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City wants input on future of Parks

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City parks department is holding a pop-up event at Clover Park Sunday from noon until 2 p.m. to get feedback on parks in Santa Monica. The City will continue to hold events and community meetings all summer to collect input for a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan was last updated in 1997.

For city staff, getting the word out about current programming is also part of the plan.

"For my young family, the playground partnership with the school district is a treasured resource," said Planning Commissioner Jason Perry this week when the commission received an update on the process. "We will walk to our local elementary school on the weekend and often we have the whole place to ourselves. I look at that and I wonder if that's a resource that could be tapped into a little bit more."

The plan will establish the framework for parks, open space, the beach and recreation programs for the next twenty years. Residents can attend a meeting in person or fill out a map-based survey and input where they live, work, and play throughout the city at www.santamonicaparks.org. The City will then host community workshops beginning in August.

"Historically, Santa Monica has

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Social Justice Action Plan seeing immediate results in SMMUSD

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Implementation of the Santa Monica Malibu School District's Social Justice Action Plan is enjoying a seamless transition with staff, students, and board members enthused by results thus far.

"When we talk about 21st-century learning, this is what we're talking about," Ralph Mechur enthusiastically said following the presentation. "The research, deep thinking, coming up with conclusions and recommendations— this is it."

Ethnic studies teacher Sean Arce and assistant superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Mora led the May 17 presentation that updated the Board on its Social Justice Action Plan.

The plan is part of SMMUSDs three-pronged approach to achieving "excellence through equity," including creating a culture of shared accountability, teaching cross-cultural/socio-economic skills, and engaging in constant self-reflection around the issue of equity.

At a previous meeting establishing the program, proposed curriculum intended to foster a "social justice literacy" included teaching students about racial and economic injustice by introducing students to feminist texts, having students express their identities via poetry, and exploring gentrification and its effects on students' communities.

In their presentation, Arce and More shared results of their "awareness year" thus far, develop-

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Fresh Finds: Orchids



Kate Cagle

PLANTS: Orchids are among the non-edible offerings for sale at local Farmers Markets.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A few minutes into talking about orchids with Kathleen Cosgrove and she'll have you reaching for a dictionary. Words like hybridize, aseptic, and Phalaenopsis flow freely as she tries to convince you maintaining an orchid is easy.

"They don't require a lot of light," Cosgrove explained at a recent Sunday at the Main Street farmers market where her nursery has sold orchids and ferns for roughly 25 years. "The blooms hold for a long time. The plant will come back and rebloom every year if it's taken care of properly. It's not hard."

Keeping one of Cosgrove's orchids alive may be easy; creating one in the first place is difficult. Like most of the specimens you find in grocery stores and flower markets, Cosgrove's orchids are created by clonal propagation in a laboratory in Encinitas. The scientific technique is the reason the language of orchids is surprisingly technical.

In fact, the cross pollination of orchids is so complex, Charles Darwin himself published a book about it in 1862: 'Fertilisation of Orchids'. The follow up to 'On the Origin of Species' delved deeply into the intricate relationship between plants and the insects that pollinate them.

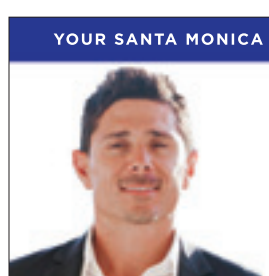
In contrast, Cosgrove's process takes place in a sterile petri dish. She started experimenting with the process in the 1970's. She says the lab process revolutionized orchid growing and is the reason you find the exotic flowers everywhere.

"If you sow in a sterile culture in a laboratory you get a greater germination so we can get thousands of plants, whereas if you tried to sow the seed in nature, you would get maybe three," Cosgrove said.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, May 19

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood, and offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Used Oil Filter Exchange

Need a filter? Exchange your used oil filter for a new one - Free! 2018 Lincoln Blvd. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ClimateFest

ClimateFest is a free community event that will celebrate and inspire climate action, co-produced by the City of Santa Monica, Beautify Earth and Climate Action Santa Monica. 725 California Ave. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

Main St. Farmers Market

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Poetry Loves Art: reading and prompts with Dinah Berland

Stop by to listen to poetry by the Camera Obscura poets (members of Dinah Berland's ekphrastic poetry class,) and get inspired to pen some of your own lines inspired by visual art. Palisades Park. 1450 Ocean Ave. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, May 21

ESL Classes at SMPL

Santa Monica Public Library hosts a series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222 ext. 76203 to enroll. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board

The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St.

Tuesday, May 22

SM Reads: Life After Manzanar

Authors Naomi Hirahara and Heather C. Lindquist weave together oral histories of the settlement, the period following their unjust imprisonment, when Japanese Americans were thrust back into society with little more than twenty-five dollars and a one-way bus ticket. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 – 8:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St, 5:30 p.m.

10th Annual Student Poster Contest - Be Fantastic, Cut the Plastic

At the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. Parking is $3 an hour or $12 for the day. Bike riding and carpooling are encouraged. 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

SM Reads: Japanese & English Storytime

This special Japanese and English story time includes a craft activity. For ages 5-7. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23

SM Reads Book Discussion: Farewell to Manzanar

Join us to share your thoughts about Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston and its themes, or simply listen to learn more about the book. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMC to Hold June 7 Celebration for First-Ever Bachelor's Degree Graduates

Santa Monica College (SMC) is pleased to announce a "SMC Interaction Design Grad Show", a celebration of the college's first 18 students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Interaction Design (IXD). The event — both a showcase of the students' innovative projects and portfolios and an industry mixer — will be held on Thursday, June 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the SMC Center for Media and Design at 1660 Stewart St. in Santa Monica.

John Modestine, creative director of Ring — the global home security company owned by Amazon — will be the guest speaker. Event sponsors are the Santa Monica College Foundation and Lantana Media Group.

