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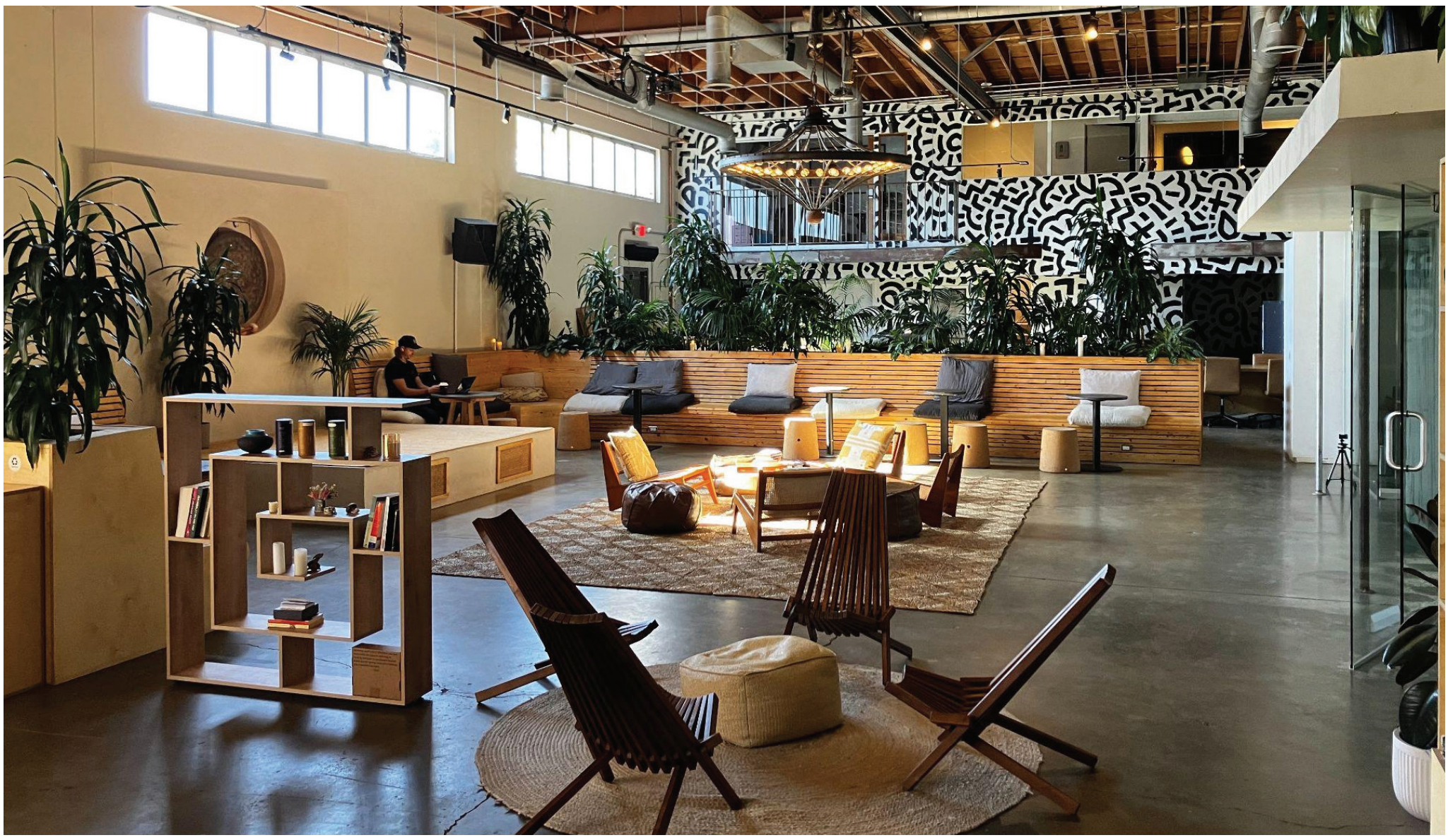
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Scott Snowden

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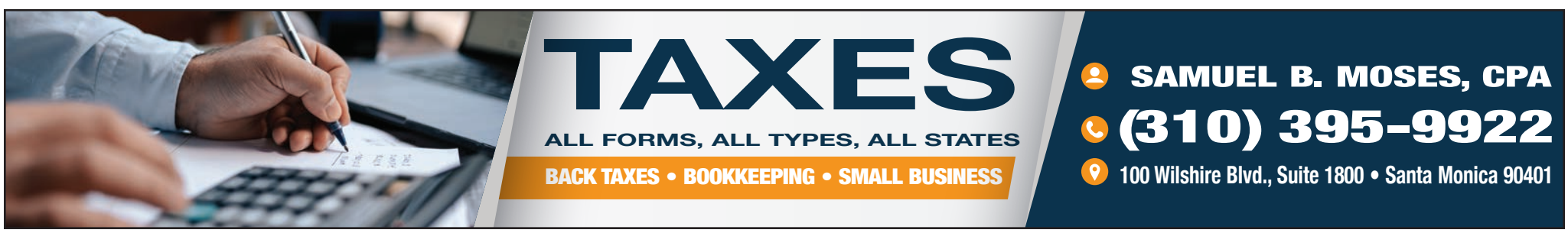
SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A new cafe with a unique concept has opened up in an interesting location on Main Street. Called MUD\WTR, the liquid refreshment on offer is not made with coffee beans, or even tea leaves, instead it utilizes almost every kind of conventional, non-psychedelic member of the mushroom family.

For founder and CEO Shane Heath, the notion of creating a new kind of beverage with these fleshy fungi is not at all far-fetched as his mother has worked for Monterey Mushrooms, arguably the biggest grower in North America, primarily for gourmet mushrooms. Heath himself had, up until six years ago when he established the company, forged a career in Silicon Valley as a UX designer.

His search for an alternative to caffeine began while he was still in the technology

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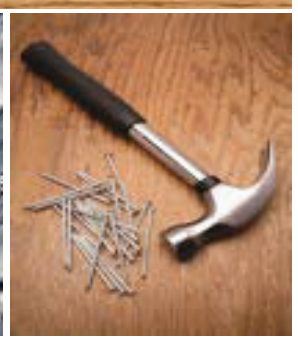
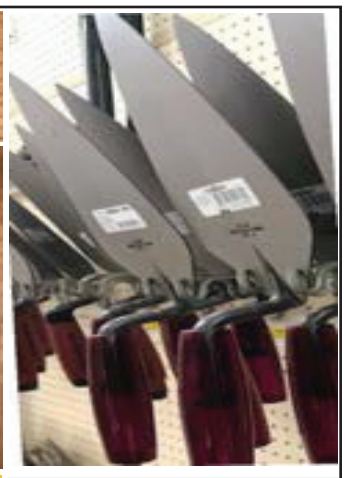
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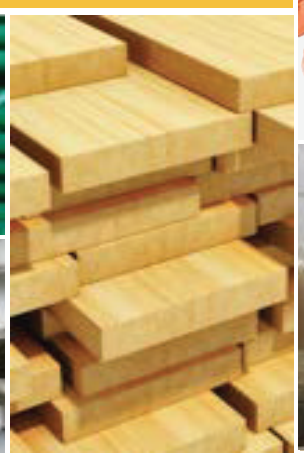
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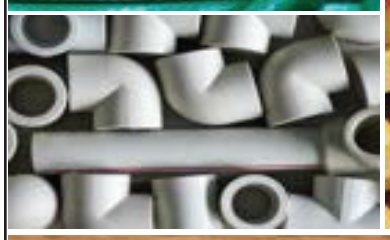


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Youth leaders honored for sizable local contributions



Photo by Thomas Leffler

YOUTH OF THE YEAR: Jayson Bautista and Haley Castanaza were selected as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica 2024 Youth of the Year and runner-up, respectively.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The future of Santa Monica was on full display on Feb. 27, as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica hosted a ceremony at Lunetta to honor the organization's 2024 Youth of the Year and runner-up. Earning the honor was youth leader Jayson Bautista, a senior at University High School Charter and a dedicated advocate of the Mar Vista Gardens branch, while Samohi student Haley Castanaza earned the runner-up distinction.

Bautista was selected out of participants in the Santa Monica Youth of the Year program, which is also adopted by nearly all Boys and Girls Clubs across the country. Both Bautista and Castanaza had to write three essays, submit transcripts of school grades, receive letters of recommendation regarding community service and show attributes of leadership. After submitting the materials, the youth interviewed with a panel of judges who chose the honor based on exceptional service and leadership provided in the clubs and local communities.

Serving as President and Vice President of the Mar Vista Gardens Keystone Club, Bautista began attending the Boys and Girls Club at six years old, and took the time to reflect on his accomplishments during the Feb. 27 ceremony.

"It's been great knowing that in this place I call home, I've been able to foster relationships ... the club is a space that offers safety, support, and has truly made me feel accepted," Bautista said. "This club has allowed me to meet amazing individuals who have paved the path to becoming the young adult I am today."

