS

I originally intended to identify some super duper box sets of music, LPs/CDs/DVDs/Blue Ray, hi-definition, cool presentations like a fake phonograph or Ray Charles's suitcase. But as happens at holiday time, I got overwhelmed, probably like you. But I will complete this column, and you still have to complete your shopping for your music aficionados. Good luck. Christmas Eve is in three days, and Hanukkah is movin' on. Try mail order if it's not too late, probably is, or jump in the car and drive to Hollywood where you will find all you need and millions more at Amoeba. Or try Westside's Record Surplus, tiny but closer. Best bet: reference my past five columns for local ideas, that may not involve any travel or even wrapping. Happy Holidays, y'all, Peace on Earth.

WHO'S THE BEST GUITARIST?

The Stones ever had? Not Ron Wood, not even Keith. It was MICK TAYLOR, and if you want a slice of evidence take a look at the instrumental breaks in "Dead Flowers," live at the world-famous Marquee Club in London, 1971. That boy could play. Still can. And with your eyes closed you can recognize his style in 20 seconds. He never showed off, but was always exquisitely perfect for the moment. Impeccable taste. Especially for someone barely out of their teens, shoved into the brightest spotlight in rock 'n' roll. Taylor came in for what he thought was some session work but so impressed the Glimmer Twins (M&K) that he was signed up to replace the just-deceased Brian Jones, and two days later, 7/5/69, at the age of 20, debuted as the new Stones guitarist in front of a Hyde Park concert crowd of a quarter million.

Oh, to have been there! But the summer before, I was at one of those famous free Hyde Park concerts, not sure about the date but I think it was Pink Floyd, T. Rex and Jethro Tull. Or it may have been Ten Years After, Fleetwood Mac (when they were a real blues band with a procession of phenom guitarists), Family, Fairport Convention. Why would I not know? Because I wandered in after it started and was at the very back of a quarter million or so, where the figures on stage were ants and the sound was a bit indiscernible. Or it may have been a concert with Brit darlings unknown and/or unwanted by Yank audiences. (The Action? Junior's Eyes? Clouds??) I keenly assessed the possibilities of gaining closer ground and could not see a path forward that would not get me arrested or punched, so I kept wandering, to explore London. Oh well. I did wind up on Carnaby Street, at the Beatles' Apple clothing shop, and thought about buying Ringo's fleece jacket - no, not his brand, a one-off Tibetan-style, beautifully embroidered sleeveless affair, quite impractical, a coat he wore and let go - but it was $75, a month's pay for a GI. Oh well.

Mick Taylor performed and reminisced twice on my cable TV series, "Not Just Another LA Music Show," straight outta SM, and Eagle Rock. He said he had never before both talked and performed on a TV show. "They either wanted me to tell stories as part of a panel of dinosaurs, or to just play and shut up."

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Tonight! - 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. Thurs 7 p.m., The Troubadour, W. Hollywood, $55.

Tonight! - 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 Harvelle's, small room with great sound, cheap drinks – really, just what do you want?)

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.