"This is a historic moment for Santa Monica College, and I congratulate the talented graduates and their dedicated instructors!" said Dr. Kathryn E Jeffery, SMC Superintendent/President. "We are exceptionally proud of these 18 students as they leave SMC having made it through a rigorous program that transformed them into interaction designers with the skills needed to succeed in this dynamic field."

The first of its kind to be offered at a community college, SMC's Bachelor of Science degree was designed to impart fundamental skills in interaction design, a field that blends user experience (UX), design, and technology. The students spent their first two years studying graphic design, and the last two immersed in upper-division interaction design courses, as well as related coursework in computer science, business, cognitive psychology, and media, among others.

In 2015, The California Community Colleges Board of Governors selected Santa Monica College to be among 15 community colleges in California that would offer baccalaureate degrees as part of a pilot program created by the state legislature (SB 850). To support the college's proposal for a four-year program not offered by the California State University or University of California and in a field where there was a demonstrated local need, over 100 letters of support were sent in from Los Angeles tech and entertainment companies including Microsoft, Warner Brothers, Disney, Fox TV, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and Amazon Web Services.

"The Los Angeles tech and media communities will be very grateful in the years to come for having a local pool of talented designers that are ready and eager to provide solutions for everyday problems," said John Modestine who has led all marketing and product design related initiatives since Ring was founded in a garage in Pacific Palisades in 2011. Modestine also holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Design from Philadelphia University.

Modestine added that Santa Monica College is "taking the appropriate steps to create well-versed students in the Interaction Design Program, who should be capable of addressing a myriad of different product markets." "We are very excited to see what the future holds for this program, and the relationships that can be fostered with Ring, and other companies looking for talented designers," said Modestine.

SMC's baccalaureate graduates have plans to pursue various career options within the field. One is passionate about a career in museum exhibition design. Three have teamed up to launch their own user experience design studio. Another is interested in interactive storytelling, and so on. SMC Interaction Design instructor Selwa Sweidan — designer and co-founder of Artificial Knowing, an Artificial Intelligence Design consultancy —said that the college's IxD program exposed students to a wide range of opportunities, and prepared them for both current and emerging innovations.

"I came thinking I would focus on systems or visual design, and I'm coming out of it knowing I want to use my interaction design skills to shape human experiences in the workplace through human resources, organizational design, and culture development," said Amanda Sanchez, one of the graduates.

SMC's affordability was what attracted Ana Interiano (tuition at four-year private institutions that offer comparable programs can cost $160,000 or more, while the tuition for baccalaureate students at SMC for the entire four-year program is roughly $10,000). Another student, Casey McCallister, chose the program because she wanted a mid-career change. She landed an internship through an SMC faculty member, and used the skills she gained in the IXD program to become an exhibit design intern at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles.

In addition to rigorous coursework and internships, students also took part in group projects for charitable and corporate partners. One such project involved working with the American Heart Association in addressing the problem of food deserts — communities without convenient access to healthy grocery options — and consulting for business software company SAP on ways to improve the shopping experience at thrift stores and retail entities like Forever 21. The interaction design majors also worked on prototypes to help enhance how students experience SMC's Center for Media and Design campus, which was unveiled in December 2017 (the four-year program is housed there).

The June 7 exclusive grad show is open to interested members of the public. Space is limited, and tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis at santamonicacollegefoundation.org/ixdgradshow. RSVPs are required by May 31. Street parking around the SMC Center for Media and Design. Complimentary valet parking will be available for the event.

For more information, contact Cheryl Ward at Ward_Cheryl@smc.edu or (310) 434-4293. More details about the interaction design program is at www.smcixd.org.

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Dodger's Doldrums Deepen

FOR DODGER FANS, I HAVE GOOD NEWS and bad news. (Actually, it's pretty much all bad.) For openers, the Dodger start so far is the worst in sixty years, going back to their initial season in L.A. playing in the Coliseum in 1958. (Yikes!) The "good" news is in 1959 they won the World Series.

As I write this, the Dodgers have lost 18 of the past 23 games. The good news is that last year the Dodgers had a stretch where they lost 16 out of 17 and still wound up in the World Series.

Before I go further, let me apologize for having taken so long between Snide World columns. Sports news in L.A., at least for me, has been just too depressing to write about. Take the past Laker season. (Please.)

Though some Laker loyalists boast about the improvement from last season to this, a "whopping" 9 games (from 26 to 35) I offer this thought. In a way it's a good thing Jerry Buss has already passed on. I say that because if someone had told him the "exciting" news that the Lakers won a grand total of 35 games in a season, he'd have keeled over on the spot.

This past season was the 5th straight year the Lakers didn't make the playoffs. If that isn't bad enough, in the previous sixty-five years of the Laker franchise, the team failed to make the playoffs a TOTAL of 5 times.

As a UCLA alum, I've been reluctant to issue more Snide World because of the disappointing UCLA football and basketball seasons. You'd think I'd be used to it. That said, USC wasn't much better.

Steve Alford, UCLA's basketball coach, has an excellent recruiting class for this upcoming season, although that hasn't yielded that much in previous years. Matt, a loyal reader of mine from Silverlake, e-mails that while he correctly predicted that Alford would become the Bruins coach, it's time for him to go, and suggests UCLA should hire Tommy Amaker from Harvard. As for the Dodgers, Matt thinks manager Dave Roberts should be canned and replaced with two-time Dodger All-Star...Dusty Baker!

I was going to write about the Rams season last year but I lost interest when they were beaten so badly in the first round of the playoffs. Like the 7th game of the Dodger World Series, they were never in it. #Sad.