Bautista accumulated over 240 hours of community service through his decade-plus of membership, including collecting blankets and warm clothes to donate to local shelters, working with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to educate peers about water conservation and energy efficiency, and partnering with the UCLA Center for Community Engagement on a research project aiming to rectify misperceptions of the Mar Vista Garden community.

"I've had firsthand experience in providing my community support, which created a sense of belonging," he added.

His club membership also put him on the path to earn a position as a pilot with a commercial airline, including attending an aviation camp in 2022 which allowed him to complete a flight at just 16 years of age. He intends on continuing this path after being accepted into his "dream college," Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Castanaza also joined Boys and Girls Clubs at a young age, feeling overwhelmed at first, but eventually receiving support from her older brother and eventual lifelong friends. She recounted her "countless memories" at the club, including playground games like "hot lava" that put her on the path to independent womanhood.

"The playground became more than just a place for play, it's where I formed my first set of friends and spent the majority of my time," Castanaza said. "It was a journey of happiness, adventures and self-discovery."

She also reflected on character-shaping activities at the John Adams Middle School branch and the personal growth achieved at her "second home."

"The Boys and Girls Club provided a safe and inclusive environment with activities such as sports, arts and dances," Castanaza added. "Engaging in these activities ... forged connections and opened doors that I lacked at home. (The club) constantly provided me with valuable resources ... that significantly supported my education."

Up next for Bautista is a chance to earn the Los Angeles Metro Youth of the Year award, followed by potential state, regional and national honors.

"It's a really big opportunity for kids to

SEE **YOUTH** PAGE 4

School district trustee area voting petition denied by county committee

THOMAS LEFFLER
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The years-long saga of a petition attempting to shift Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) from at-large elections to trustee area voting ended within an hour Wednesday morning.

At the March meeting of the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization, a 9-1 vote denied the trustee area voting petition, with committee members specifically voting on the legality of the map submitted by Malibu attorney Kevin Shenkman in 2022 on behalf of residents. The petition initially claimed that SMMUSD's current at-large voting system was unfair to minority voters and that the Malibu portion of the district deserved more representation in district matters.

The petition was the subject of two committee hearings earlier this year, with both Shenkman and attorneys representing SMMUSD arguing their points on the voting map which would have created two non-contiguous districts merging parts of Santa Monica and Malibu. Notably, the map would have merged the eastern half of Malibu with Santa Monica's Sunset Park neighborhood and fused the western half of Malibu with Santa Monica's North of Montana and Wilmont neighborhoods.

During the meeting, Dr. Allison Deegan read a precursor to the decision, a feasibility study report prepared for the committee by the Los Angeles County Office of Education Business Advisory Services staff. The staff recommended that the committee disapprove the petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within SMMUSD, pointing to the non-contiguity of trustee areas and the petitioners' intent to increase Malibu influence in the district despite the city's population not being a protected class under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) as reasons for dissent.

Before committee discussion, Shenkman and attorney representing SMMUSD Fredric Woocher made final arguments in the matter, with Shenkman believing that the map was "fine" while also asserting that the committee could choose a different map than the one the petition focused on.

"If you have a problem with any particular map, you can select a different map, like you did with Compton USD and other county committees across the state have done in other similar petitions," Shenkman said. "You could even approve the petition with one map and immediately rearrange the boundaries of the trustee areas on your own … I think that at least the majority of this committee knows what the right thing to do here is on this petition, I hope that you have the courage to do it."

To that point, committee member John Nunez concurred, later stating that he doesn't want the committee to lose sight of the fact they can shift maps at any time, and they should not lose "the power to do that" when seen fit.

Woocher stated that he wholeheartedly agreed with the Business Advisory Services staff report, and several committee members echoed the report's points during the discussion period. Committee member Charles Davis said he was "shocked" when he first saw the petition's map, believing it was "defective" because of the non-contiguity. Another member, Estefany Castaneda, focused on the CVRA implications and the proposal of increased Malibu influence as her dissension.

"To give (Malibu more than one area) and break up and split up the community, I think would be inconsiderate to the folks that are the most vulnerable within (the district) boundaries," Castaneda said, adding that a subsequent petition considering an alternate map is "the last thing our committee should do."

With the petition vote over, Shenkman and the proponents of district based voting are open to potentially move forward with the SMMUSD legal battle, this time focused on compliance with the CVRA. On Dec. 25, 2023, Shenkman wrote a letter to the district on behalf of clients Maria Loya, Jennifer deNicola, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, Pico Neighborhood Association and their respective members residing in the district; urging the district to "voluntarily change its at-large system" or else they "will be forced to seek judicial relief."

Before discussion and vote on the petition, in which John Quintanilla was the lone vote in favor of, the committee heard an update on a separate petition to form a Malibu Unified School District via a unification (legal term for separation) process. Christine Wood, legal representative for the City of Malibu, told the committee that negotiations with SMMUSD will continue after the trustee area voting petition decision, and that Malibu and the district have concluded discussions surrounding a financial agreement, waiting for an opportunity to share that agreement with local stakeholders. With the tax revenue sharing agreement ironed out, negotiations will now center on an operational agreement and a joint powers agreement.

To complete unification, the committee would have to review nine conditions (the majority of which being fiscal) and agree that they are "substantially met." Wood added that they can provide a copy of the financial agreement to the committee, but do not want the committee to consider the nine criteria points "without understanding the financial terms."

"We can share that agreement with the committee and explain it to staff, we could definitely do that, we're at that place," Wood said. "But, we do not want to have any situation where we lose all of that time and all of that good work by going back and reviewing the nine criteria, that is not where we are, and that would have been a complete waste of the last couple of years."

When asked by Nunez about a negotiation schedule, Wood replied that Malibu and district representatives are scheduled to meet on March 14, and should be able to have community meetings potentially as soon as this month or in April.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **60.1**

THURSDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach
Jumbled NW swell mix picks up a notch from Wednesday but is still on the modest end of the scale. Watching wind forecast, morning looking OK.

FRIDAY — ***POOR TO FAIR***
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh
Small NW swell mix lingers through the day. Wind looks ok for the morning but a deep AM high tide is going to really slow down most breaks.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Light west wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast in the evening.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the morning.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

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Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2024A)

Whereas, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, April 20, 2024, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online public auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles.

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MUD WATER

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industry.

"I started to look at tea, but a bag of tea didn't really cut it for me and I love the dynamic taste palate that coffee provides. Ultimately, we landed on this combination of black tea and cacao and it's got some depth to it, you know, that grandma's tea bags don't have," Heath said.

"Because my mom worked in the mushroom industry, I was familiar with all the different species and started to add specific ones that had a benefit profile that fit what I was trying to do in my life," he said.

According to Heath, Lion's Mane helps focus and mental performance, Cordyceps helps with physical performance, Reishi aids recovery and immunity, Chaga improves overall health and then Turmeric helps reduce inflammation and Cacao lifts your mood.

"So this combination of ingredients was really helping me out," Heath said, adding that he believed everyone else around him seemed to be coping and perhaps he was the only one suffering from work-related stress. "I'd bring this drink into the office and everyone asked me what it was. So, I just started calling it mud … And that's really when the 'ah-ha' moment came for the business, because despite everyone around drinking coffee, most people I talked to actually wanted to drink less," he said.

"I even used to sit next to an employee that was on [some sort of] caffeine detox gum, it was like Nicorette. And I saw some similarities between coffee culture, and nicotine and cigarettes," Heath said.

In May of 2018, Heath started an online ordering business and within four years "we became a high multi-million dollar a year brand, all through our e-commerce, marketing and positioning of offering a healthier alternative to coffee."

The flagship site, at 2515 Main Street, was once a carpet factory and offers a whopping 5,748 square foot space to work with, plus really cool aircraft hangar-style sliding doors. The interior renovation uses a lot of pine, combining it with a fashionable industrial aesthetic, together with lots of green foliage, which effectively creates a very chilled albeit potentially agoraphobic environment.

Approximately one third of the space is out of bounds to everyday customers though, as it doubles as the company's headquarters. However, even the space outside is being utilized as there is a sauna and cold plunge set up and classes are regularly held in breathwork meditation.

Heath stresses the importance of, what he calls, the "third location" saying, "It's something that coffee culture started, where it's not your home, it's not your workplace, it's that in-between space, where you come in and you share, you communicate with other individuals."

He expressed his desire to open more outlets in the future, but is not yet sure exactly where they might be. "The ultimate goal is to have a blueprint as it'd be hard to say no to as far as opening up additional locations," he says and with close to two million customers online, he wants to study the data more closely before any decision is made.

MUD\WTR is located at 2515 Main Street with hours of Wednesday-Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit mudwtrgather.com.

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Courtesy photo

NOW OPEN: MUD\WTR Founder and CEO Shane Heath brings a unique cafe idea to the 2515 Main Street location.

YOUTH

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really have an impact and a voice in various settings on the issues facing youth, the issues facing communities, and really talk about what Boys and Girls Clubs does to be part of those solutions," Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica CEO Brynja Seagren said of the honor.