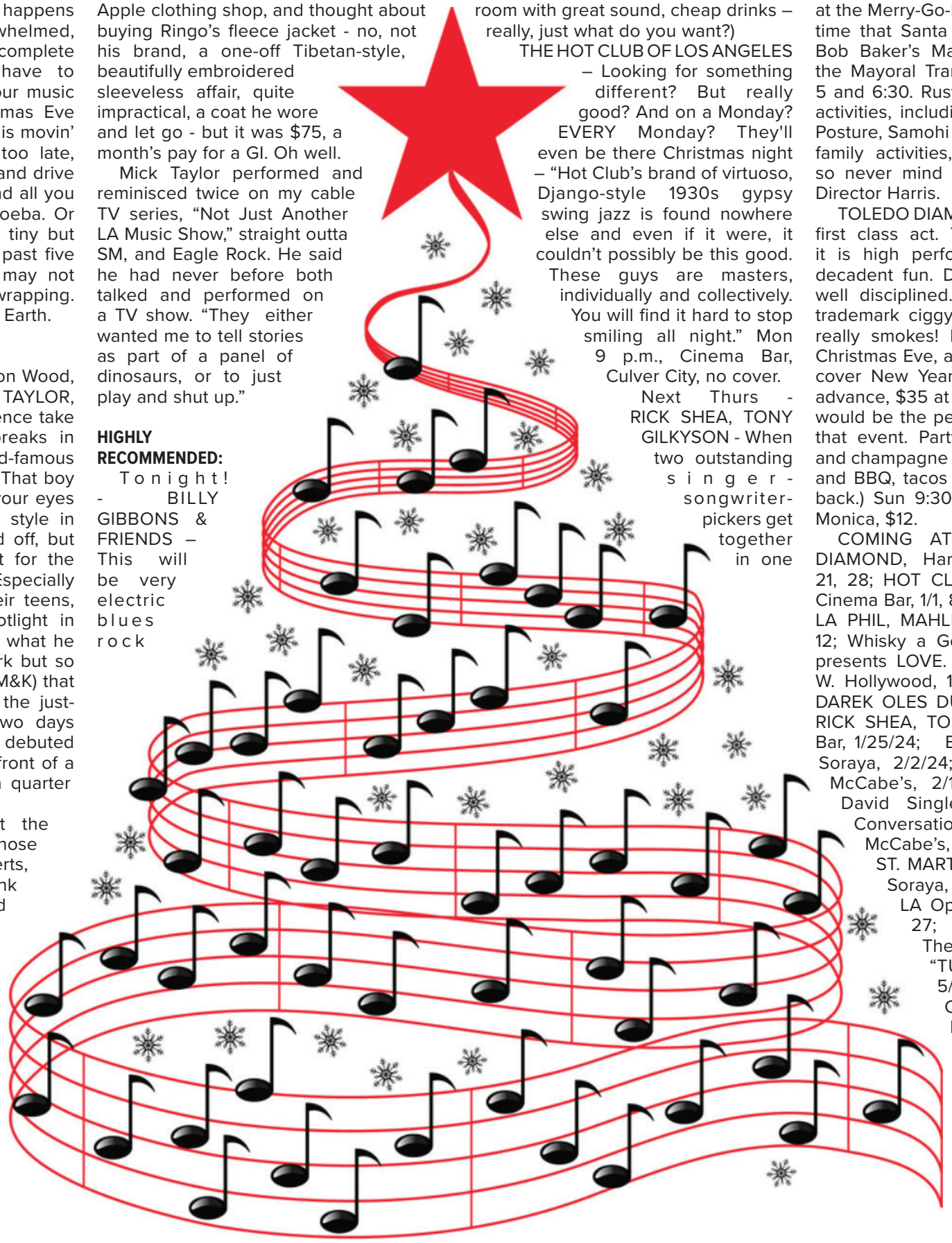
Next Thurs - RICK SHEA, TONY GILKYSON - When two outstanding singer-songwriter-pickers get together in one band for one night, you know it's going to be worth the money. Especially when it's free. As it always is at the cozy, friendly, live music nearly every night Cinema Bar. (See Hot Club of Los Angeles listing, above. So this week there are two HIGHLY RECOMMENDEDs at one venue - highly unusual, so take advantage, it's so near Santa Monica.) Thurs 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

Tonight! - MAYOR PHIL BROCK'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION ON THE PIER - At the Carousel, inside, everyone is invited. According to Pier Pontiff Jim Harris, "It's the Mayoral Transition Ceremony at 5:30, the Samohi Choir performing at Rusty's at 5, and the Lincoln Middle School choir at the Merry-Go-Round at 4:45, the same time that Santa Claus is due to arrive. Bob Baker's Marionettes will bookend the Mayoral Transition," Harris said, "at 5 and 6:30. Rusty's will also have more activities, including the rock band Plow Posture, Samohi alumni. We'll have other family activities, it will all be indoors so never mind the weather," said Pier Director Harris.

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! Note: he will be there Christmas Eve, and New Years Eve. (The cover New Years Eve goes up to $25 advance, $35 at the door, but I think this would be the perfect place to celebrate that event. Party favors, noise makers and champagne at midnight are included and BBQ, tacos and more available out back.) Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 12/31, 1/7, 14, 21, 28; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 1/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 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; ALAN PASQUA-DAREK OLES DUO, Sam First. 1/19, 20: RICK SHEA, TONY GILKYSON, Cinema Bar, 1/25/24; 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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IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON: Sing and play for peace.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

AROUND TOWN

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Christmas Activities

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Pier Locals Night Holiday Extravaganza, a Glowing Review of Willie Mae's on Lincoln, and much more!

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. 22 & Tuesday, Dec. 26. https://iceatsantamonica.com/

Pier Locals Night Holiday Extravaganza: Expect Rainbow Painted Smiles' enchanting face painting, Books & Cookies musical storytime, Photos with Santa, Lincoln Middle School Choir, and more! Thursday, Dec. 21, 3:30 - 10p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/localsnight

Hollywood Chamber Mixer: "Join us at the Hollywood Chamber Mixer for a night of glitz, glamour, and networking with the who's who of the entertainment industry!" Thursday, Dec. 21, 6 - 9p.m. @ 1533 26th St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hollywood-chamber-mixer-tickets-720116336347

Holiday Fun 5k, 10k, 15k, or Half Marathon (Sunday 7:30am): Burn off some calories and make some room for the holiday feast! https://www.abetterworldrunning.com/holiday-fun-12-24-23-sm

Malibu Lagoon Field Trips: "Here in deep and dark December it's a great day for the lagoon. It's often sunny, although once ice encrusted the lagoon-edges. A veritable googolplex of species. Dress in layers for cool weather, wind or fog, or even sun and heat. On December 24 there's nothing else going on, so you might as well go birding at the lagoon." Sunday, Dec. 24, 8:30am & 10am https://smbasblog.com/2023/12/19/malibu-lagoon-field-trips-sunday-24-dec-2023-830am-10am/

