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Hungry young minds bolster Franklin food fundraiser



Photo by Thomas Leffler

FOOD MARKET: Franklin Elementary School TK Collaborative teacher Nell Canon watches on as her students serve "dirt cups" as part of Tuesday's TK Food Market event.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

One of the favorite parts of any child's school day is the lunch period, but what actually goes into each little brown bag or lunch box each day?

The transitional kindergarten (TK) program at Franklin Elementary School sought to answer that question in a fun and functional way, finishing its unit on food with a "TK Food Market" event on Tuesday. The young students put on their chef hats to serve Franklin staff, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) officials and local parents; all while promoting a worthy cause. All the tips collected for serving items like fruit skewers and salad were donated to the Westside Food Bank, a local organization committed to fighting food insecurity.

"The unit started because our kids were super interested in food ... we also talked about how it's so important to help people around Santa Monica who don't have money and need food," Franklin TK Collaborative Teacher Danielle Eden said.

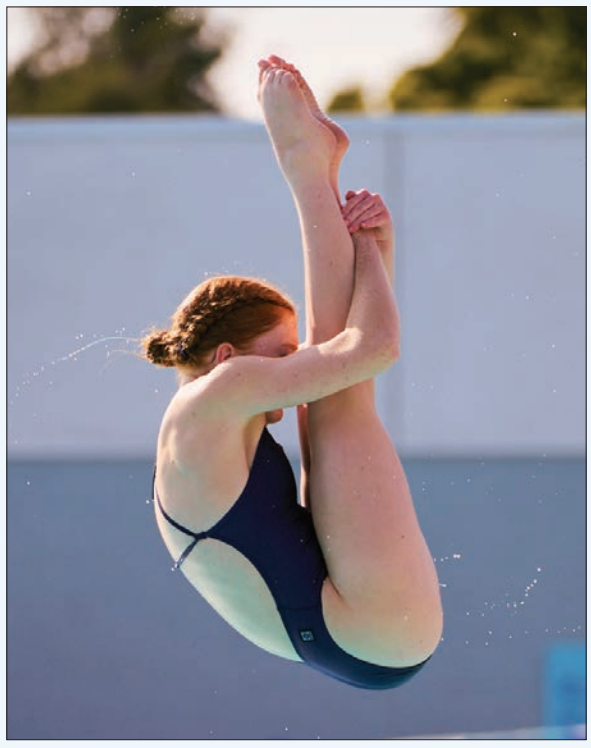
Before the food market, the students took part in a host of activities that taught food groups, nutrition and the farm-to-table sequence. Students brought in an ingredient from a cultural or favorite family meal for discussion, went through farm-to-table sequencing cards, sorted food items by food groups and learned about produce from a trip to Underwood Family Farms.

Aside from food production, the food market taught them how to count up donation money and how to properly interact with the day's customers.

"We kind of came up with a unit that covers all content areas, and it's

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Crossroads swimmers take titles





Photos courtesy of Crossroads School

SWIM: Crossroads School for Arts & Science's Swim and Dive squads recently competed in postseason competition, ending in a milestone win for Miles Blackson-Dunbar (right). The sophomore captured the CIF Division 3 Championship in the Boys 50 Yard Freestyle, then went on to take the CIF State Championship in the same event with a 20.11 second finish. At one of the fastest high school swim meets in the nation, Blackson-Dunbar earned an All-American automatic qualifying time, and also earned an All-American consideration time in the 100 Yard Freestyle with a 45.22 second finish. Crossroads senior diver James Jones (left) was also victorious in CIF Division 4 competition, defending her title, while junior swimmer Zach Tower also earned an All-American time in the 500 Yard Freestyle, finishing in 4:27.91.

Unpermitted performer arrested after swiping guitar in brazen daylight robbery

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A local, unpermitted street performer was apprehended by police officers after stealing an electric guitar from a music store on Santa Monica Blvd.

The theft occurred at 10:05am last Friday morning at the Santa Monica Music Center, owned by Vice Mayor Lana Negrete. Surveillance video clearly showed the suspect walking into the store and nonchalantly walking out with a guitar while an employee was on the phone with a customer.

Only hours later, after Negrete had posted images from the in-store surveillance footage on social media, the suspect was apprehended by the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) a few blocks north, on Wilshire Blvd.