On Feb. 24, the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu hosted its Youth of the Year ceremony, bestowing Malibu High School senior Emily Pablo-Soavedra with the honor. A teenage leader in the Malibu community, Pablo-Soavedra has participated in the club's Brents Club program and anti-drug campaigns inspiring sobriety among other youth.

"I truly believe that I would not be the woman I am today if it were not for the endless support I have received from the Club and the opportunities they have provided to me … I hope to carry the lessons of selflessness, mentorship and kindness instilled by the Club and use my voice and personal experiences to educate others, advocate for change and contribute to meaningful discourse," she said.

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AROUND TOWN

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Spring Forward Happenings

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes dinosaurs, the return of Sweet Lady Jane, and much more!

Lunchtime Line Dance: Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. @ Venice - Abbot Kinney Public Library. https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/lunchtime-line-dance

Nat Geo Live: T-Rex Rises: Paleontologist Dr. Lindsay Zanno is uncovering the answer of how T. rex become the iconic apex predator of North America 66 million years ago. Thursday, March 7, 7:30p.m. @ The BroadStage, 1310 11th St. More details here.

Women in Tech Luncheon on International Women's Day: The event highlights women in leadership with 5 awards to 5 outstanding women in healthcare, education, and gaming. All individuals and businesses are welcome to join for the "Luxury setting, jazz music, fine dining, engaging conversation, and raffles." $245 members and $295 non-members. Friday, March 8, 11:30a.m. @ Proper Hotel, 700 Wilshire Blvd. https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/women-in-tech-luncheon-22642?calendarMonth=2024-03-01

Read the Room - Stand-Up Comedy Meets Tarot: What might a professional tarot reader and a professional comedian have to say about your love life, career path, or chronic UTIs? $20. Friday, March 8, 8p.m. The Crow Comedy Club, 2525 Michigan Ave. https://jetbook.co/e/read-the-room-tarot—comedy-showjzgv

Street Portraiture Masterclass in Venice Beach with Alan Shapiro: Learn how to capture and process stunning street portraits in this multi-day, in-person, and virtual masterclass. The in-person session unfolds on March 9 – 10. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/street-portraiture-masterclass-in-venice-beach-with-alan-shapiro-registration-782681560617

Tastemade's LA Local Gems City Crawl: The tour hits a list of curated spots from Zibby's Bookshop to Salt's Cure, grabbing coffee and lunch, and a walk along the Santa Monica bluffs for picturesque ocean views. $65. Saturday, March 9, 10:00a.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-local-gems-city-crawl-tickets-846544245627

Murder at the Getty Scavenger Hunt: "A curator has been murdered, leaving behind a trail of cryptic clues connects with secrets in the museum's masterpieces. Do you have what it takes to solve his murder? Explore the museum to unravel a sordid tale of greed, lust, pride, and revenge—all revolving around a long-lost painting by Leonardo da Vinci." Saturday, March 9, 4 p.m. https://watsonadventures.com/hunt/the-murder-at-the-getty-scavenger-hunt/

Venice Heritage Museum Grand Opening Celebration: The project is meant to showcase the neighborhoods' rich history of economic and social evolution. The Opening will feature live entertainment and food. Saturday, March 9, 6:30p.m. @ 228 Main St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/venice-heritage-museum-grand-opening-tickets-806045753547

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Sweet Lady Jane on Montana Already Re-Open: The new owners are describing it as a soft open and are only taking walk-in orders for now. https://www.instagram.com/sweetladyjanecakeshop

"Proper Hour" at Palma: The happy hour twist takes place Monday to Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m., offering $12 cocktails and a range of food options priced between $9 and $24, including charcuterie boards, a beet carpaccio with black truffle aioli, arugula, and olive-caper vinaigrette, and calamari and zucchini Fritto Misto. https://www.properhotel.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/26094039/1.25.24-Palma-Happy-Hour.pdf

Heavy Handed Makes The Infatuation's Best Smashburger List: "The strongest burger traits here are the beef (substantial, flavorful ground short rib) and bun (a buttery toasted potato roll)" and also praise " their dipped soft serve cones, beef tallow fries, and a long list of craft beers on tap." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-smashburgers-los-angeles

JINYA Ramen Bar's Spring Chef's Specials: They are celebrating National Noodle Month (yup...that's a thing I guess) with two lighter dishes available through May 31: Spicy Garlic Mabo Men (a blend of simmered tofu flavored with fermented bean paste, ground pork, chili oil, and Sichuan peppercorn oil served over a chicken broth) and Salmon Don (poke marinated salmon and onion, served over steamed rice and garnished with green onions and sesame seeds). 2400 Main St. More details here.

Salt & Straw Launching "Cereal-sly Delicious Series" Ice Cream Inspired by Nostalgic Cereal: Flavors include Pots of Gold & Rainbows (inspired by Lucky Charms), Pots of Gold & Rainbows, Cornflake Cookies with Marionberry Jam & more. https://saltandstraw.com/

NBC4 Highlights the Gourmandise School Cooking Camp: This video story details their culinary classes designed specifically to teach teenagers essential kitchen skills while exploring cuisines from around the world. https://www.nbclosangeles.com/california-live/this-cooking-camp-teaches-teens-essential-kitchen-skills-while-exploring-cuisines-from-around-the-world/3348491/

Further Afield: DTLA ArtNight runs every first Thursday of the month, activating 25+ galleries along Downtown's Historic Core. FREE. Thursday, March 7. https://dtlaartnight.com



Graphic Courtesy National Geographic

DINOSAUR: Paleontologist Dr. Lindsay Zanno will provide information on the iconic apex predator, Tyrannosaurus Rex, at BroadStage Thursday evening.

Looking Ahead Around Town: L.A. Marathon (3/17), Museums Annual Free-For-All (3/23), The Other Art Fair (4/4-7), CicLAvia West LA (4/21)

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: Spring Forward Happenings

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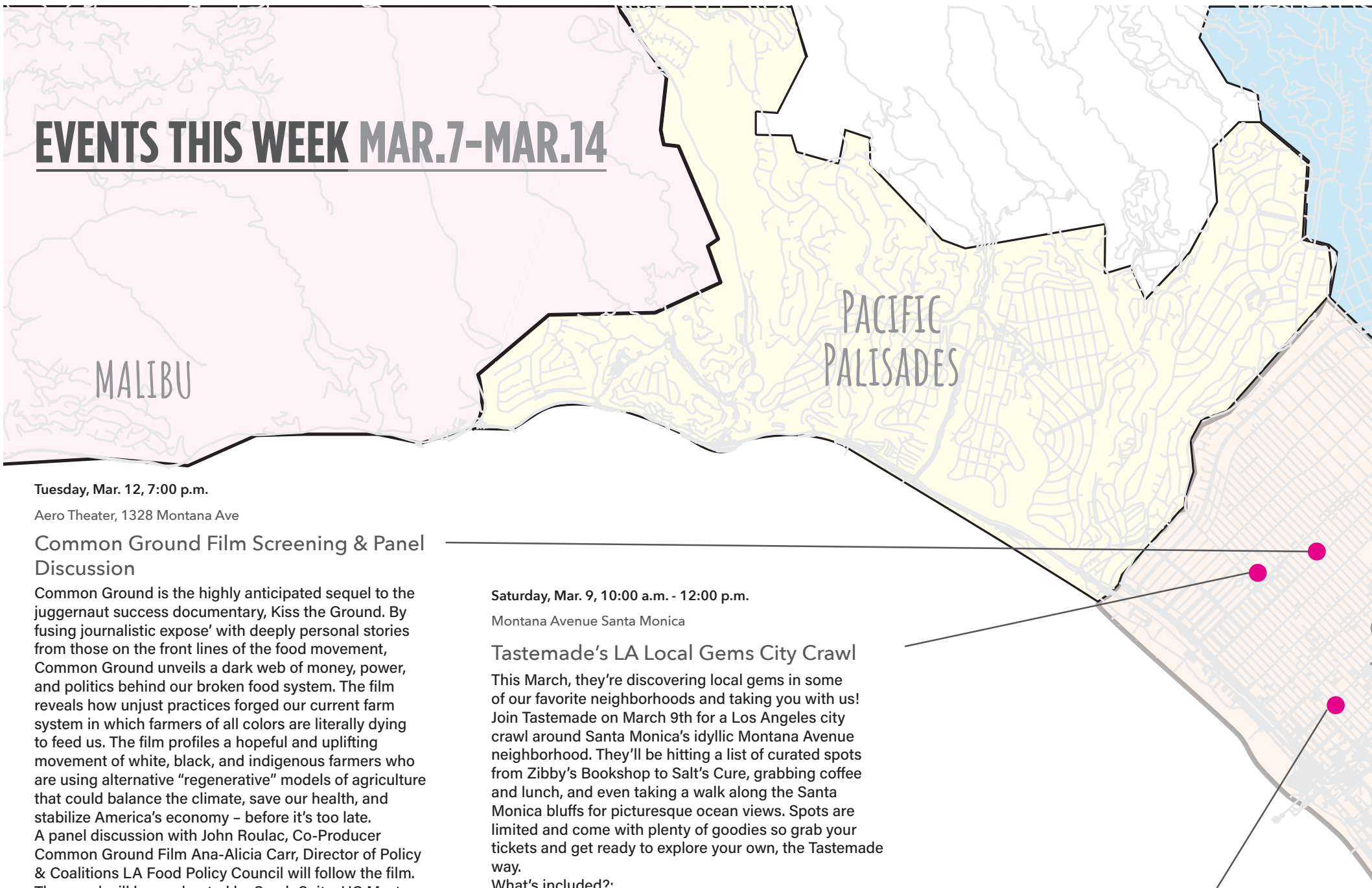
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LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

EVENTS THIS WEEK MAR.7-MAR.14



Tuesday, Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m.