I should root for the Angels and Mike Trout, the perennial MVP candidate. (He won the award in 2014 and 2016, and came in second in 2012, 2013 and 2015, all of which is amazing.) And then there's Albert Pujols who has a lifetime batting average of .304, just passed the 3,000 hit mark, is approaching 2,000 RBIs and has 620 Home Runs. (Is that all?)

And the brightest Angel star may be 23-year-old Shohei Ohtani, the Japanese Babe Ruth. At 6'4 and 203 pounds, Shohei can pitch at 100 mph and hit 450 foot home runs. If only he were a Dodger. I say that because when the Angels sued to become the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (which is it, Anaheim or Los Angeles?) that's when I lost interest. Go figure.

So what do the Dodgers have? They currently have the National League West's second worst record and 3rd worst in the league. They have their All-Star shortstop and former Rookie of the Year, Corey Seager, out for the season with Tommy John surgery. They have their power-hitting All-Star third baseman, Justin Turner, just now returning to the lineup after suffering a broken wrist in pre-season.

And the Dodgers future Hall of Fame pitcher, Clayton Kershaw, is having his worst year ever due to lack of run support, nagging injuries and a uncharacteristic penchant for giving up home runs. Sidelined by bicep tendonitis, Kershaw hasn't pitched since May 1 and there's no date set for his return. #Grim.

Here's an ominous statistic. The Dodgers are 2-11 against the Marlins, Padres and Reds, three teams accused of tanking their seasons. (Not a good sign when you can't beat teams that are essentially trying to lose!)

Just about the Dodger lone bright is stud pitching prospect, Walker Buehler who's only 23. A few weeks ago, in only his third career start, he threw six no-hit innings as part of a combined four-pitcher Dodger no-hitter. (Only the 12th combined no-hitter in MLB history.) The only problem with Buehler is he's on a strict innings limit so it's hard to imagine him having a huge impact in his rookie season.

As of Friday, the Dodgers are on a 1-game win streak. (I say sarcastically.) With 119 games left, hopefully what the Dodgers also have, is time. (Which is more than I do as I just hit my word limit.)

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Ordinance Number 2573 amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 3.04.035 related to off-street parking fees and 3.16.170 related to on-street parking rates. The ordinance authorizes the City Manager, or his or her designee, to adjust parking and permit fees for off-street public parking lots, off-street parking meters, or other off-street public parking. The ordinance also establishes rates for on-street parking meters and pay machines in the Downtown, Beach, and Citywide meter zones. Additionally, the ordinance makes available at the City Clerk's Office a current schedule of on-street parking rates.

The ordinance will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Office of the City Clerk located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

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Greg Dill

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Medicare and osteoporosis

BRITTLE BONES COULD SHATTER YOUR life.

Every year, more Americans are diagnosed with osteoporosis, a disease that causes bones to weaken and become more likely to break. You may not know that you have this "silent" disease until your bones are so weak that a sudden strain, bump, or fall causes your wrist to break or your hip to fracture.

Medicare can help you prevent or detect osteoporosis at an early stage, when treatment works best.

Talk to your doctor about getting a bone mass measurement. If you're at risk, Medicare Part B covers this test once every 24 months (more often if medically necessary) when your doctor or other qualified provider orders it.

A bone mass measurement test helps to see whether you have osteoporosis or should be concerned about your bones. Some people call this test a bone mineral density (BMD) test.

A BMD test uses a special machine to measure the amount of bone mineral you have in a certain area of bone. Bone density testing can be done on different bones of your body, including your hip, spine, forearm (between the wrist and elbow), wrist, finger or heel.

A BMD test is safe and painless, and it provides important information about your bone health. Your healthcare provider uses this information to make recommendations to help you protect your bones.

If you are diagnosed with osteoporosis, your healthcare provider may order laboratory and other tests. These tests can help your healthcare provider find out if you have another medical condition causing bone loss.

Who's eligible for the bone test? All qualified people with Part B who are at risk for osteoporosis and meet one or more of these conditions:

A woman whose doctor determines that she is both estrogen deficient and at risk for osteoporosis;

A person whose X-rays show possible osteoporosis, osteopenia, or vertebral fractures;

A person taking prednisone or steroid-type drugs or is planning to begin this treatment;

A person who has been diagnosed with primary hyperparathyroidism;

A person who is being monitored to see if their osteoporosis drug therapy is working.

You pay nothing for a bone density test if your doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts Medicare payment rates for his or her services and agrees not to bill you for anything other than the Medicare deductible or coinsurance.

Osteoporosis and the broken bones it can cause are not part of normal aging. And there's a lot you can do to protect your bones throughout your life.

You're never too young or too old to improve the health of your bones. Osteoporosis prevention should begin in childhood. But it shouldn't stop there. Whatever your age, the habits you adopt now can affect your bone health for the rest of your life. Now is the time to take action.

What can you do to protect your bones?

Get enough calcium and vitamin D and eat a well-balanced diet.

Engage in regular exercise.

Eat foods that are good for bone health, such as fruits and vegetables.

Avoid smoking and limit alcohol to 2-3 drinks per day.

Medicare defines medically necessary services and supplies as those needed to diagnose or treat an illness, injury, condition, disease, or its symptoms and that meet accepted standards of medical care.

Your doctor or other health care provider may recommend you get services more often than Medicare covers. Or they may recommend services that Medicare doesn't cover. If this happens, you may have to pay some or all of the costs.

Ask questions so you understand why your doctor is recommending certain services and whether Medicare will pay for them.

Here's a video so you can learn more about how Medicare can help protect bones: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kw81xi_njN4

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Cosgrove says Phalaenopsis, also known as moth orchids, are meant to be grown indoors and will thrive with weekly watering and a balanced fertilizer. In the wild, the orchids grow in shady, humid lowland forests in southeast Asia. If you purchase an orchid from Cosgrove, she will help you every step of the way.