"A huge thank you to our amazing @santamonicapd the thief who stole our guitar was apprehended within hours of stealing it and it

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UC student workers expand strike to two more campuses as they demand amnesty for protestors



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PROTEST: A pro-Palestinian encampment at UCLA on May 1, 2024. The encampment was attacked during night by counter-protesters. Protesters placed new plywood and metal gates around the encampment.

MIKHAIL ZINSHTEYN
Special to the Daily Press

Nearly a third of the academic and graduate student workers of the University of California are on strike, after the union of 48,000 members escalated its labor standoff by walking off the job at UCLA and UC Davis this morning.

With as many as 2,000 UC Santa Cruz graduate students and academic workers picketing since last Monday, today's job action brings 12,000 more out of classrooms and laboratories, potentially crippling the university's mission of educating the roughly 80,000 undergraduates at the three campuses just two weeks before students begin to take their end-of-quarter finals.

Workers, including teaching assistants, academic researchers and graders, are striking not over pay and benefits but instead over the UC's response to pro-Palestinian protesters who were arrested by police or suspended from their campuses. Some union members were arrested or suspended for their role in the protests. Core to the union's demands is that the UC offer "amnesty for those who experienced arrest or are facing University discipline," the union's public writings state.

Some 60 academic workers began picketing at Royce Quad at UCLA by 9 a.m., where just weeks ago students at a large pro-Palestinian encampment were attacked by counter-protesters.

"UC, UC you're no good, treat your workers like you should," the picketing academic workers chanted, their ranks gradually growing as more striking workers arrived under a gray sky. "When free speech is under attack, what do we do? Stand up, fight back," went another chant, the rhythmic pulses of a snare drum accompanying the picketers, who grew to more than 200 by 10:30 a.m.

ORIGINS OF STRIKE

UC's Office of the President calls the strike illegal, saying that its contract with the union — itself the result of a six-week long strike in late 2022 — includes a no-strike provision. The union, UAW 4811, vehemently disagrees with that analysis, citing legal precedent that a union can strike over unfair labor practices that fall outside the scope of a union contract. It's a view shared by at least one UCLA law professor.

Both sides have leaned heavily on the state's Public Employment Relations Board to adjudicate their disputes.

Two days after police swept the encampments at UCLA and arrested scores of protesters, the union filed an unfair labor practice violation with the labor relations board. The union then filed similar violations after police cleared encampments at UC San Diego and UC Irvine that also led to arrests of protesters — and another alleging that the UC changed its disciplinary rules unilaterally to punish academic workers.

"By summoning the police to forcibly arrest and/or issuing interim suspensions to these employees, the University has violated their employee rights," the union wrote in one of its submissions to the labor relations board. The union says its workers were not only rallying against the war in Gaza but also seeking ways to remove academic research funding sources tied to the U.S. military. Workers also oppose "the discrimination and hostile work environment directed towards Palestinian, Muslim, and pro-Palestine Jewish employees and students."

Unlike a systemwide strike, this "stand up" strike will pursue labor stoppages at certain campuses, a strategy employed by Detroit autoworkers in their successful campaign for higher compensation last year. The approach is meant to apply gradual pressure to management.

While the strike is technically distinct from the larger protest movement against the war, the two movements are related. Last Thursday, several hundred UCLA members of the UAW 4811 held a rally in support of their impending strike. Moments later,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice

Suspect in Venice assaults charged with murder

The man who assaulted two women in Venice last month is now facing a murder charge after one of his victims died last week.

On Tuesday, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that Anthony Jones, who is charged with sexually assaulting two women in the Venice Canals neighborhood on April 6, has now been additionally charged with murder with special circumstance allegations that he committed a forcible rape and forcible sodomy during the commission of the murder.

The additional charge was included after one of the victims succumbed to her injuries on May 24.

"Our hearts and deepest sympathies go out to the victim's family and friends during this unimaginably tragic time," District Attorney Gascón said. "We are committed to seeking justice for both victims of these heinous crimes. The additional murder charge carries a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole, in addition to the life sentences for the crimes previously alleged."

Per the amended complaint, Anthony Francisco Jones (DOB 09/12/94) is now additionally charged in case 24ARCF00535 with one count of murder, along with the previously charged two counts of forcible rape, one count of sexual penetration by use of force, one count of mayhem, one count of torture, and one count of sodomy by use of force.