Aero Theater, 1328 Montana Ave

Common Ground Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Common Ground is the highly anticipated sequel to the juggernaut success documentary, Kiss the Ground. By fusing journalistic expose' with deeply personal stories from those on the front lines of the food movement, Common Ground unveils a dark web of money, power, and politics behind our broken food system. The film reveals how unjust practices forged our current farm system in which farmers of all colors are literally dying to feed us. The film profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black, and indigenous farmers who are using alternative "regenerative" models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save our health, and stabilize America's economy – before it's too late.
A panel discussion with John Roulac, Co-Producer Common Ground Film Ana-Alicia Carr, Director of Policy & Coalitions LA Food Policy Council will follow the film. The panel will be moderated by Sarah Spitz, UC Master Gardener, Los Angeles County
The event is FREE to ALL but you must register at https://www.sustainableworks.org/commonground/
Aero Theater, 1328 Montana Ave

Saturday, Mar. 9, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Montana Avenue Santa Monica

Tastemade's LA Local Gems City Crawl

This March, they're discovering local gems in some of our favorite neighborhoods and taking you with us! Join Tastemade on March 9th for a Los Angeles city crawl around Santa Monica's idyllic Montana Avenue neighborhood. They'll be hitting a list of curated spots from Zibby's Bookshop to Salt's Cure, grabbing coffee and lunch, and even taking a walk along the Santa Monica bluffs for picturesque ocean views. Spots are limited and come with plenty of goodies so grab your tickets and get ready to explore your own, the Tastemade way.
What's included?:
--Food and drink credit at two locations
--Reusable tote bag and cap
--Some of their favorite local goodies
--The guided tour
--Print out map of the crawl
$65, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-local-gems-city-crawl-tickets-846544245627

Friday, Mar. 8, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SMC Performing Arts Center, East Wing Music Hall

Friday Jazz Series: Adam Schroeder

Organized by the SMC Music Department. The Santa Monica College Music Department invites you to Friday Jazz Series featuring Saxophonist, Adam Schroeder. This popular concert series brings the best of America's jazz music to SMC and sells out quickly. Program subject to change. Call 310-434-4323 or 310-434-3005 for details. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis. SMC Performing Arts Center, East Wing Music Hall. $10
https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/3d31dcb9-4047-44c5-8de7-3cefb2362fd9

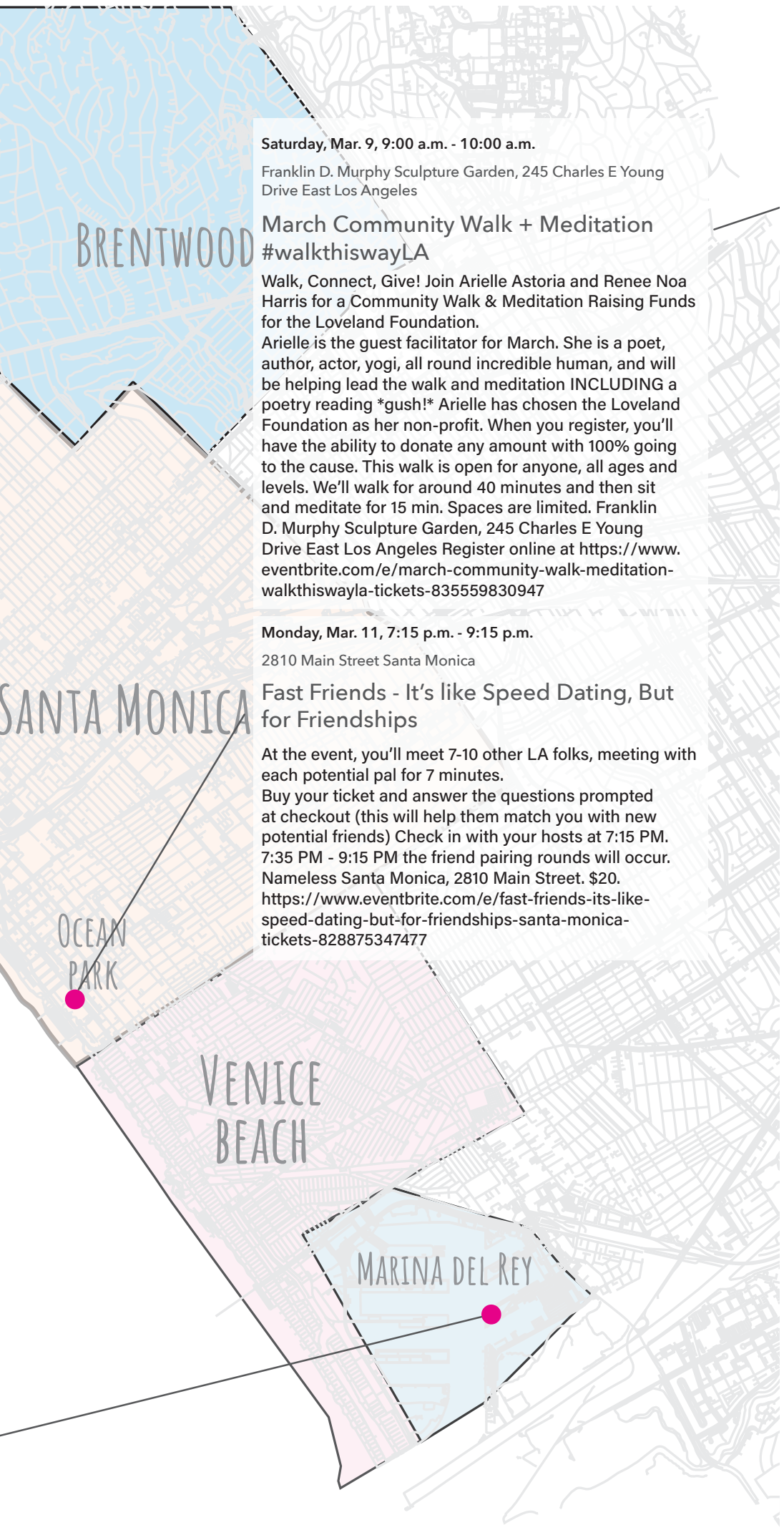
Friday, Mar. 8, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way

Sandy Brushes

Beginning drawing and watercolor art class with Cammie Richardson. Free on Fridays from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Limited to 15 participants, registration required via email to chacepark@bh.lacounty.gov.
https://beaches.lacounty.gov/events-calendar/

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Saturday, Mar. 9, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden, 245 Charles E Young Drive East Los Angeles

March Community Walk + Meditation #walkthiswayLA

Walk, Connect, Give! Join Arielle Astoria and Renee Noa Harris for a Community Walk & Meditation Raising Funds for the Loveland Foundation.
Arielle is the guest facilitator for March. She is a poet, author, actor, yogi, all round incredible human, and will be helping lead the walk and meditation INCLUDING a poetry reading *gush!* Arielle has chosen the Loveland Foundation as her non-profit. When you register, you'll have the ability to donate any amount with 100% going to the cause. This walk is open for anyone, all ages and levels. We'll walk for around 40 minutes and then sit and meditate for 15 min. Spaces are limited. Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden, 245 Charles E Young Drive East Los Angeles Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-community-walk-meditation-walkthiswayla-tickets-835559830947

Monday, Mar. 11, 7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

2810 Main Street Santa Monica

Fast Friends - It's like Speed Dating, But for Friendships

At the event, you'll meet 7-10 other LA folks, meeting with each potential pal for 7 minutes.
Buy your ticket and answer the questions prompted at checkout (this will help them match you with new potential friends) Check in with your hosts at 7:15 PM. 7:35 PM - 9:15 PM the friend pairing rounds will occur. Nameless Santa Monica, 2810 Main Street. $20. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fast-friends-its-like-speed-dating-but-for-friendships-santa-monica-tickets-828875347477



THURSDAY | MARCH 7

TECH & TASKS
Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

COMMUNITY INFO TABLE: JOB HUNTING WITH CHRYSALIS
Chrysalis reps provide free job resources and assistance. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

HOUSING COMMISSION
The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is committed to strengthening the social, economic, and cultural vitality and diversity of Santa Monica through habitable, fair, and equitable housing for all. City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.aspx?id=53687092551