"We use a mix that is pretty bulletproof for our area," Cosgrove said of her potting soil. She recommends using an equally balanced fertilizer (it should say 10-10-10 on the package) when you water the plant. "Another handy hint is to water thoroughly with clear water first and fertilize as a rinse, that way you're sure not to burn it because the plant is hydrated and you're not hitting it with a bunch of salt all at once."

Cosgrove sells orchids and other plants at the Wednesday Downtown and Sunday Main Street farmers markets. She's easy to spot because of the massive, hanging Boston ferns that frame her stall.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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never had enough parks and people have always complained so good luck with that," said Chair Nina Fresco. Fresco said she hopes the city will not overly program parks in the future to give residents space to escape busy urban life.

A 2016 Los Angeles County assessment determined Santa Monica was "park poor" even though 72 percent of the population live within a half mile of a park. Overall there are 134 acres of park for about 92,500 residents. The needs assessment determined neighborhoods between Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard to have the biggest need for parks. They survey did not take the beach in account when calculating park acres.

Commissioner Richard McKinnon said the City must take downtown's development plans into consideration when planning access to open space.

"We are going to have a denser downtown going forward. We are going to use the (Expo) Line. There are more apartments going in there. There will be a need for more open space, both green and paved, going forward. That has to be an essential element in what we do," McKinnon said.

Staff hopes to have a draft of the Master Plan to present to the City Council for approval by August 2019. In the meantime, there are several plans to expand park space already in the pipeline. For example, the City is also looking for input on the two-acre expansion of Memorial Park.

The design process to add 12 more acres to Santa Monica Airport Park is nearly complete. Converting non-aviation land to a park will cost about $35 million and will include two multipurpose fields, an extended walking loop, fitness area, 3 pickleball courts, community gardens, ping pong tables, restrooms and swings.

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PLAN

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ing "scope and sequence" for the program and a structure that provides an articulation of standards and a transparency "that shows what we're addressing."

The action plan for 2017-2018 program implementation sought to engage community stakeholders such as parents, district leaders, principals, students, teachers, and schools.

In its implementation thus far, the program has developed teacher leaders and has been introduced in elementary schools as well as Samohi's freshman seminar.

Freshman seminar students Nikita Bahadur, Spencer Newman, and Shannon Stewart were on hand to share what they've learned through the program.

The students were tasked with a "Civic Action Project" during the semester, asked to conduct the problematization of a research question, perform research and review literature concerning their chosen subject, collecting data, discussing their findings, and providing recommendations.

The students chose a topic that immediately affects their community — gun violence.

They dove deep into gun violence data, finding a current average of one school shooting in America a week, their data-deep-dive leading them to find obscure information such as discovering that the first school shooting took place in 1764.

Students also collected data by surveying peers past and present, asking questions pertaining to school safety: how safe do they currently feel on campus, if increased security would make students feel more at ease, how many students have experienced an active shooter school shut down, and more.

The students analyzed their data of student responses and shared with the board their findings (a high percentage of students felt an anxiety of a shooting occurring at the school, a request for an increased security guard presence would assuage many fears, the students said).

"These students are engaging in grad-level research," Arce said after the presentation. "These young folks should be lauded. We say students are the future, but this is current emerging leadership."

Next steps for the program include further developing leaders from preschool to high schools to "let teachers have freedom of implementing and refining," expanding the program at the elementary and middle school levels, beginning implementation with Malibu high, and developing workshops for families. "We want [parents] to bring their cultural wealth of knowledge and engage with them," Arce said.

Public sentiment was positive as public speaker Dr. Berenice Onofre said she was excited about the possibilities of the program. "This is exciting, this is for real," Onofre said. "These students are doing the work I've done in grad school. I see them only excelling when they get to higher education."

Board praise was unanimous, with board member Craig Foster calling the program "relevant, authentic, and meaningful," in it's engagement with students.

Board member Oscar de la Torre was particularly moved by the presentation.

The executive director of the Pico Youth Center said this was a program providing systematic change. "This district approved the standards, now you see it," de la Torre said. "The outcomes, the young people showing you how relevant it is... As development rolls out, students and teachers will engage. This program will help those who have felt marginalized by our institutions."

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Bruins, Burgers and a Big Check for Westside Food Bank at the Sugar & Stilettos Murray Neidorf Memorial BBQ



Courtesy photos

FUNDRAISER: Pictured at the event are are Richard Lewis, Steve Weber, Genevieve Riutort, Peter Mackenzie, Ed Begley Jr., Nanci Christopher, Josh Neidorf, Greg Germann and Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Koretz.



BY AVIVA KRAUS,
Westside Food Bank Development Coordinator

Blue and gold met Sugar & Stilettos' traditional black and hot pink décor on May 12th as the Charitable Foundation honored Founder/President Nanci Christopher's late father, Murray Neidorf, with a Bruin-themed BBQ & bake sale to benefit Westside Food Bank. Christopher spoke to the legacy of her father, Murray Neidorf, a philanthropist with whom she planned each preceding Sugar & Stilettos event.

Christopher surprised Genevieve Riutort, Westside Food Bank's Chief Development Officer, with a $75,000 check for the food assistance organization. "Sugar & Stilettos Foundation's donations over the years – nearing $400,000 – have allowed us to provide over 1.5 million meals for people in our community who struggle to make ends meet," says Riutort. "That is an enormous impact. It is such an honor to partner with Nanci, whose commitment to making positive change, and including others in this work, is truly inspiring."

Now in its 8th year, the Sugar & Stilettos event's trademark bake sale was in full effect, in partnership with the LA Times Food Bowl. Guests picked from among rows of sprinkled cake pops, decadent cupcakes, baguettes, and cakes donated by prominent local bakeries. UCLA's ursine mascots Joe and Josie Bruin entertained guests with the help of the university's Spirit Squad, Alumni Band, and NCAA Championship gymnasts. UCLA Football and Basketball season tickets were among the many lifestyle, art, culinary, and luxury items included in the event's silent auction.