Christmas in Venice 2023 - Come Help Feed The Homeless: Join us for our longstanding tradition of giving back during the holidays! For over a decade, Lost Angels has hosted our Thanksgiving and Christmas events in Venice Beach, CA, dedicated to feeding the homeless and offering hot meals, essential toiletries, shoes, and clothing. More than just items, we provide heartfelt support, ensuring our community members feel valued and embraced. This event is a wonderful opportunity to involve your children, sharing the invaluable experience of giving back and fostering a compassionate community spirit. Let's make a difference together! RSVP now to be part of this meaningful event. Monday, Dec. 25, 6:30 - 10a.m. @ Rose Ave. in between Hampton Dr and Main St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-in-venice-2023-come-help-feed-the-homeless-tickets-769370506897

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Christmas Brunch and Dinner at The Georgian: "A California Christmas is best enjoyed by the beach. Views of the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Monica Pier can be taken in from the Restaurant at The Georgian. On Christmas Day, prepared and curated by Executive Chef David Almany, The Georgian will feature brunch service from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM and dinner service from 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM." https://resy.com/cities/lax/venues/restaurant-at-the-georgian/events/the-georgian-christmas-brunch-2023-12-25?seats=2&date=2023-12-19

Infatuation Glowing Review of Willie Mae's on Lincoln: This review of the NOLA institution in Venice states "You can get your hands on some of LA's—if not the country's—best fried chicken in roughly 20 minutes." 324 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/willie-maes-los-angeles

MUD/WTR Opens on Main St.: This is their "Flagship Location" for the company focused on Mushroom lattes. Their motto is "Energy & focus without the jitters" and serve "a coffee alternative consisting of 100% organic cacao, ayurvedic herbs and functional mushrooms. With just a fraction of the caffeine found in coffee, you get energy, focus and immune support without the jitters, crash or poor sleep." 2515 Main St.

Twelve Twelve has unveiled its renovated Ristorante, featuring a new Executive Chef, an innovative New American Italian Menu, Italian-inspired Cocktails, and the premiere of Discoteca—a live entertainment experience. Its New Executive Chef Brings Over Two Decades of Culinary Expertise From Michelin-Starred Restaurants. 1212 3rd St. Promenade. www.1212SantaMonica.com

SaMo Proper Hotel Reimagines Afternoon Tea: "Proper Tea serves fresh takes on the classics with local and organic farm-fresh ingredients to linger over. Palma's Afternoon Tea Reimagined features and amuse bouche and several courses, served with a glass of Veuve Clicquot or N/A cocktail, and tea selection, priced at $95 per guests." 700 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.properhotel.com/santa-monica/



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SANTA: Local's night is moving indoors this week due to the rain.

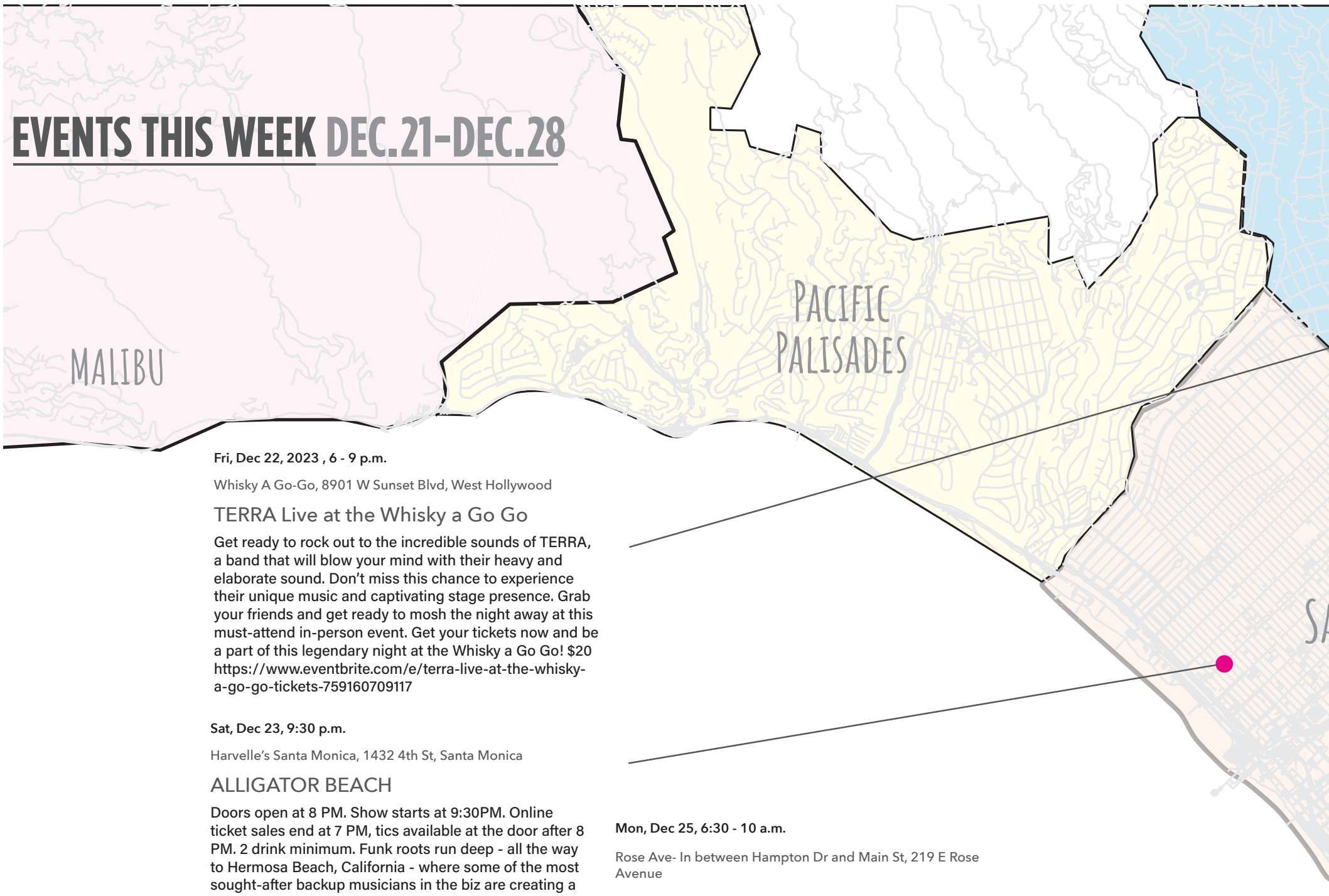
Frugal Foodie Venice Beach Event: "Indulge your taste buds as we take you on a guided tour through the diverse food scene of this iconic beachfront neighborhood. Immerse yourself in the local culture, discover hidden gems, and savor the flavors of Venice Beach." Friday, Dec. 22, 5 - 6:30p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frugal-foodie-venice-beach-event-tickets-650406412087?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Further Afield: LA Ballet's 'The Nutcracker': Dec. 21-24 & Dec. 26 @ Dolby Theatre, 6801 Hollywood Blvd. https://dolbytheatre.com/events/details/la_ballets_the_nutcracker_1