T. REX RISES
How did T. rex become the iconic apex predator of North America 66 million years ago? Paleontologist Dr. Lindsay Zanno is uncovering the answer. Each year she spends several months on expedition, scouring the badlands of western North America in search of clues. Along the way, she has discovered many new species—including some of the earliest predecessors of T. rex. Join Lindsay for a fascinating look at how a global climate crisis during the Cretaceous changed the course of evolution for this prehistoric tyrant and its ancestors. One hour prior to showtime, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County will join on The Plaza with fossil casts on display, and will be joined briefly by special guest, Hunter the T. rex - don't miss his appearance! Broad Stage, 1310 11th Street, 7:30 p.m. $55, https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/nat-geo-live-t-rex-rises

FRIDAY | MARCH 8

THE GREAT OBSERVATORIES
Lecturer Sarah Vincent. Hubble Space Telescope (HST) is one of four space-based telescopes dubbed "The Great Observatories." Tonight's show looks at these pioneering instruments that gave us the first broad-spectrum look at space. 8 - 9 p.m. Free on Zoom. https://www.smc.edu/community/planetarium/

LA DOLLZ
Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St,
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. All female, multi-instrumentalist, high-energy power group. Covering your fave top 40's rock, pop, alternative & more! Rocky Rose: Lead vocals, keyboards, keytar Ariel Bellvalaire: Lead vocals, electric guitar Kya Karine: Backing vocals, electric bass Jazzy Guevara: Lead vocals, Drums. $10, https://santamonica.harvelles.com/shows/251864

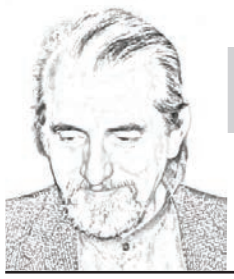
SATURDAY | MARCH 9

SEED STARTING EXTRAVAGANZA
Santa Monica celebrates 30 Years of Sustainability by starting seeds in preparation of Earth Day 2024.
They will be hosting a Seed Starting Party at the Main Street Community Garden with a goal to fill 150 6-packs with summer vegetable seeds on Saturday, March 9, from 9 - 11 a.m.
Anyone who is interested and willing can take home a 6-pack or a whole flat of them (6 6-packs) to nurture and grow at their own home.
Only catch is that they would like to have (most of) them returned to us next month to distribute into the community and/or plant at one of the Communal Gardens. Would you like to take part in the largest seedling starting party in Santa Monica History?
Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St., 9 - 11 a.m. https://www.santamonica.gov/events

COMPOST GIVEAWAY AT CITY YARDS
Join organizers for Resource Recovery and Recycling's quarterly compost giveaway on March 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue. Please bring gloves and containers if you're picking up compost - a limited supply of bags are available. This is a self-service event so please be prepared to load your own compost. They're also giving away FREE food scrap pails. One per household while supplies last. This event is open to all Santa Monica residents with proof of residency.
Tips for a successful Compost Giveaway:
Please be prepared to load compost with your own gloves and containers. Limited staff are available to assist seniors and those with disabilities
City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave.

LA LOCAL GEMS CITY CRAWL
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What's included?:
Food and drink credit at two locations
Reusable tote bag and cap
Some of our favorite local goodies
The guided tour
Print out map of the crawl
$65. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-local-gems-city-crawl-tickets-846544245627

MAKING MONSTERS WITH MARY DOODLES
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Getty Villa, 17985 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Pacific Palisades. Turn a squiggle into a monster! Join illustrator and YouTube artist Mary Doodles for an all-ages monster-drawing workshop. Use drawing materials, inspiration from Getty Villa artworks, and your imagination to create scary, friendly, or silly monsters. This is a free, drop-in program, held in hour-long sessions three times throughout the day at 11:00 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.
Get free tickets to the Getty Villa: https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/events/makingmonsters_2024.html



OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

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"Superlungs" to fill McCabe's



Courtesy photo

"THE REAL MR. MUSIC," TERRY REID, JELLO BIAFRA: Terry Reid (center) will be playing at McCabe's on Friday evening.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

TERRY REID – Yes, the story everyone likes to tell is how he turned down the vocalist position for a new band being formed in England more than half a century ago, and it wound up going to a relative unknown named Robert Plant, who now has a net worth of about $200M. That's a whole lotta Led. The topper is that Reid was only 17 at the time, and his mum wouldn't let him. Problem with a lot of great stories like that is, you find out they are mostly not true. Reid himself said no, but with good reason. At only 17 he had caused enough of a stir with his amazing voice and his songs, that a major label offered him a three-album deal. Not his band, just him, featured solo artist, his name and his photos on the LP covers, and him calling the shots, no collective band decisions. Terry Reid, Superlungs, The Voice, they called him over there, and still do. His is gruffer and grittier than Plant's high wail but when you hear it, you can imagine it having sung all those famous hits. He seems at peace with having to constantly debunk those stories, possibly because he is a consummate artist still at the top of his game. He agreed to appear on my cable TV show, "Not Just Another LA Music Show," years ago, and I was surprised, and soon delighted, when he showed up with his young daughter and they sang Christmas songs. It was completely charming, and incredibly good. So whatever he chooses to sing at McCabe's, I'm ready. Fri 8 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica, $35.

"HIGHWAY 1, USA"/"THE DWARF," LA OPERA – Not "La Traviata" or "Turandot" so I can't speak from the experience of having seen them, but while you are waiting for those two, in April and May, this should satisfy your soul for big voices, great acting, big sets and fine music. I can say this: in seven years of seeing almost everything our LA Opera has produced, I have never been disappointed. And this production has racked a few rave reviews, including LA Times and NY Times. Sat, Thurs 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $19-259..

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday, 9 - 11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. They should have copies of their new album "Nova" there for sale. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

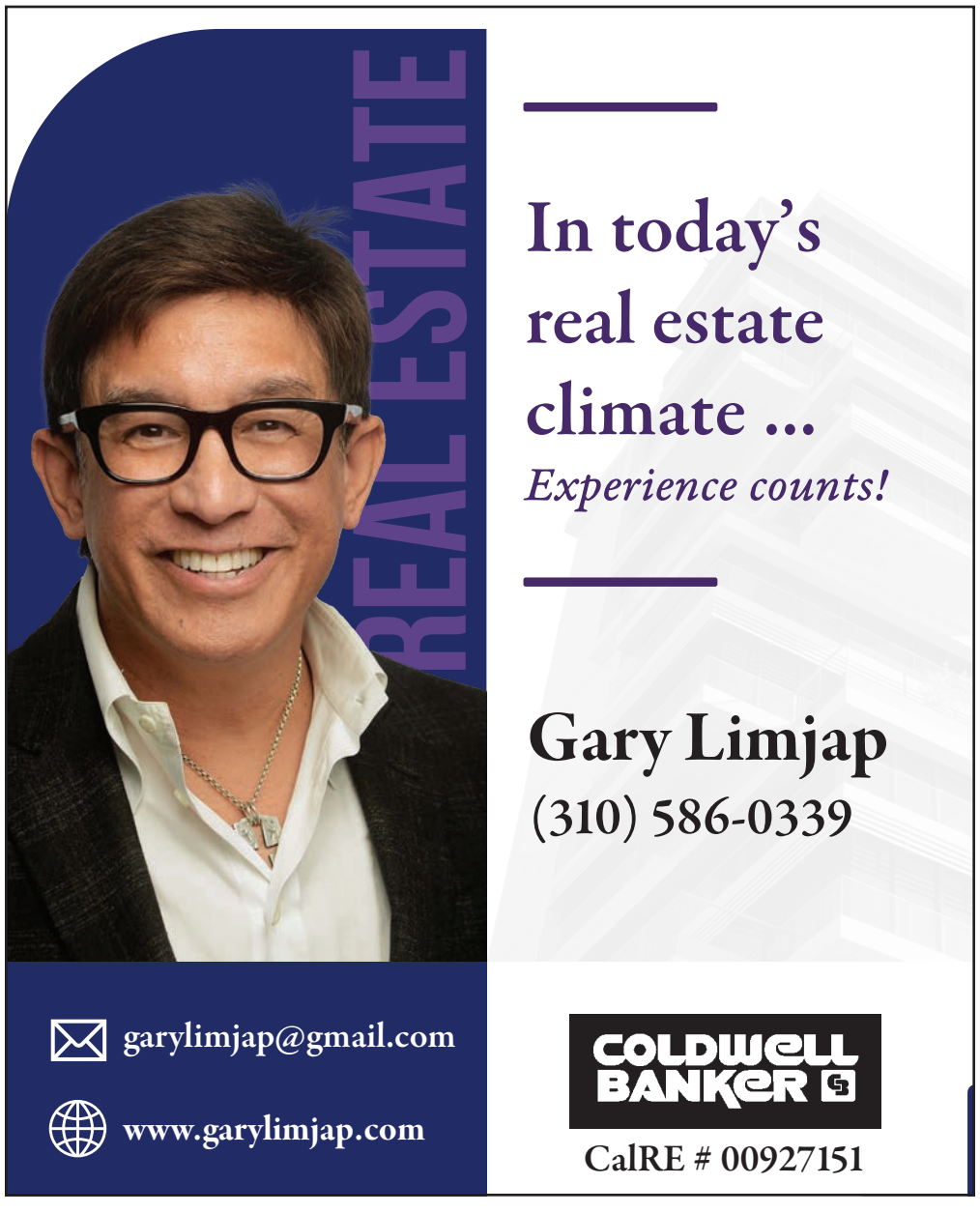
"BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE" – I can recommend this based on the story it tells and the trailers I've seen, and the fact that none of my hardcore reggae friends has trashed it. But none have raved, either. It does cover only a small period in his short life, when he was most controversial in his home country of Jamaica, when it was going through an election noted for guns and violence. Attackers entered Marley's home and tried to assassinate him and his family, and... well, you'll have to see for yourself. Keeping in mind that Marley was one of the most popular performers the world has ever seen, and was considered also a political and religious leader, even a prophet by many. Too bad our hometown Laemmle Theaters aren't screening it locally, but AMC Santa Monica 7 is, 1310 Third Street Promenade, today through next Thurs, check theaters for showtimes, prices.