The murder is alleged to have occurred during the course of rape and sodomy, both special circumstances carrying a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Jones is due in court on June 11 in Dept. 31 of the Airport Courthouse for a preliminary hearing setting.

On April 6 between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m., Jones allegedly attacked and sexually assaulted two female victims, one in her mid-40s and one in her mid-50s, as they each were alone outside in the Venice Canal neighborhood. He is being held without bail.

The first victim was released from St. John's Health Center on May 6 but cannot return to work for three months due to her injuries.

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"Singular Sensation! A Musical Theatre Showcase" June 7-9

The Santa Monica College Musical Theatre Workshop will celebrate live theater with performances of "Singular Sensation!" on Friday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 9, at 2 p.m.

Performances will be held in the Studio Stage at the SMC Theatre Arts Complex, located on the main SMC Campus (1900 Pico Blvd).

With direction and music direction by SMC Theatre Arts and Music instructors Perviz Sawoski and Megan Gillespie, the lively, entertaining revue will feature SMC students performing solos, duets, and group numbers showcasing a wide range of musical theatre genres.

Advance tickets are $15, plus a modest service charge, and can be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets at any time or by calling 310-434-3005 Monday through Friday. Tickets purchased on performance weekends at the Events Box Office (at the Theatre Arts building) are $3 higher. Parking is free, and information on parking, transportation, and directions can be found at smc.edu/transportation. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis. No late seating. No video feed offered in lobby area.

Performances subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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The Beach

Summer 2024 at the Annenberg Community Beach House is packed with fun for all ages

Underwater listening sessions, a cardboard yacht regatta, pride events, summer solstice moments, special adults-only swims, along with a variety of sand and beach recreation is set for a summer of fun for all ages at the Annenberg Community Beach House.

On Sunday, June 2, dublab sets the tone for a chill summer with Ocean of Sound, (age 18+), a curated evening of artists providing restorative listening – above and below the water.

For a more raucous kick-off to a Beach House summer the 12th annual all-ages Cardboard Yacht Regatta on Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. makes waves as two-person teams race themed cardboard and duct tape yachts across the historic pool while spectators cheer them on. Teams must pre-register, and the fee is $20 per team.

The pool will open for daily recreation swimming on Sunday, June 16, through Labor Day, Monday, September 2. Pool hours will be Monday through Thursday from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 4 and September 2, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Special events celebrating June's SaMo PRIDE will include Family PRIDE, free with RSVPs encouraged, on Friday, June 14 and PRIDE Sunset Swim (age 18+) on Friday, June 21.

New this year, Summer Solstice: Big Talk Sunset Picnic on June 20 offers a communal way to connect and revel in solstice energy. This free event is for all ages. RSVPs encouraged.

July and August events include Sunset Swim (age 18+) on Fridays July 12, & 26 and August 9 & 23.

Free events open to all ages include Sunset Picnics on Thursdays July 18 and August 15, and Santa Monica Public Library on August 9. RSVPs are encouraged.

Summer-inspired recreation classes include stand-up paddleboard, Floating Fitness Workout, yoga, and volleyball for youth and adults, and for youth there is Bounce and semi-private swim lessons and Bounce summer camp.

For more information, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com.

SUBMITTED BY TATI SIMONIAN

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Santa Monica Daily Press editor@smdp.com



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.2**

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

Maybe just enough to grovel on with a minor mix of SW and NW swell. It should at least be clean in the AM.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Still small but slowly starting to creep up. We'll see the front end of a small, new SW swell and a little increase in short period NW swell. Not much, but a bit more rideable than previous days.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 66.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 57.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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2024/05/29	Wed	4:29 PM	3.80	H
2024/05/29	Wed	9:02 PM	2.86	L
2024/05/30	Thu	02:40 AM	4.47	H
2024/05/30	Thu	10:08 AM	-0.04	L
2024/05/30	Thu	5:11 PM	4.28	H
2024/05/30	Thu	10:51 PM	2.32	L
2024/05/31	Fri	04:12 AM	4.05	H
2024/05/31	Fri	10:59 AM	0.27	L
2024/05/31	Fri	5:49 PM	4.83	H
2024/06/01	Sat	12:08 AM	1.50	L
2024/06/01	Sat	05:39 AM	3.80	H
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PROTEST

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they joined a student-led protest demanding that the UC call for a ceasefire and divest from weapons manufacturers and the Israeli economy. That same day, protesters erected a short-lived encampment and temporarily took over a campus building before being pushed out by police.