Looking Ahead Around Town: Marina Glow Party & Fireworks (12/31), New Years Eve Parties @ Wally's, Rustic Canyon, Cassia, SaMo Ice, SaMo Playhouse, The Crow, and The Victorian (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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK DEC.21-DEC.28



Fri, Dec 22, 2023 , 6 - 9 p.m.

Whisky A Go-Go, 8901 W Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood

TERRA Live at the Whisky a Go Go

Get ready to rock out to the incredible sounds of TERRA, a band that will blow your mind with their heavy and elaborate sound. Don't miss this chance to experience their unique music and captivating stage presence. Grab your friends and get ready to mosh the night away at this must-attend in-person event. Get your tickets now and be a part of this legendary night at the Whisky a Go Go! $20 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/terra-live-at-the-whisky-a-go-go-tickets-759160709117

Sat, Dec 23, 9:30 p.m.

Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St, Santa Monica

ALLIGATOR BEACH

Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Funk roots run deep - all the way to Hermosa Beach, California - where some of the most sought-after backup musicians in the biz are creating a stir in a New Orleans-flavored funk band called Alligator Beach. Alligator Beach: New Orleans meets Los Angeles. We are going to grab something from The Meters, The Neville Brothers, Maceo Parker and Aretha. We are going to round up all the party people and head down to the beach to have a funky good time and shake everything we got. $10. https://santamonica.harvelles.com/shows/242209

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Mon, Dec 25, 6:30 - 10 a.m.

Rose Ave- In between Hampton Dr and Main St, 219 E Rose Avenue

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Fri, Dec 22, 6 - 8 p.m.

RUNWAY Playa Vista, 12746 West Jefferson Boulevard, Playa Vista

COCOA & CAROLS

RUNWAY Wonderland will be extra Merry on Friday Nights in December. Come by and get a cup of gourmet hot cocoa with a variety of toppings and sweet extras, as you enjoy the sounds of acapella carolers. Epic Mega Cookie Co. will be popping up for a special treat, first come, first serve.



Fri, Dec 22, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles

Pop Up: Weaving Creativity

Make art in the galleries! These exhibition-based workshops encourage creative inspiration for different activities, so make sure to check out the corresponding galleries. No prior art-making experience is necessary; our friendly staff will happily work with you on your creation. All ages are welcome! Please note, these in-gallery workshops are free with general admission.



THURSDAY | DECEMBER 21

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. December's selection is Say Nothing by Patrick Radden Keefe. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 6 - 7 p.m.

LOCALS NIGHT ON THE SANTA MONICA PIER
Join organizers every THIRD THURSDAY of the month on the Santa Monica as the Pier Corp. will be rolling out the red carpet for Santa Monicans for a curated series for locals, by locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for amazing entertainment including youth activities, a car show, local DJs and live music from local bands, art exhibits, salsa dancing and so much more! You really won't want to miss this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind, all while celebrating Santa Monica. Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, 3:30 - 10 p.m.

FAMILY STORYTIME
Stories, songs, fingerplays, rhymes: building reading skills while having fun! Suggested for ages 3 and up. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive
Pacific Palisades 4 p.m.