"IT'S ONLY A SHOW" – Famous character and comedic actor Charles Nelson Reilly and Paul Linke were decades-long friends and collaborators. Linke crafted Reilly's acclaimed solo play, "Save It for the Stage," a production later immortalized on film as "The Life of Reilly!" Step behind the curtain for "It's Only a Show" – a tribute to the legendary Charles Nelson Reilly. Created and performed by Paul Linke, together they took Reilly's unique life stories around the country, and now it lands at our airport. Linke is known for his roles in "CHiPs," "Judging Amy," and the solo show "Time Flies When You're Alive," calls this "an evening of heart, humor and the enduring spirit of a true mentor." The other recent one-man show I saw at Ruskin was simply great, and since this one has been held over several times, I think we all better get on over this Saturday. Sat 5 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM airport, $20-30.

LIBRARY GIRL – Presents: "Such a Long, Long Time to Be Gone and a Short Time to Be There," inspired by the song "Box of Rain" by The Grateful Dead. Curated with Steve Hochman, acclaimed local music journalist. Featuring music by Thee Holy Brothers (Willie Aron + Marvin Etzioni), and readings by: Paul Body, Mary Camarillo, Jane Cantillon, Cory Cofer, Jonathan Feldman, Steve Hochman, Veronica Jauregui and Melissa Marie Monroe. Library Girl almost always has themes/prompts relating to music, often song lyrics or album titles, so a live poets society digging into Dead lyrics should be special. Maybe you'll even find direction, around some corner where it's been waiting 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. And the band is smokon'! Don't. Miss. Toledo Diamond. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

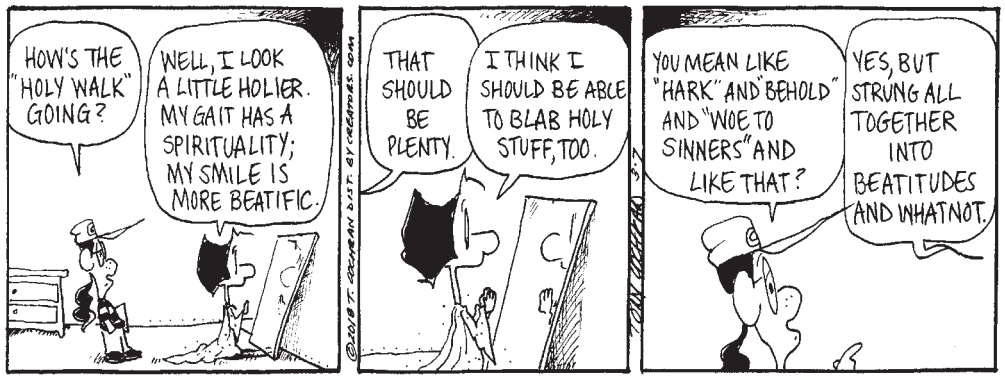
COMING ATTRACTIONS: "HIGHWAY 1, USA"/"THE DWARF," LA OPERA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 3/14, 17; SOUTHSIDE SLIM, Harvelle's, 3/15; "IT'S ONLY A SHOW," Ruskin Theatre, 3/16, 23; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 3/17, 24, 31; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 3/18, 25;; PHILIP GLASS, COMPLETE ETUDES, Disney Hall, 3/20; ESA-PEKKA SALONEN, SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, 3/22; LOS STRAIGHTJACKETS, McCabe's, 3/24; SLEATER-KINNEY, Wiltern, 3/28, Belasco, 3/29; YO YO MA, KATHRYN SCOTT, Disney Hall, 4/3; SPRINGSTEEN, Kia Forum, 4/4, 7; ETHAN IVERSON TRIO with PETER ERSKINE, DAREK OLES, Sam First, 4/5; "LA TRAVIATA," LA Opera, 4/6, 14, 18, 21, 24, 27; SAINT-SAENS, ORGAN SYMPHONY, LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 4/12, 13, 14; MAVIS STAPLES 85TH BD, YouTube Theater, 4/18; ALBERT LEE, McCabe's, 4/19; HERBIE HANCOCK, Disney Hall, 4/20; ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS, The Soraya, 4/21; RHIANNON GIDDENS, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 4/25; KRAFTWERK, Disney Hall, 5/21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30; JOHN MCEUEN, McCabe's, 5/24; CHRIS STAPLETON, Hollywood Bowl, 6/26, 27; ROLLING STONES, SoFi Stadium, 7/10, 13.

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 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com



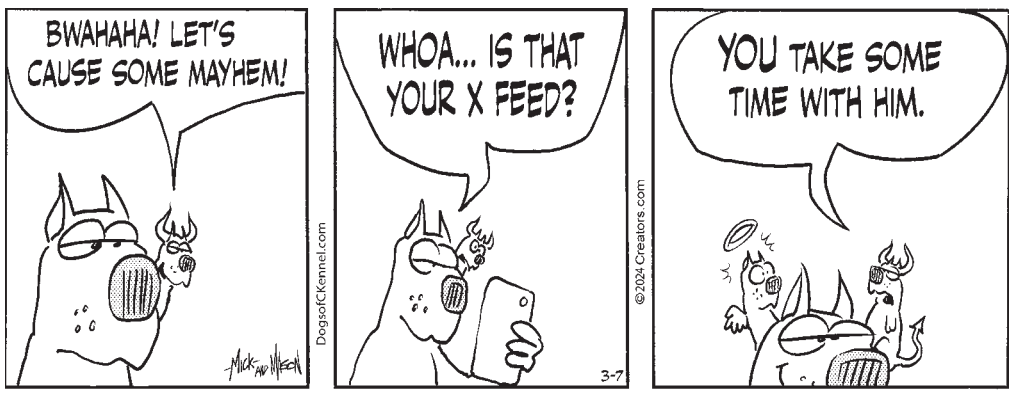
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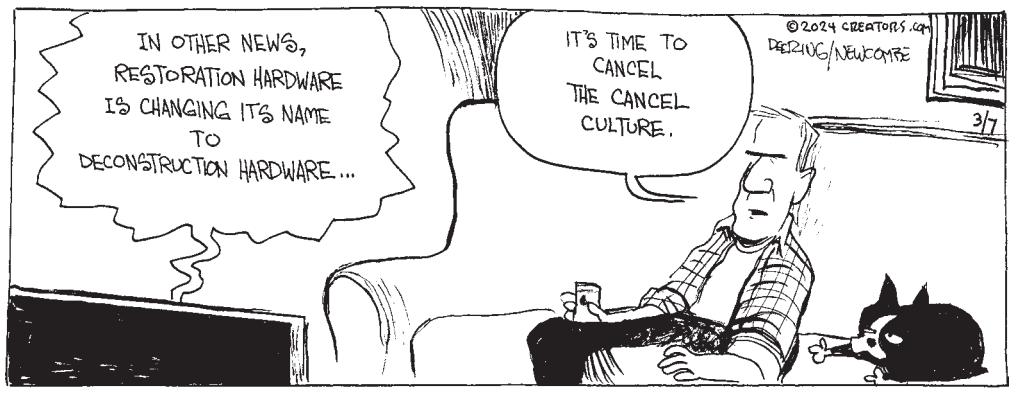
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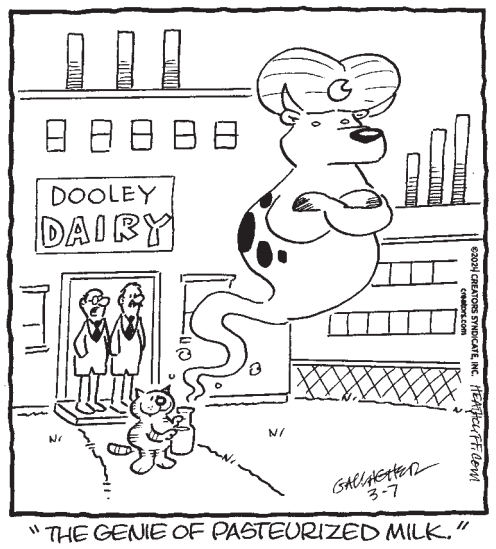
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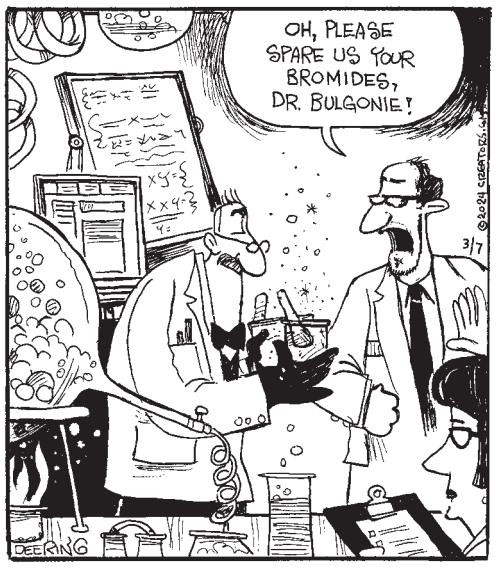
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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Seemingly disparate ideas will form an arrow pointing to your next winning endeavor. You'll attract new people, form a dream team of new and old friends and execute a brilliant plan. More highlights: A unique and lovely and constant answer to the call of your heart, an influx of money that gives you ease and freedom and two wild excursions. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 28, 13 and 28.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you suspect that you're at odds with yourself, take the time to adjust your thinking. Once you set your mind on the belief that you really can experience the fulfillment and joy you desire, your reality will organize around the vision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). At first, an enterprise will seem too expensive (in money, energy or time) to get involved with, but don't be too easily deterred. When you investigate further, you'll find other methods and arrangements are possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're doing anything that is contributing to a negative dynamic, you'll figure it out. But you may have to pull out of the situation completely to understand your part in it. Don't strain to see it. Time will give you clarity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though you wear a smile and have a kind thought for all you meet, you privately keep your expectations in check. "Never rely on the glory of the morning nor the smiles of your mother-in-law." — Japanese proverb