Actor and environmental activist Ed Begley Jr. was ushered in as this year's Mr. Sugar & Stilettos with the help of a proclamation from Councilmember Paul Koretz. In keeping with tradition, Begley Jr. wore stiletto heels, a tiara and a sash as he joined the ranks of the past Mr. Sugar & Stilettos awardees in attendance Richard Lewis, Steve Weber, Greg Germann, and Peter Mackenzie. He remarked that after walking in heels, he would never fault his wife for complaining about aching feet again.

To find out more about Sugar & Stilettos and Westside Food Bank, visit www.sugarandstilettos.com and www.wsfb.org.

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WATER TEMP: **63.3°**

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** Waist to chest high
SW swell fades as new SSW swell moves in. Possible NW windswell. Tide is drained early hurting quality for most of the region during the dawn patrol.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Waist to stomach high
Continued SSW swell.



DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 362 Calls For Service On May 17.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 12:01 a.m.
Battery 1300 block 5th 1:28 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1500 block 6th 1:31 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 1:36 a.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block Ocean 6:42 a.m.
Petty theft 15th / Arizona 6:49 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 7:12 a.m.
Battery 1400 block 12th 7:54 a.m.
Vehicle blocking 1000 block Grant 8:29 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block 5th 8:46 a.m.
Vehicle parked 1400 block Harvard 9:18 a.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Wilshire 9:23 a.m.
Vehicle parked 2300 block Ocean Park 9:47 a.m.
Burglary 700 block Pacific Coast Hwy 9:50 a.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block Kansas 9:59 a.m.
Petty theft 2000 block Ocean 10:22 a.m.
Vehicle parked 1100 block 20th 10:41 a.m.
Burglary investigation 2800 block Delaware 10:41 a.m.
Identity theft 2400 block 31st 10:42 a.m.
Stolen vehicle 1000 block Bay 10:46 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1000 block 4th 11:22 a.m.
Threats 1400 block 2nd 12:38 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block Ocean 12:41 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300 block Euclid 12:41 p.m.
Fight 800 block Ocean 12:43 p.m.
Bike theft 2100 block 3rd 12:50 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1600 block 20th 12:56 p.m.
Battery 1500 block 26th 12:58 p.m.
Identity theft 2400 block 31st 1 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block Broadway 1:40 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block 21st 1:57 p.m.
Battery 16th / Michigan 2:18 p.m.
Traffic collision 26th / Arizona 2:35 p.m.
Burglary 200 block Bicknell 2:41 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200 block Ocean 2:54 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Highland 2:54 p.m.
Burglary 700 block Bay 3:16 p.m.
Elder abuse 1900 block 20th 3:28 p.m.
Person with a gun 14th / Santa Monica 3:29 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1500 block 2nd 3:41 p.m.
Traffic collision Franklin / Broadway 3:57 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 700 block Hill 4:23 p.m.
Hit and run 1200 block 18th 4:25 p.m.
Drinking in public 1100 block Lincoln 4:27 p.m.
Traffic collision 16th / Pico 4:45 p.m.
Critical missing person 700 block Arizona 4:50 p.m.
Grand theft 2100 block Stewart 5:06 p.m.
Loud music 14th / Montana 5:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 6th / Wilshire 5:12 p.m.
Elder abuse 2200 block Colorado 5:18 p.m.
Identity theft 1500 block Ocean 5:31 p.m.
Hit and run 2200 block Lincoln 5:52 p.m.
Prostitution 300 block Olympic 6:10 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 6:42 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 300 block Santa Monica Pier 6:59 p.m.
Person with a gun 1500 block Ocean 7:06 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 700 block Broadway 7:19 p.m.
Person down 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 7:46 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 8:15 p.m.
Hit and run 2200 block Cloverfield 8:16 p.m.
Grand theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 8:34 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block 9th 9:04 p.m.
Person down 3300 block Pico 9:32 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 4th 9:42 p.m.
Overdose 1500 block 4th 9:43 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 200 block Wilshire 10:01 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300 block Ocean 10:28 p.m.
Hit and run 2nd / Idaho 11:08 p.m.
Loud music 1000 block Pacific Coast Hwy 11:29 p.m.
Person with a gun 1100 block 5th 11:44 p.m.

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EMS 1500 block 6th 1:32 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 1:43 a.m.
EMS 900 block 10th 5:17 a.m.
EMS 20th / Pico 6:35 a.m.
EMS 800 block PCH 8:51 a.m.
EMS Ocean / California Incline 9:26 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Main 9:27 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2500 block Idaho 10:30 a.m.
Alarm 700 block Navy 10:55 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Ocean 11:22 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Arizona 11:45 a.m.
EMS 2000 block 3rd 11:55 a.m.
EMS Stanford / Colorado 11:57 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 12:44 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 23rd 2:25 p.m.
EMS 26th / Arizona 2:36 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 3:43 p.m.
Flooded condition 2200 block Lincoln 5:55 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 6:53 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 7:04 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 7:46 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 7:49 p.m.
EMS 2400 block 5th 7:51 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 11th 8:14 p.m.
EMS 2600 block 33rd 8:39 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 7th 9:10 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Grant 11:38 p.m.

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Med School

■ Q: What is transient global amnesia?

■ A: Otherwise known as TGA, transient global amnesia is a sudden, temporary episode of memory loss that cannot be attributed to more common neurological conditions, such as epilepsy or a stroke. When TGC occurs, recall of recent events simply vanishes. Memory formation stops. You suddenly can't remember anything, including answers to questions just asked. (You do, however, remember who you are and recognize people you know well.)