It was a clear sign that, despite hundreds of arrests in May, thousands of students, union members and some faculty remain passionate about their pro-Palestinian advocacy.

LEGALITY OF STRIKE DEBATED

Almost 20,000 of the union's 48,000 members voted on whether to strike two weeks ago, and nearly 80% of those who did vote approved the strike authorization.

The UC sought an injunction to legally halt the strike, but the labor relations board wrote last week that UC hadn't established that an injunction is "just and proper." The union hailed the ruling. However, the board wrote that it's leaving UC's request open in the event the university provides better evidence.

In a partial victory for the university, the board issued a complaint that the union "failed to provide adequate advance notice of its work stoppage, and failed and refused to meet and confer in good faith." The UC press office, in announcing the board's response, wrote that the labor board "found enough evidence to suggest that a violation may have occurred, and further examination is warranted."

The union argues in its latest unfair labor practice violation that the UC unilaterally implemented a disciplinary policy that affects UAW 4811 workers. The union seeks an order telling the UC to "cease and desist from unilaterally changing the terms and conditions of employment related to discipline."

A spokesperson for the UC Office of the President disputes that characterization, writing that these policies aren't new and reaffirm existing rules. The spokesperson, Heather Hansen, sought to invalidate the central thrust of the union's demands, writing to CalMatters last week: "By requesting amnesty, UAW is asking the University not to follow its processes but rather to make an exception for its members so that they are not subject to the same accountability measures applicable to all other members of the UC community."

EFFECT ON STUDENT LEARNING

Not all unionized workers have jobs with labor to withhold. Some are paid with fellowships to advance their own research. But most perform a job duty that's integral to the academic mission of the university. Systemwide, about 20,000 workers are graduate student teaching assistants, tutors or other instructional assistants.

Graduate students teach classes, especially introductory courses, run discussion sections and grade student work.

Last week, about 60% to 70% of UC Santa Cruz workers who could withhold their labor did, estimated Rebecca Gross, the unit chair of the union at the campus.

On the social media platform Reddit, individuals identifying themselves as UCLA students wrote that some of their discussion sessions are being canceled and that some of their courses are moving online. It "is tragic for me bc (sic) I learn 80% of the material from discussion and problem solving sessions," wrote one poster.

Who'll pick up the work that the striking workers won't do is an open question. The governing body of UCLA faculty sent a message to professors that "faculty members cannot be required to take on additional responsibilities for teaching related to a work stoppage."

GRADUATE WORKER ANGER

Most protesters, including UAW 4811 members, who were arrested were cited for failing to follow police orders to disperse. At UCLA, administrators sent a notice to students and protesters on April 30, a day before police cleared the encampment, that "the established encampment is unlawful and violates university policy" and asked the participants to leave the area or face sanctions. The notice also said that "law enforcement is prepared to arrest individuals, in accordance with applicable law."

The notice added that "for students, those sanctions could include disciplinary measures such as interim suspension that, after proper due process through the student conduct process, could lead to dismissal."

Members of the encampment replied the same day, writing in part "We will continue to remain here steadfast in our demands."

That night, counter-protesters attacked those in the encampment with pepper spray, wooden sticks and at least one firework as police stood by for hours and made no arrests. Local and national news outlets brought around-the-clock coverage to the violence.

The next afternoon, police ordered members of the encampment to disperse. Hours after those orders, police arrested more than 200 people.

"In contrast to the lack of police response to the violent attack by anti-Palestine counterprotesters on April 30, 2024, the University summoned a massive number of police officers on the evening of May 1, 2024 for the purpose of ejecting and arresting the employees engaged in peaceful protest in the UCLA Palestine Solidarity Encampment," union lawyers wrote in one of the unfair labor practice violations submitted to the state labor relations board.

Kai Shi, a mathematics doctoral student at UCLA, pushed back on the reason to call the police in the first place. "Just because the police say it's unlawful doesn't mean that they're right," he said.

"The unlawful assembly is an excuse by the university to shut us down," Shi argued.

UC San Diego issued at least 40 suspensions in the middle of May related to the pro-Palestinian protests, the union wrote in one of its unfair labor practice violations. "Such extreme disciplinary measures in response to peaceful protest activity suppress free expression of ideas and violate the First Amendment," it read.