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you were a child imagining your adult life, you had ideas about what it would be that may seem funny to you now. The vision has changed along the way, but the old imaginings still have something to teach that will bring a moment of enlightenment today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is said that the calm comes before the storm, but it can also go the other way. Today the excitement comes first — not necessarily storm-like, but definitely the winds of change will blow your hair. This will be followed by a calm stretch.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll meet interesting people and stumble upon fascinating topics because you look in places others wouldn't think to go. Your search terms are unusual, and your questions are like keys that unlock new worlds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). How do you know that your dreams are not delusions? A better question for today is: so what if they are? Preposterous ideas become regular, daily realities all the time. Progress runs on delusions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Give yourself the time and resources you need to present yourself the way you want to. If you get it right the first time, it's a fluke. These things are experiments. The details will make a difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you think about the relationship you'd like to have with someone, the vision is as much an act of creativity as any other art form, and thereby worthy of brainstorming, daydreaming, idea-boarding and whatever else you can do to clarify the vision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maybe it seems like an odd thing to think about, but you'll find yourself considering your position in a group and assessing the status and power you're working with. Being conscious of such interplay gives you an advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything you do with others today will be a dance. Friendship, commerce, self-development, love, work... it's all about moving in to support and be supported and then backing off to execute independent moves.

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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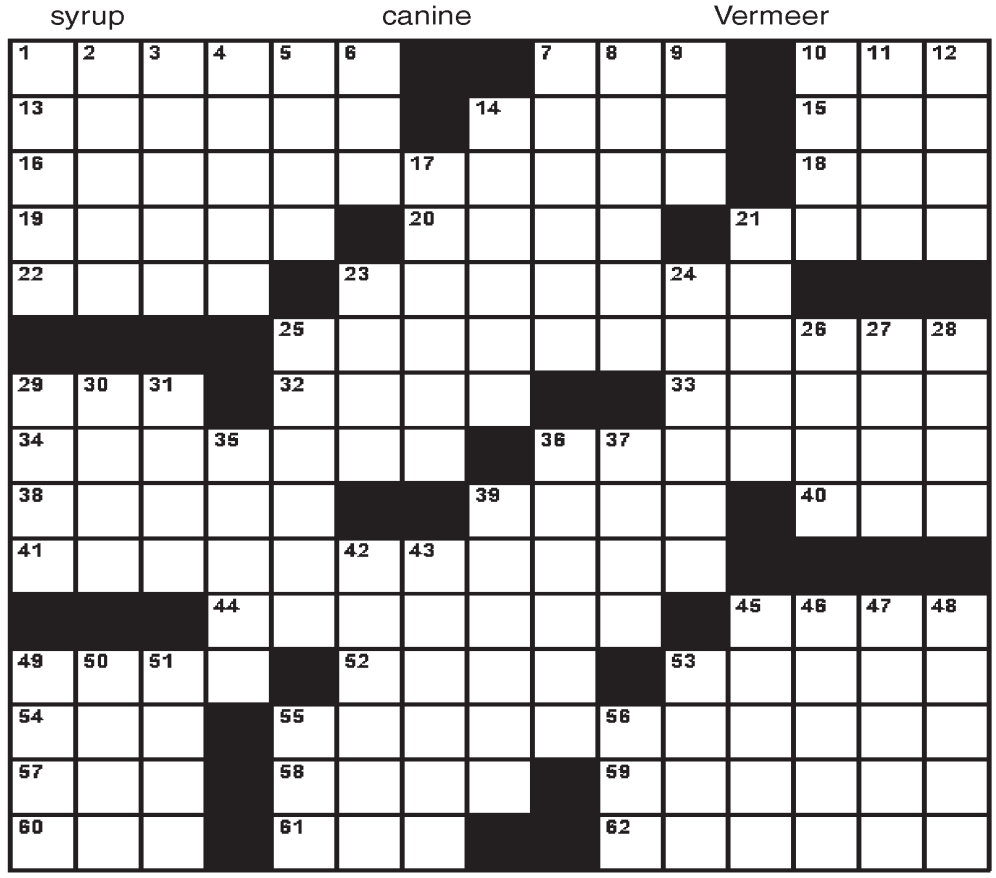
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7 "Taking a short break" text
10 Core muscles
13 Maybelline's owner
14 Hazard marker
15 Radiance, in brand names
16 . . . from AMPAS
18 Very long period
19 Looks as if
20 Rat-__
21 Uptight
22 Watery whirl
23 Illuminate
25 . . . for best novel in English
29 Old-school encouragement
32 Small notes
33 Offer as an explanation
34 Frozen first aid
36 Get behind
38 "Awesome!"
39 Scholastic stats
40 *Wheel of Fortune* buy
41 . . . from HFPA
44 Shared fairly
45 Whip up
49 Industrial giant
52 Go again with
53 Exodus edibles
54 Female pheasant
55 . . . from Augusta National
57 Aesthetic skill
58 Gathers dust
59 Early name in a flower glossary
60 Qty. in some cartons
61 Certain equine
62 Last released

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4 Disreputable
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6 Raised railways
7 Portable stove fuel
8 Wi-Fi hardware
9 Tourney pass
10 Barrel-__ maple syrup
11 Posting place
12 Tokyo-based TV brand
14 Hand-dyed fabrics
17 Large Chevys
21 Ill-fated energy company
23 Album number
24 Be against
25 Straw hat
26 Rae of *Barbie*
27 Western national park
28 Gallic being
29 *Game of Thrones* matriarch portrayer
30 "Height" starter
31 Command to a canine
35 Negative coverage
36 Absolutely right
37 An early sunscreen
39 They're forest-free
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43 Welcomes warmly
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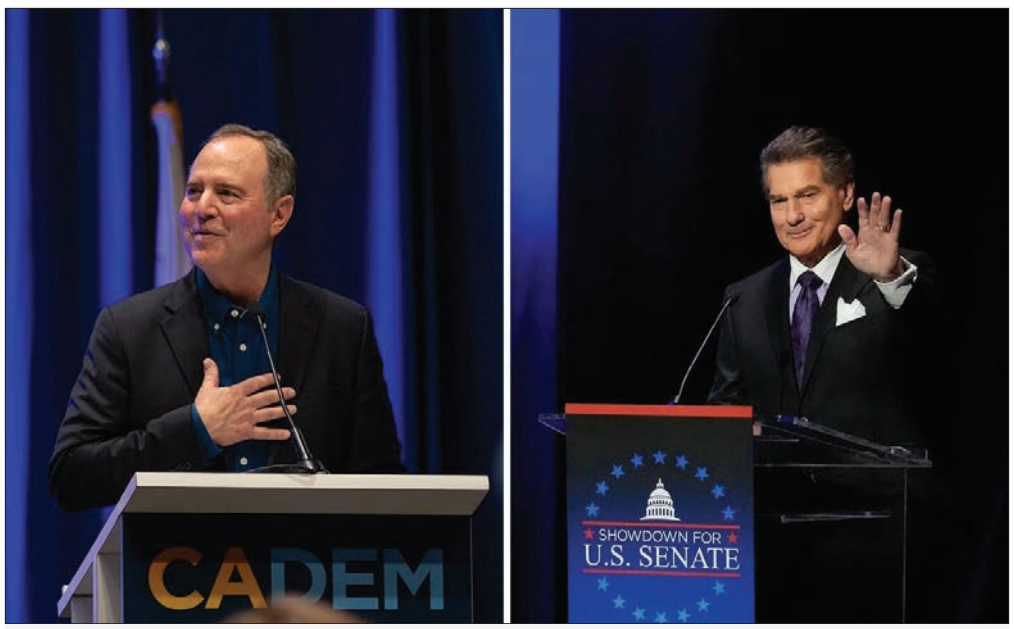


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Does Steve Garvey have a shot against Adam Schiff for U.S. Senate?