■ Fortunately, memory loss is short-lived and full brain function returns. The condition is rare and seems to happen to people only once. The underlying cause is not known, but may be linked to strenuous activity, sexual intercourse, acute emotional distress or sudden immersion in cold or hot water.

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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.

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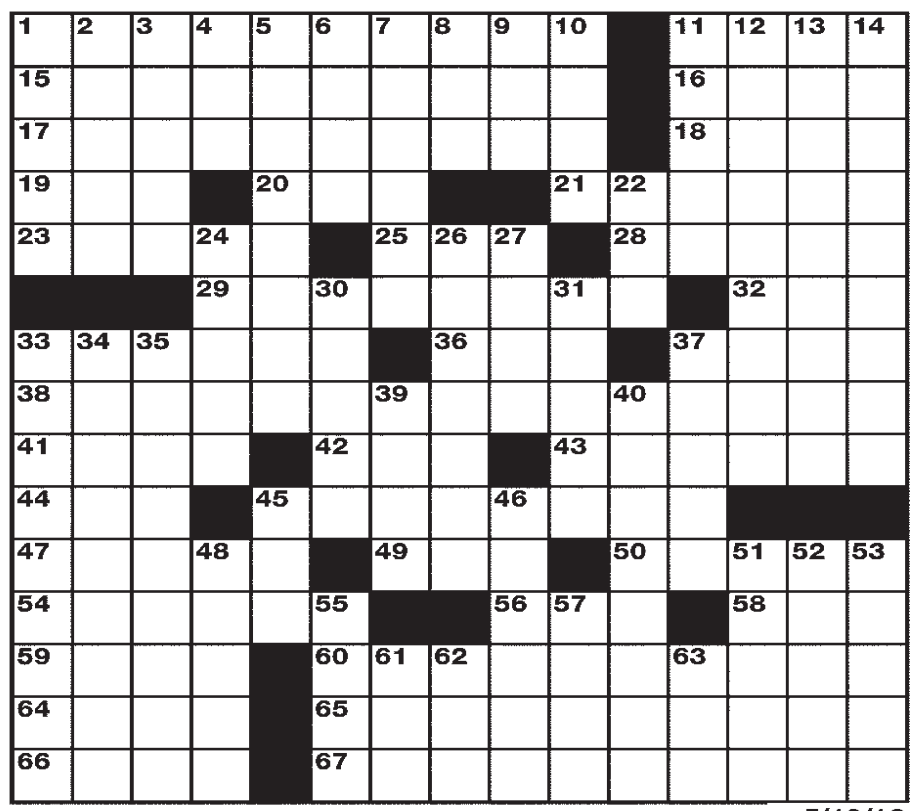
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ACROSS

1 Chipotle's category
11 Respecting
15 Grabbed
16 Suffix like -ness
17 Bikini, for example
18 Aforementioned
19 "Ended, __ it begun" (Dickinson poem)
20 Publisher of *Gumbo* yearbooks
21 Rubberneck
23 Much of Revere's Boston statue
25 __ TV Network (*Jim Bakker Show* airer)
28 Florida Thoroughbred center
29 Evinces impressive ambition
32 Serve as a model
33 Coping saw?
36 Federal supporter of FEMA
37 The leading name of *Rolling Stone*'s Greatest Guitarists
38 Potter's employer in *. . . Cursed Child*
41 Binding bargain
42 One leaving plot holes
43 Can't handle surprise, perhaps
44 Bed-Ins for Peace participant
45 Wavy line on some maps
47 What a certain tool is designed to find
49 Shakespearean shout
50 Exhilarates
54 Stogie, from the Spanish
56 Old-school encouragement
58 HR ad space-saver
59 Phone, old-style
60 Cleans up
64 Reluctant dismissal
65 Tiny fuel pump display, say
66 "Ambition . . . __ looks back": Jonson
67 Half a Wimbledon match-up

DOWN

1 Many emojis
2 Left off land
3 Unbridled episode
4 England first bagged it in 1953
5 Pipe up with a claim
6 Word from the Latin for "weary"
7 Dating app stat
8 Stems in miso soup
9 Busiest US airport
10 Veg out
11 Syndicate, for short
12 Surfer's friendly gesture
13 Sporting restriction of a sort
14 Overwrought behavior
22 "I can't wait!"
24 Take a waterless bath
26 What Tibetans call "man bear"
27 Losing strategy
30 Enduring illusions
31 Unintended infelicity
33 Asked a lot of
34 Towering
35 Be inspirational
37 Name akin to Diego
39 What some canines are attached to
40 Arranges effectively
45 Modern mailbox provider
46 Immediately following
48 Antonym of "elation"
51 Common Arabian utterance
52 Opening-song performer in *Aloha, Scooby-Doo!*
53 Half of *quattordici*
55 Filter out
57 Turin neighbor
61 Honest __ (pomegranate product)
62 Forebears, for instance
63 Start to play



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 19)