BUILDING BLOCK PARTY AT THE LIBRARY FOR KIDS AND TEENS
Bring your engineering ideas to life with soft blocks, Duplos, and LEGOs. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 22

THE PHARCYDE
This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, 8 p.m., $45, https://www.ticketweb.com/event/the-pharcyde-the-venice-west-tickets/13556808

THE NO CHASERS HOLIDAY SHOW
Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. The No Chasers" are hailed as one of the greatest cover groups around SoCal. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St, $10, https://santamonica.harvelles.com/shows/244678

POP UP: WEAVING CREATIVITY
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COCOA & CAROLS
Join organizers at RUNWAY Wonderland for a vibrant evening of Cocoa and Carols! RUNWAY Wonderland will be extra Merry on Friday Nights in December. Come by and get a cup of gourmet hot cocoa with a variety of toppings and sweet extras, as you enjoy the sounds of acapella carolers. Find them on The Turf on Town Center Dr. Epic Mega Cookie Co. will be popping up for a special treat. First come, first serve. RUNWAY Playa Vista, 12746 West Jefferson Boulevard, 6 - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 23

ALLIGATOR BEACH
Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Funk roots run deep - all the way to Hermosa Beach, California - where some of the most sought-after backup musicians in the biz are creating a stir in a New Orleans-flavored funk band called Alligator Beach. Alligator Beach: New Orleans meets Los Angeles. They are going to grab something from The Meters, The Neville Brothers, Maceo Parker and Aretha. They are going to round up all the party people and head down to the beach to have a funky good time and shake everything we got. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St. $10.

THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS
Accommodative Screening E. T. A. Hoffmann's short story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" and the subsequent ballet by composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and choreographer Marius Petipa inspired this lavish and visually inventive fantasy. The Academy, 8949 Wilshire Boulevard, 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., $5, https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/event/2023/12/23/the-nutcracker-and-the-four-realms

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 24

MARINA DEL REY SUNDAY CONCERTS
Enjoy free live music on the plaza at Fisherman's Village. Sundays year-round, weather depending. Free admission. Get two hours of free parking with validation from a shop or restaurant in the village. 1 - 4 pm
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MONDAY | DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS IN VENICE 2023- COME HELP FEED THE HOMELESS
Join as a volunteer by purchasing a $10 ticket in the category of the item you'd like to donate on the day of the event. Your $10 contribution helps cover essential costs like permits for street closures, tables, barricades, insurance, and supplies, ensuring a successful and impactful event. Rose Ave- In between Hampton Dr and Main St. 6:30 - 10 a.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-in-venice-2023-come-help-feed-the-homeless-tickets-769370506897

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AIRPORT VOTE

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but it was Councilmember Gleam Davis that raised the issue concerning the ambiguity of this definition.

"We're starting out with the idea of a 'great park,' but if you were to go around and ask a bunch of people in Santa Monica 'what does that mean?' You'd get a lot of different answers. Some people might say 'yeah, the great park should be the centerpiece, but there should be other stuff' and others might think there should be park, just park and nothing but park," Davis said.

"So when you say we're starting out with the idea of a 'great park,' what are you talking about since you're going to be the ones guiding the process?" Davis asked.

"The intent was that it is consistent with Measure LLC and there are a lot of questions or different opinions. I've seen people say it's 187 acres [the open space, including runways, parking etc], the whole 227 [including existing buildings], there's a lot of things out there," Richane replied.

"And so the way the process is designed is to listen to the community, give people space to talk after we've done some very deep dives on the technical and then come to an agreement or conclusion on what should be in or out, what's included or not. It gives Council the ability to, at two different points before we have ever put pen to paper, to say we want more of this or less of that.

"If someone says we want to keep the airport open forever, we can say thank you for that opinion, but that is not what the goals of this project have been, the community's been resolute in wanting to close it. And so the way the process is designed right now is to allow discussion and community input. But there's always the guardrails of the guidelines that we talked about at the very beginning," Richane said.

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> - Amber Richane

Davis highlighted the long political road ahead of this issue and City Attorney Douglas Sloan confirmed that a vote by City Council will still have to be taken to actually proceed with the closure with the airport. And since that isn't slated until December 31, 2028, frankly anything could happen between now and then.

"If you want it to close as of January 1, 2029, obviously before that, if you took that vote, say next year then a later council could change that again before 2029. There's that possibility," Sloan said.

Councilmember Caroline Torosis raised the prospect of considering an outdoor entertainment space since the airport is on raised land and offers unprecedented views of the coast and Pacific Ocean, especially from the south-western edge. Barker Hanger, already on the airport site, is an entertainment venue that positively drips with history.

Torosis also raised the issue that since the airport site actually straddles both the City of Santa Monica and the City of Los Angeles and approximately 20 acres of the northeastern-most corner of the site rests in Mar Vista, it wouldn't be unreasonable to expect a contribution from the City of Los Angeles. But perhaps more importantly, residents in that particular part of Los Angeles should also be consulted.