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ELECTION: Adam Schiff (left) will face off with former Los Angeles Dodgers legend Steve Garvey for a U.S. Senate seat.

Adam Schiff has likely punched his ticket to the U.S. Senate.

Placing first in California's top-two primary as of late Tuesday night, the Democratic U.S. representative is heading into the November election against former L.A. Dodgers legend Steve Garvey — the Republican in second place, but a long shot at winning a California statewide election.

The Associated Press declared the Schiff-Garvey matchup with 38% of the expected votes counted Tuesday night.

In his victory speech, Schiff thanked his supporters and touted Republicans' criticism of him. "It looks like we are going to the general, ladies and gentlemen," Schiff told cheering supporters in Los Angeles.

But his speech was interrupted by protesters calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Faced with "Ceasefire Now" chants, Schiff responded: "We are so lucky, so lucky to live in a democracy where we all have the right to protest."

In the separate election to serve out the final two months of Feinstein's term, Schiff is also leading Garvey as of late Tuesday.

The matchup is good news for Schiff, whose campaign shelled out tens of millions of dollars elevating Garvey's name among Republican voters to make sure of that outcome. The ad blitz helped shut out progressive Democratic Rep. Katie Porter, who could have posed a formidable threat to Schiff in the general election.

Some Democrats are breathing a sigh of relief, too: They had worried that a Schiff-Porter matchup would suck up campaign cash from Democratic donors, potentially leaving few dollars to down-ballot candidates, particularly those in battleground congressional districts who could determine control of Congress, Politico reported. But now, Schiff could spread his wealth to benefit Democrats in those races, political strategists say.

Garvey celebrated with supporters in Palm Desert on Tuesday night. "Welcome to the California comeback. What you are all feeling tonight is what it's like to hit a walk-off home run," he opened his victory speech.

"Keep the evening of November 5th open, as we will celebrate again," Garvey added. "They say in the general election that we are going to strike out. You know what? That's from the crowd that believes in the status quo."

But Garvey's primary win has likely set him up for a loss in November: There are not enough Republican voters — or GOP donors — in California to propel him to victory, and no national GOP groups will invest much in winning a statewide seat in deep-blue California, said Republican strategist Jon Fleischman.

"The math doesn't make sense to try to win California at the expense of spending all that money on states where they can be a lot more competitive," he said.

The matchup, however, dismayed progressive supporters of Porter, in third place with 15% of the vote Tuesday night, and Lee, in fourth place with 7%.

Porter told supporters in Long Beach that special interests and billionaires spent millions to keep her out of the U.S. Senate and that too many in power just want to stay in elected office. "I will always, always be fighting for you," she said in ending her concession speech Tuesday night.

The Schiff-Garvey runoff means that, for the first time in more than 30 years, California will be represented by two male senators (Alex Padilla was elected in 2022), one of whom will be white.

"We have two old white men in this incredibly diverse and dynamic state … fighting to replace Dianne Feinstein's seat," said Thad Kousser, professor of political science at the University of California San Diego. "This looks like your grandfather's California."

Charlene Bennett, a 57-year-old Lee supporter who works as a manager in the state government, said she wanted to see a woman of color win the seat.

"I don't think it's just enough to say, 'I support women,'" Bennett said after voting at the downtown Sacramento public library. "When we talk about women's rights, reproductive rights, we need to have a woman there in the moment when decisions are happening."

FORMIDABLE FUNDRAISER

Schiff, the most prolific fundraiser in this race, spent $38 million to both secure his own spot in the general and effectively handpick his opponent in November. What lies ahead for him is likely a clear path to victory: In deep-blue California, no Republican has won a statewide race since 2006.

He can now spend some of his campaign war chest on Democrats in California's down-ballot races, or on Senate candidates in more challenging states, such as Sen. Jacky Rosen in Nevada, said Democratic strategist Michael Trujillo.

"The Senate side is gonna get to see how Adam can fundraise and get his donors engaged in other swing seats that keep the Senate for Democrats," he said.

The fundraising power he could use to benefit other Democrats would help establish him as a "national Democratic leader," Kousser said.

"He's shown that he's one of the fundraising stars of his party. And once you secure your seat, you've got to use that star power to help your team rather than just yourself," he said.

BUTTING HEADS ON TRUMP, OTHER POLICIES

Former President Donald Trump's influence has loomed large in the race, and may be here to stay.

Schiff has fundraised off Trump's name, touting his role leading the first impeachment trial against Trump in 2020. He has cashed in on Trump's attacks on him and the vote by a Republican-controlled House to censure Schiff over his comment during investigations into Trump's ties to Russia.

On Tuesday, he wore it as a badge of honor.

"At the urging and badgering of Donald Trump, the Republicans censured me for holding him accountable," he said during his victory speech. "And then Trump would attack me rally after rally. And I think all those things were basically what we would call Wednesday."

That record gained him votes among Democratic voters in this race. Ben James, a 38-year-old hotel engineering manager in Sacramento, said that was the main reason he chose Schiff over Porter.

"We have to do anything we can to prevent (Trump's presidency) from happening again," James said.

Garvey — who said he voted for Trump in 2016 and 2020 — has so far declined to say whether he would support Trump in November, arguing it's his "personal choice." But Schiff's campaign has portrayed Garvey as a far right candidate associated with Trump in his ad blitz.

"All people know about him is that he stands with Trump, because that's what the Adam Schiff commercials will make it look like," Kousser said.

Garvey's vague stance on Trump, however, has not hurt his chances with Republicans, Kousser noted.

While some Republican candidates in California can't afford to criticize Trump due to their deep-red base, in a statewide race, "you can't win a general election in California as the Donald Trump candidate," he said.

Schiff and Garvey will likely continue to clash on multiple other issues in the next eight months, such as the U.S.-Mexico border, homelessness, immigration, climate change and the economy. In CBS exit polls, primary voters picked the cost of living as the most important issue facing California, followed by immigration and homelessness.

Garvey has called for a shutdown of the southern border, arguing that the country should prioritize legal immigration and curb drug and human trafficking. Schiff, on the contrary, has advocated for more resources for migrants at the border and disagreed with President Joe Biden's administration on tightened asylum policies, calling them "wrong."

The two are split on the federal minimum wage, with Schiff calling for a $20 hourly rate indexed to inflation and Garvey supporting the current $7.25. They have also taken different tones on fossil fuel energy in California. Schiff said he supports moving away from fossil fuel energy, while Garvey stressed during debates that the country "runs on gas and oil."

INVIGORATING GOP VOTERS?

Garvey's presence on the ballot — broadcast statewide thanks to Schiff's ads — could have driven up GOP turnout and helped down-ticket Republican candidates, Fleischman said.

"Adam Schiff's strategy may send him into the runoff against Steve Garvey, but it might also elect some Republicans down ticket that he didn't intend," he said.

But will Garvey's presence be enough to energize GOP voters in the general election? Unlikely, since the single biggest driver of turnout remains the presidential race, not a U.S. Senate election, political experts say.

"We are going to forget that this race is even on the ballot come November," Kousser said.

But Garvey's message and vision could find its audience with some voters, who are looking for a different brand of Republican Party, Kousser said.

"If Steve Garvey … articulates that vision, especially if that vision can change the Republican brand in some people's minds from the party of Donald Trump to … a party of Steve Garvey and other people like him, that can help start the long-term project of getting the Republicans back."

At the very least, Garvey's name on the November ticket keeps Republican consultants employed until November, Trujillo joked. "It's the Bipartisan Full Employment Act," he said.

'REFERENDUM' ON TOP TWO?

The Schiff-Garvey matchup was not quite what the authors of California's top-two primary system wanted to produce, Kousser said.

"One of the strong hopes for the top two was that it was supposed to bring moderation and make races competitive all the way through to November by getting us away from having a Democrat versus a Republican," he said.

"But in race after race after race, we're just seeing a Democrat versus a Republican, and it's game over by the spring."

Bloomberg columnist Matthew Yglesias argued in a Sunday commentary that the top-two system "led to chaos and gamesmanship."

Trujillo disagreed, arguing it is unfair to use this Senate race as "a referendum on the top two."

"I think it's very short-sighted to just look at the U.S. Senate race as the prime example," he said. "Obviously, it's a big example, but it's working the way it's supposed to in every single legislative and congressional race that we have."

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