Your psychic powers are strong. You'll think of someone, and then they'll call or show up in another way. It's no mistake, and it happens many times over the course of this solar return. You'll accept the benefits of good karma in July and clear the way for better times, too. Your friendship circle opens. Loving commitments happen. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 8, 32, 11 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
When action meets opportunity, things take off. But without truth, those things can go as fast and far as they want and they will not make a lick of difference. Truth is what will cut through and create change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You're game for whatever way the adventure is delivered, and so you're guaranteed to have one. If they put up a mystery, you'll sleuth it. If it's a puzzle, you'll piece it together. If it's offered to you on a platter, you'll eat it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Competitive people will posture and strut. It might get them some momentary attention — while the true contenders go under the radar to accomplish something meaningful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The Buddhist figure called Guanyin hears the cries of the world and responds in the manner of a loving mother. Maternal love will come to you today, too, and from surprising sources.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today, the big thing will be confidence. When you have that, you won't need much else. Of course, getting confidence is no small accomplishment. It will require you to both scrutinize and reward yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
If you like a certain style of doing things, you appreciate all that falls inside that order. The actual results become less important, as you're more concerned with the manner in which those results are delivered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
That humans can behave like wild animals is not news to you. In fact, you're more impressed by (and skeptical of) long-range domesticity. When loved ones are extremely rational for long stretches, the feral glint is sure to show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Being very strong in your sense of self, you accept that others are entitled to think and do things differently. And they will. In fact, they'll surprise you with just how differently they see the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Apply the dictates of nature across the board. Leaves change, but change doesn't leave. You'll busy yourself with imagining and planning for what's next.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The value of hard work goes deep into the human psyche, though smart work is quickly taking the starring position. After all, if you keep your nose to the grindstone for too long, you won't have a nose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There are many layers of lies to cut through before you get to anything you can work with. Even if you ask the right question, the truth won't be delivered. The truth is somewhere deeper. It's inside the question behind the question.

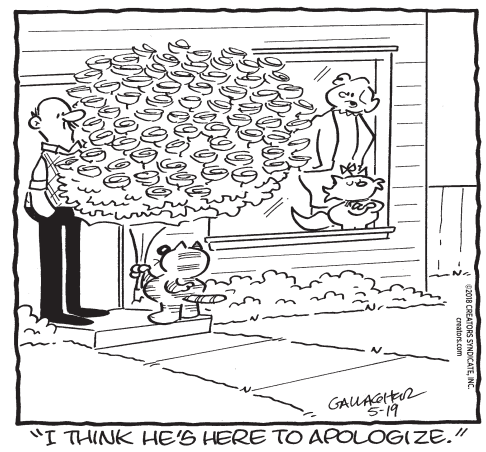
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
If no one is on your side, you'll assume the position of your own best advocate. You'll have to for survival. If you have a lot of people on your side, you begin to play devil's advocate. This is a natural product of the luxury of support.

Venus Gets Domestic

This has been one of the most active cosmic atmospheres in a very long time, and Venus follows suit with her move into the realm of domesticity. Though love happens in the mind, heart and body, it also happens in the daily rhythms of life. In the weeks to come it will become increasingly clear how the rhythms of life play out in a relationship.

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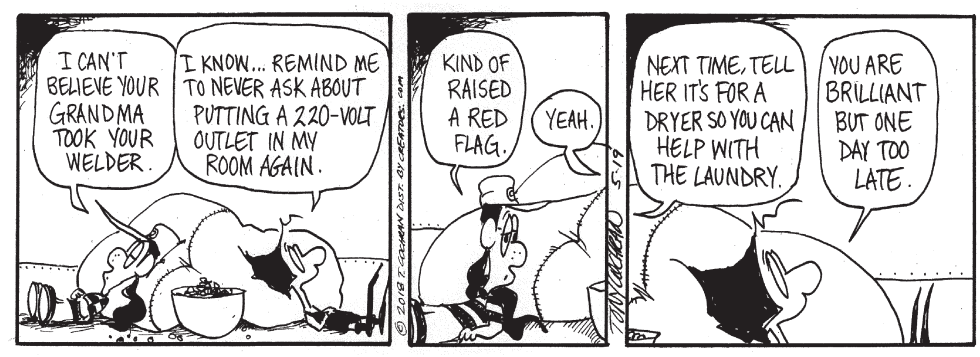
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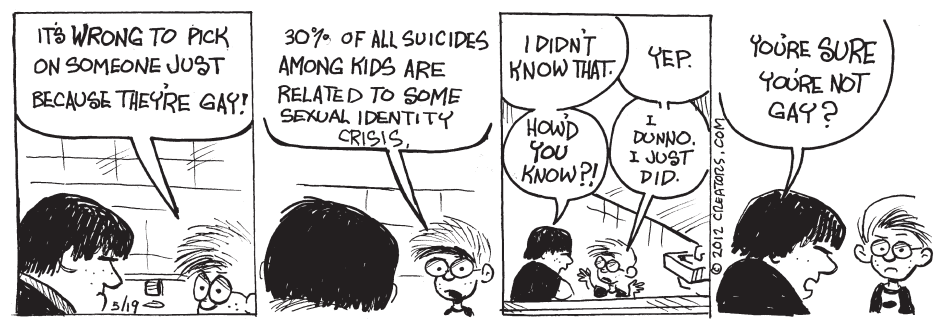
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Step Up To Honor Actress Regina Hall At Awards

Mentorship nonprofit Step Up has announced that it will honor actress and activist Regina Hall at their annual Inspiration Awards presented by The Coach Foundation on June 1 in Beverly Hills. The charity luncheon will benefit Step Up's confidence building programs, and recognize Regina Hall and Step Up teen Vivi for their commitment to this cause. Step Up believes all girls should have the opportunity to fulfill their potential, and the Inspiration Awards raise 45% of the funds Step Up needs to reach girls in the Los Angeles community for one year.

"The Inspiration Awards recognizes impact of mentorship and sharing our voices and platforms with others," Step Up CEO Jenni Luke said. "As Step Up celebrates our 20th year of service, we're excited to be honoring true allies in our mission in Regina Hall and Step Up graduating senior Vivi. Both honorees inspire women and girls everywhere to fulfill their potential."

Hall began her acting career in the late 1990's while simultaneously earning a master's degree from New York University. With numerous film and television credits to her name, Regina Hall has emerged as one of Hollywood's most sought after comedic actresses. She was most recently seen on the big screen in Girls Trip alongside Jada Pinkett Smith, Queen Latifah and Tiffany Haddish. Coming soon, Hall is starring in the film, Support the Girls for Magnolia Pictures. The film centers on, 'Lisa" played by Hall, who doesn't love the sports bar that she manages, but loves her employees more than anything. Written and directed by Andrew Bujalski, the film is slated to be released on August 24th, 2018.