"We are standing up for justice in the workplace, in a way that directly affects not just us, but our students," said Anny Viloria Winnett, the unit chair of the local UCLA union chapter.

She said the union is taking on a "fight for our ability to be safe on campus, our ability to have free speech and protest on our campus, but it's also a fight that our students led … and we're just a continuation of that."

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

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SHIRUBE



Jason Trott

IZAKAYA: The Japanese restaurant Shirube has a variety of dishes for dining at 424 Wilshire Blvd.

Like Jonathan Gold, I'm entranced by ethnic restaurants that are like one finds in their native countries. They are hard to find. On the West Side, only Sichuan Impressions is anything like a real Chinese restaurant. And in spite of dozens of sushi bars in Santa Monica, only The Brothers makes one that feels like back home in Japan.

Now things have changed for Santa Monica, and an authentic Japanese izakaya has opened up near 5th and Wilshire - SHIRUBE ("broth by the sea?"). An izakaya is a Japanese drinking house, which means it serves a number of small plates to share while you drink lots of alcoholic beverages.

As many of you know, I was raised by Japanese people and my kids speak Japanese partly because we had a Japanese housekeeper when they were growing up, and partly because Spencer lived in Tokyo for 12 years and then taught Japanese literature here; and

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The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.56/g today. The national average is down 6.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 1.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

DEAR EDITOR,

On April 23rd the Santa Monica city council discussed social equity in cannabis retailing. The main approach considered to give restoration to those who suffered from earlier harsh laws is to give them priority in opening cannabis stores.

This approach might help only a tiny minority of those who suffered past injustice, leaving the vast majority without assistance. Instead, it might be argued that we should offer cash payments to such victims, or perhaps assist them to open a coffee shop, or any other retail enterprise - enterprises that would have fewer legal and bureaucratic hurdles.

And for some, selling cannabis might be a constant reminder of their prior suffering, and may be emotionally traumatic.

Furthermore, given its difficult regulatory and business environment where even the largest and best funded might fail (e.g. Medmen.), it is possible that many social-equity cannabis retailers will struggle – and so this may prove to be a poisoned chalice. Of course some may succeed, which would be a tribute to their talents. But they would likely have succeeded in other ventures too, given the impetus and encouragement.

Restoration for those who have suffered harsh punishment is worthy, but this issue is being misused as a sympathy wedge by the cannabis lobby, and big retailers, who may then drive mom-and-pop retailers out of business. Who knows how many social-equity pot retailers will survive long term?

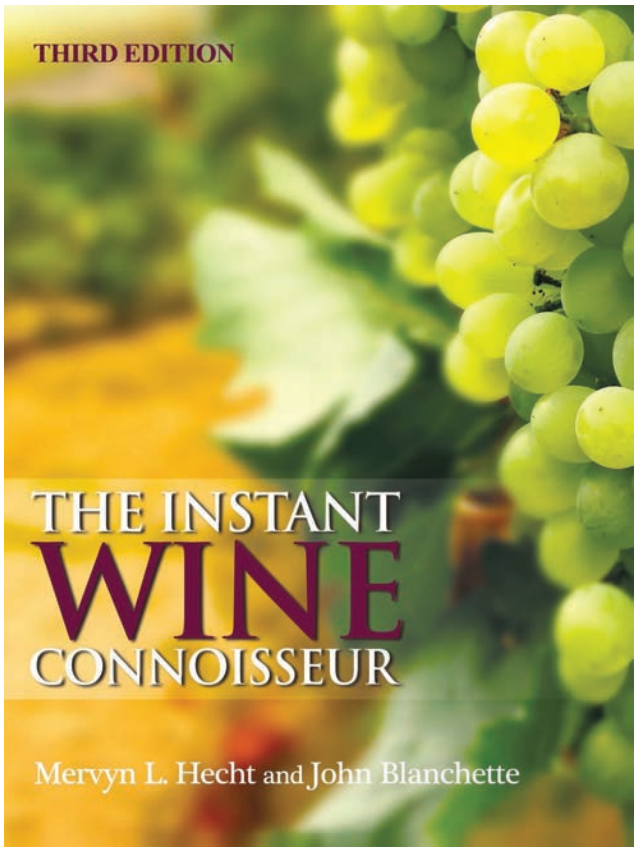
All this does little for the majority who might have suffered from harsh justice – and who may lack the ability or desire to operate a successful cannabis store long term.