The issue of semantics continued to perplex most councilmembers and in fact this already contentious issue was made even more controversial as before the discussion had even started, Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete wanted to move the item to a January 2024 meeting as Councilmember Oscar de la Torre was unexpectedly absent. Council was equally divided on that issue, with Councilmembers Christine Parra, Mayor Phil Brock and Negrete voting to postpone the item and Davis, Torosis and Councilmember Jesse Zwick voting to proceed. In that event of a tied outcome, the item remained on the agenda.

In guaranteeing that no opinion would be ignored, Davis made a friendly amendment to the original motion — specifically, the third item — that as a result of Council direction, at least one of the proposals made to Council by Sasaki would come under Measure LC.

"I don't want to create unfair expectations," Davis said, "Because I don't want to go out in the community and find out what the community wants, and then have to tell them that's nice, but that's not even being considered."

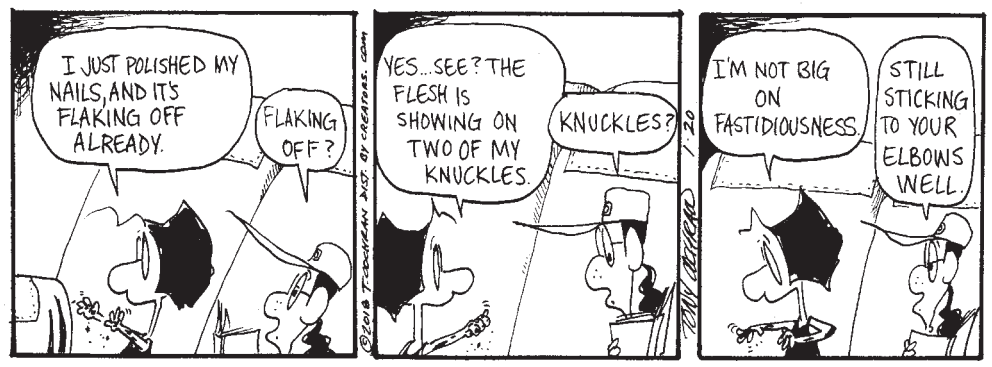
This amendment was at first met with stern resistance by both Parra and Negrete. A vote was taken on whether or not to vote on the items individually, before Council circled back to Item 3. Ultimately, after some laborious explanation, the motion was made to pass the amended item by Davis and seconded by Torosis and all six were unanimously approved 6-0.

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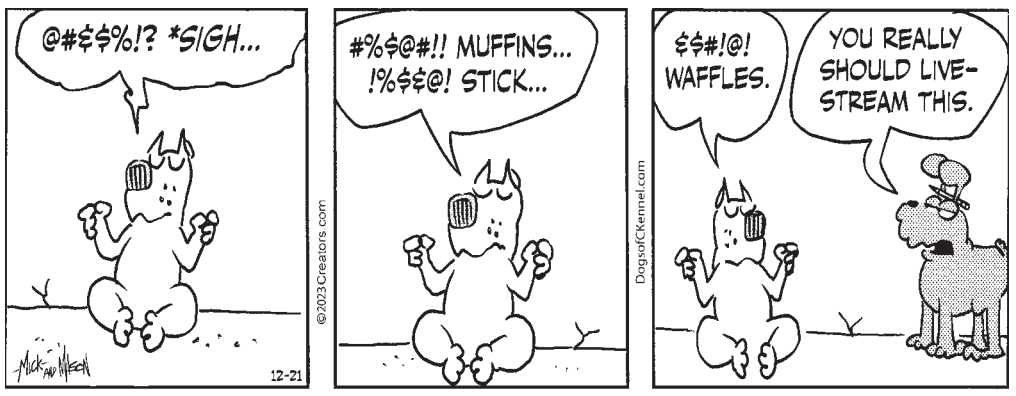
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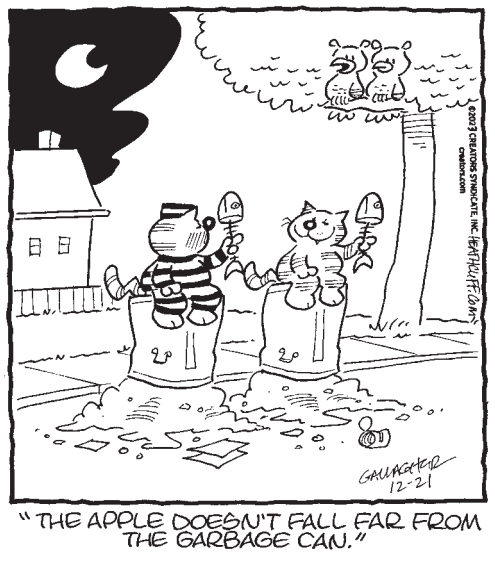
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6065

Rough weather

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 21)