Hall is also set to executive produce Little for Universal, alongside Girls Trip Producer Will Packer and "Black-ish" creator Kenya Barris. Issa Rae and Marsai Martin have been set to star in Little, which follows a woman who receives a second-chance to relive a younger version of herself when the hardships of adulthood become too difficult.

This year marks the 20th year of service for Step Up, founded in Los Angeles in 1998 by Kaye Popofsky Kramer. Step Up now offers confidence-building after-school and weekend mentorship programs for high school girls living or going to school in under-resourced communities in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Dallas and Atlanta. The event's media partners are Modern Luxury Angeleno and Variety.

Step Up propels girls living or going to school in under-resourced communities to fulfill their potential by empowering them to become confident, college-bound, career-focused, and ready to join the next generation of professional women.

To purchase tickets for the event, please visit SUWN.org/IA or call 213.316.2032

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Third Annual Santa Monica-Malibu Wine Auction Raises $285,000 for Local Public Schools

The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation's third annual Wine Auction fundraiser raised over $285,000, including $92,500 in corporate support. The elegant event, presented by Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows/MSD Capital, Kaiser Permanente and Santa Monica Place/Macerich, took place on May 6 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, the event's sponsor hotel.

At the event, 400 attendees enjoyed tastings from more than 30 food and wine vendors, while shopping in live and silent auctions. Dessert tasting and dancing capped off the evening. The three Wine Auctions have now raised a combined $659,000 for local schools. All proceeds from the event benefit the Ed Foundation, which funds programs at every school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Ed Foundation-funded staff and programs include arts education for the district's 4,900 elementary students, 87 instructional assistants, and enrichment grants for all 16 schools in the district. Most schools decide to use these grants to provide STEM programs, expanded arts curriculum, or student wellness programs.

"What a perfect evening of supporting our students!" said Linda Greenberg, Executive Director of the Ed Foundation. "The positive energy at the event was palpable. The food and wine were top notch and the auctions were exciting. We are very grateful to everyone – attendees, sponsors, vendors and volunteers – who made this event our most successful Wine Auction so far."

Thanks to donations made during the event, the Education Foundation met a $100,000 match from the Franklin Elementary School PTA. With the match met, the PTA will donate $100,000 to the Ed Foundation's Academics Endowment, helping to ensure crucial programs for students in perpetuity.

Participating restaurants at the event included Bareburger, Blue Plate Oysterette/Taco, Caffe Luxxe, Fig, Herringbone, Little Fatty, Locanda del Lago, Lunetta, Margo's, Melisse, Milo & Olive, Red O, Sushi Roku, Upper West Restaurant and Upstairs 2. Wine, beer and spirit tastings included The Wine House, Bonaccorsi Wine Company, Carlisle Winery & Vineyards, Dragonette, Empress 1908 Gin, Far Niente Wine Estates, Folk Machine, Foxen Vineyard & Winery, Habit Wine Company, Jackhammer Wine Co., Luuma, Margerum Wine Company, Mattiasson Wines, Nicolas-Jay, Nomadica Wine, Orin Swift, Pali Wine Co., The Prisoner Wine Company, Revel Wine, Sandhi Wines, Stolpman Vineyards, and Three Weavers Brewing Company.

Many local businesses sponsored the event through the Ed Foundation's Corporate Heroes program. In addition to the presenting sponsors, they include Cedars-Sinai; Edison International; FreeAssociates; The Gallery Food Hall, Harding Larmore Kutcher & Kozal, LLP; CIT's OneWest Bank; Pacific Park; Pence Hathorn Silver; Saint John's Health Center Affiliation Endowment Fund; Stifel; UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica; DFH Architects, LLC; DLR Group; Gelson's Markets; Keygent, LLC; and Khedr Management Company.

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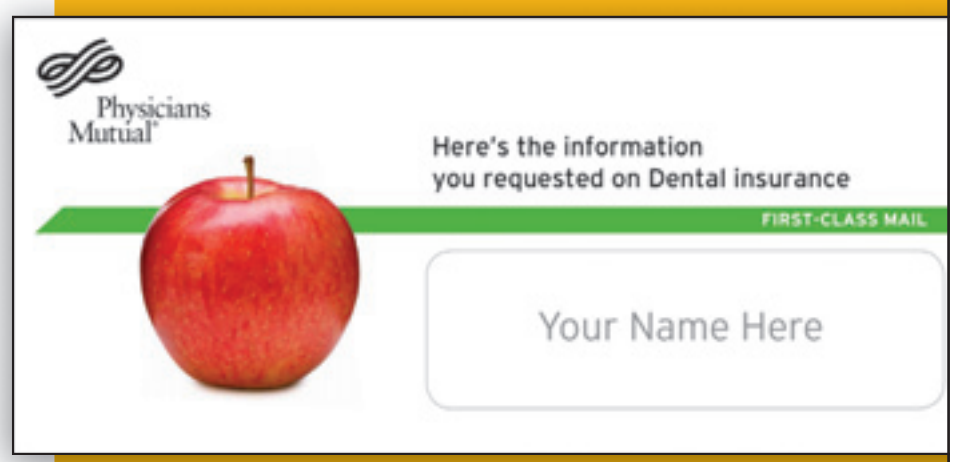


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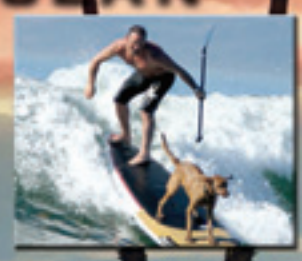





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