And does selling cannabis in disadvantaged communities help the communities in any way? Is it not similar to selling tobacco or vapes? Surely there would be greater benefit from more produce markets, and cafes instead. Places where the all the community, of all ages, could meet and share. Proximity to pot stores is proven to increase underage consumption (NIH), raising risks of schizophrenia (npr.org) and thus homelessness and suicide. So much for community benefits.

I urge our council to seek restoration for the all who suffered harsh justice, in a variety of restorative avenues, and not just cannabis retailing - such retailing may be only available to a few, may be difficult to succeed at, potentially dangerous and that some might find resurfaces past trauma.

Peter Borresen, Santa Monica

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FOOD

FROM PAGE 5

Matt, my oldest child, is married to a woman from Tokyo.

Needless to say, everyone in my family was excited to find SHIRUBE, to schmooze with the Japanese staff (many of whom don't speak English) and Spencer was excited to discover that this restaurant is part of a chain in which the original was in his neighborhood when he lived in Tokyo, and was one of his favorite hang outs.

The four of us had an exceptional meal there (at about $60 a person) which started off with their $40 sashimi plate (there is also one at $80) which was an A+. Then we moved on to the duck breast, with braised green onion, Yuzu soy sauce, and togarashi (spicy red pepper sauce). Translating these sides doesn't help, you have to taste them. The next dish, smoked black cod with shishito Japanese peppers, potatoes, and tomato confit, was truly a gourmet dish.

We then passed around a Kinoko Udon, a large bowl of wonderful noodles with mushrooms, enough for four of us. Finally we had the wagyu steak, with roasted potatoes on the side. One order was enough for each of us to have a few pieces of the rich beef cooked on the rare side of medium rare.

It was a delightful dinner, the service and the sake were excellent, and we had a really good time. We strongly recommend it. Since it gets pretty crowded, if you can get the private room (for 6) it's a good idea.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Barry Snell Announces Campaign for Santa Monica City Council

Santa Monica Community College Trustee Barry Snell, a lifelong Democrat with extensive ties to the Santa Monica community and its educational institutions, has announced his campaign for Santa Monica City Council.

"I am running for City Council to keep Santa Monica affordable for everyone, protect renters, and restore public safety," Snell said. "As a small business owner, certified public accountant, and Santa Monica Community College Trustee, I have the experience and record of real results our city needs."

"As a College Trustee, I took direct action to build affordable housing to keep our students out of homelessness," Snell said. "As a member of the Board of Education for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, I worked to ensure that our children received one of the best educations in the nation. Our community is tired of the petty partisan politics that have stalled progress on affordable housing, homelessness, and safety. We need a Councilmember with a proven record of problem solving,"

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>
> - Barry Snell, Santa Monica Community College Trustee

Prior to serving on the SMC and the California State Board of Trustees, Snell was a member of the Board of Education for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District from 2006 to 2010, serving as its President in 2009. He has also served as Vice President of Health and Safety and Vice President of Community Relations of the Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Executive Board, and as President of the African American Parent Student Staff Support Group for Santa Monica High School.

Snell was previously a member of SMC's Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, which oversees the college's implementation of bond measures approved by Santa Monica-Malibu voters. He is a current member and past Chair of the Board of Directors of Downtown Santa Monica (DTSM), which works on planning, development, and policies to promote the area's economic stability, growth, and community life.

He was selected by the Santa Monica City Council to serve on the Santa Monica Pier Board in 2011 and subsequently selected to the DTSM Board in 2012, 2016, and 2020.

Snell received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, and his Master of Science in taxation from Golden Gate University in Los Angeles.

SUBMITTED BY THE BARRY SNELL

Downtown

Bassist/Composer Steuart Liebig Debuts New Band at Soundwaves

Steuart Liebig, a celebrated veteran of the LA underground music scene, unveils a new lineup of his band Minim on the Santa Monica Public Library's Soundwaves New Music series, Saturday June 1, at 3:30PM in the Main Library's MLK Jr. Auditorium, in the Main Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Trained as a classical bassist and composer, Liebig was an early adopter of the six-string electric bass and has remained on the cutting edge, using everything from kitchen implements to iPad apps to expand his instrument's sonic potential. He worked with jazz legend Les McCann and pop/rock star Michael Penn, but has primarily collaborated with artists who, like him, follow their personal visions beyond genres, such as Julius Hemphill, Vinny Golia, and Nels Cline.