You simplify and strengthen your routines. Your priorities have never been better. It's been a long time coming and you'll finally achieve a comfortable rhythm and balance of life. More highlights: mind-expending entertainments, financial wins that help your family as much as they do you and moving into the future in an impressive way. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 22, 11 and 44.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may be feeling slightly out of step, but your version of a solo dance will put you back in touch with the rhythms of the universe. Once your groove is restored, it will all click together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As you become adept at recognizing opportunities and understanding the implications of your choices, you step into a role of leadership and influence. Your strategic approach sets you apart. Hidden possibilities lead to innovation and success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Choose your company so carefully; it matters. When you stick near supportive people who contribute to your intellectual, emotional and spiritual development you will find you can do so much more than you thought you could.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your plan doesn't have to be good to make a difference. That it exists at all will be the main reason for your success. You'll carry yourself with purpose and intention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your feelings have a mysterious power. Can they be felt by another? Must you demonstrate what you are feeling for it to be conveyed? Maybe not. All that's happening on a subconscious level will be conveyed without your active participation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your home supports and reflects you. You'll put effort into making your closest relationships harmonious and your domestic life beautiful. Domestic ease is the foundation from which other ventures will spring.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Build your hopes around the many things that matter to you, not just the thing you desperately want. "Wanting desperately" works for some cosmic climates, but not the present one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Applying your efforts completely and faithfully will bring success. The tricky part is in choosing the right venture — one that will magnetize you so you don't have to put in effort to tend to it, because it's a no-brainer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An ambitious mood has you overestimating what you can accomplish. You'll certainly hit your marks, perhaps not in the timing you projected, so it's best to add some elasticity to the plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ask for what you want. Make sure nothing else is competing for your attention and then ask with a clear, strong voice. Ask with your eyes and with your whole body and being. You'll get confirmation that your request was heard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The words of contrition you deserve may or may not come in and audible form from the source of injury or offence, but it will come from somewhere, the tender apology that bring a situation back into balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your strong feelings are an asset, whatever tone they may be. It's not always appropriate to act on them, but neither should you try and stop them. Think in terms of channeling the energy, for instance into work, sports or creative expression.

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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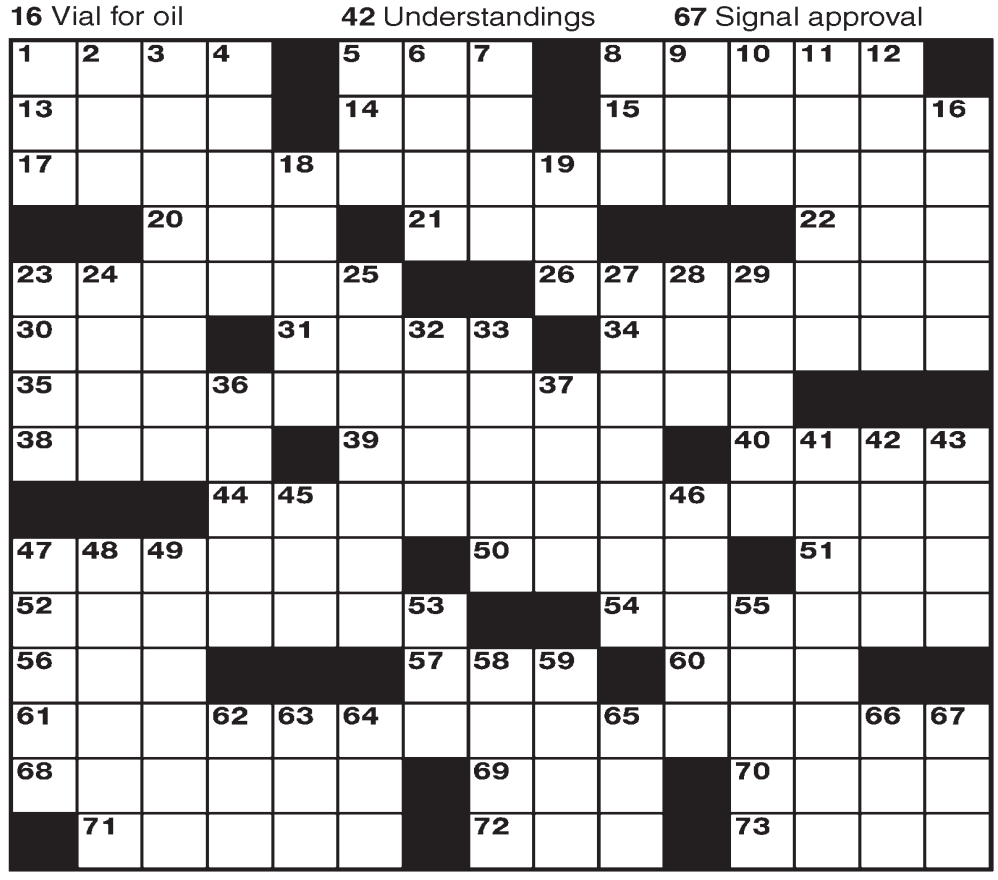
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14 Work hard at
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20 Melodic syllable
21 "Exactly what I was hoping for!"
22 Tulane rival
23 Promotional bribe
26 Law on the books
30 Beast in a pack
31 At leisure
34 Microwave setting
35 With 39 and 44 Across, the most major magistrate
38 Cell message
39 See 35 Across
40 Luau figurine
44 See 35 Across
47 Arrived head-first, perhaps
50 This: Sp.
51 NBC comedy staple
52 Lebanon's locale
54 Crate up
56 Pro Bowl team
57 Hiker's reference
60 Set to assemble
61 Two who were 35/39/44 Across
68 Big families
69 Sound of relief
70 LBJ biographer
71 Trenching tool
72 __-ops (CIA tricks)
73 Took after

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7 Where IBM trades
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

California Secretary of Transportation Toks Omishakin and State Officials Tour Pacific Coast Highway to Improve Public Safety



In a proactive response to recent tragic events on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), California Secretary of Transportation Toks Omishakin and other State officials visited Malibu to conduct a comprehensive assessment of safety conditions on the highway. The delegation held a meeting with local and State elected officials, fostering collaboration to address safety concerns along this iconic stretch of highway.

During the visit, officials from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provided a guided tour, emphasizing key areas of focus and potential improvements. The tour included a somber walk of the crash site where the four Pepperdine students were killed by a speeding motorist on October 17, underlining the urgency to enhance safety measures along PCH.

Malibu Mayor Steve Uhring expressed gratitude for the State's attention to the residents and community of Malibu. "We're thankful for the productive tour with Secretary Omishakin and State leaders and appreciate that we're getting something done to make PCH safe and avoid future tragedies," Mayor Uhring said.

The tour was a call to action to do everything that can be done to prevent future tragedies. The collaborative effort between local and state government officials is to avoid future fatalities, minimize injuries, and make PCH safe. Discussions included infrastructure enhancements, increased law enforcement presence, and educational initiatives to promote responsible driving. Next steps also include the City, California Highway Patrol (CHP) and LA County working together to expand future patrols, designating PCH as a Safety Corridor as soon as possible, and moving legislation forward to deploy speed cameras on PCH as soon as feasible.

In a significant move to address immediate concerns, $4.25 million dollars have been allocated under a Caltrans "Director's Order" for infrastructure improvements along PCH. This funding will support projects to enhance safety and prevent further tragedies.

CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee also announced a proactive measure to increase traffic enforcement in Malibu. Starting January 1, a three-officer CHP task force will be deployed to enforce traffic regulations, ensuring a heightened level of safety for residents and visitors alike.

The City of Malibu greatly appreciates the proactive steps taken by State and local leaders to address safety concerns, and looks forward to ongoing partnerships to ensure the safety of the community and visitors.

Local and State Officials in Attendance:
Toks Omishakin, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency
Sean Duryee, Commissioner, California Highway Patrol
Gloria Roberts, Director, Caltrans District 7
David Doucette, Deputy Director, California Office of Traffic Safety
Lee Ann Eager, Chair, California Transportation Commission
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Malibu Mayor Steve Uhring
Malibu City Manager Steve McClary
Malibu Public Works Director Rob DuBoux
The list of projects to be completed under the Caltrans Director's Order is available at: http://tinyurl.com/CaltransDOList2023. For more information about the efforts to improve safety on PCH in Malibu, visit the City's webpage: www.MalibuCity.org/PCHSafety.

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Citywide

Walk to End Alzheimer's Santa Monica raises funds toward care, support and advocacy in the fight to End Alzheimer's disease



More than 400 Walk to End Alzheimer's Santa Monica walkers, volunteers, sponsors and supporters raised more than $122,000 at this year's walk October 22 at the Walk at Crescent Bay Park, helping the Alzheimer's Association reach $1.62 million in total funds raised across its 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's California Southland series. The series' goal is to raise a total of $1.7 million by the end of the year, and donations are accepted through December 31st at act.alz.org/santamonica.

The series took place between September and November and featured 12 community Walk to End Alzheimer's across Inyo, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Tulare counties.

Funds raised at the Walk to End Alzheimer's California Southland series remain local and support the care, support, advocacy and research programs of the Alzheimer's Association.

The Association offers free, local support groups, education classes and social engagement opportunities online, via phone and in-person.

The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) is available day or night, 365 days a year.

The Association meets with legislators at every level of government to advocate for those facing a dementia diagnosis and their caregivers.

The Association currently invests more than $360 million in more than 1,000 active research projects across six continents as well as many of the leading institutions in Southern California.

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In California alone, there are 690,000 people living with the disease.

For more information on the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit alz.org/walk.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Its mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900.

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'Tis the season to give blood or platelets

When blood products are fully stocked on hospital shelves, patients don't have to wait for critical care. Giving blood or platelets with the American Red Cross in December can help those in need make more holiday memories with loved ones.

This is a busy time for many. Holiday gatherings, travel and seasonal illnesses can all impact donor availability, making it hard to collect enough blood and platelets. Unfortunately, trauma patients in the emergency room, those undergoing cancer treatment and new parents in need of lifesaving transfusions can't take a holiday break. Donors are needed every single day.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma Dec. 18, 2023-Jan. 5, 2024, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last. To extend a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood, platelets and plasma during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-31, 2024, National Blood Donor Month, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Making and keeping appointments throughout the month can help safeguard the national blood supply into the new year. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

12/22/2023: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., West Los Angeles Board of Directors Blood Drive at American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
12/23/2023: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
12/26/2023: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
12/28/2023: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
12/29/2023: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunset Masonic Lodge 369, 1720 Ocean Park Blvd.
12/30/2023: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St.
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