This will be Liebig's fourth Soundwaves performance, but his first as bandleader. He previously performed in a duo with flutist/vocalist Emily Hay, in a trio with trumpeter Kris Tiner and guitarist GE Stinson, and in drummer/composer Nathan Hubbard's quartet. His band for this show is the third edition of Minim, his improvisational chamber music project, with oboist Breana Gilcher, cellist Maggie Parkins (who has played Soundwaves with The Smudges and with Brightwork New Music), and pianist Vicki Ray (who has appeared solo three times and once with violinist Tom Chiu). Each is in high demand for their virtuosity and creativity.

There will be two more Soundwaves concerts after this one: the Isaura String Quartet on June 22 and The Present Quartet on July 6. Soundwaves was created by librarian/musician Jeff Schwartz and composer Daniel Rothman in 2016 to present world-class avant-garde music at the Santa Monica Public Library. There have been almost 100 events, supported by grants from the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library and the Amphion Foundation. Programs have included collaborations with the Angel City Jazz Festival, Piano Spheres, Jacaranda Music, Microfest, Cold Blue Music, and the Dog Star Orchestra. A complete list of shows, with many videos, is at soundwavesnewmusic.com.

All Library programs are free and open to the public. Parking is available underneath the Main Library, several bus lines and the Metro E line stop nearby, and there are bike racks. The MLK Auditorium is wheelchair accessible. Please call (310) 458-8600 to request additional accommodations.

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GUITAR THEFT

FROM PAGE 1

was returned to me this evening! Justice was served today! Im [sic] so grateful for the swift response and amazing work of our officers - specifically our downtown unit!" Negrete wrote on her Instagram account.

> But when they [SMPD] got him, they think he was high on fentanyl. I can't confirm that, but he was pretty out of it. He had a case that he'd stolen from us a month or so ago
>
> - Lana Negrete, Vice Mayor

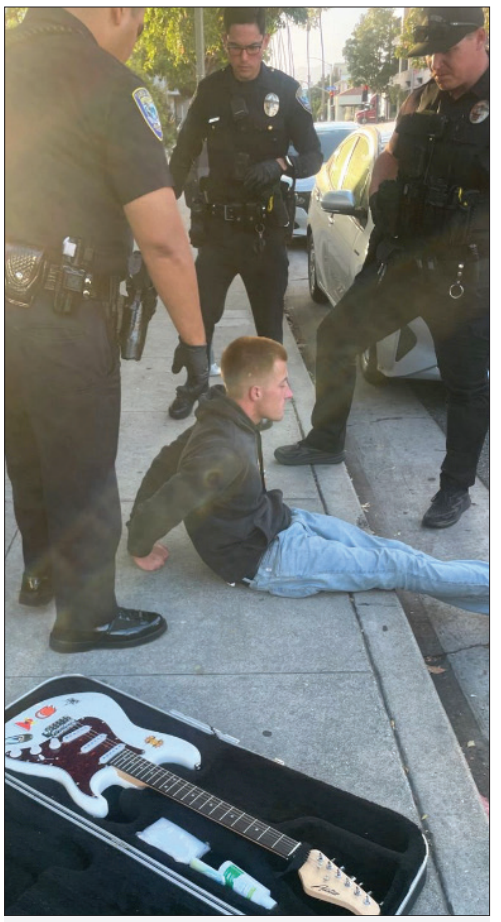
A little over a month ago, small business owners, community leaders and elected officials gathered in front of the Culver City Music Center Washington Blvd, to announce that over 900,000 signatures had been collected for the Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act (Initiative 23-0017A1) to qualify for the November General Election ballot.

Culver City Music Center was chosen as it's the location of Negrete's sister store to her Santa Monica Music Center and tragically, both have been victim to multiple break ins and organized burglaries over the course of the past few years.

The store has been in business for over 50 years and while many retail outlets deal with some petty crime, the Music Center on Santa Monica Blvd has been hit with repeated high value thefts in recent years. The current spate began in 2020 when the store was looted during the riots that spread from Downtown. They were then burgled in 2021 when thieves smashed a window and stole several guitars used to support the nonprofit music charity Negrete runs out of the same location. Guitar Center replaced those instruments only for the replacements to be stolen just a few months later.

Despite all of this and having to deal with her father's recent passing, plus a cancer diagnosis, Negrete remains upbeat. "He put stickers on it and had a case he stole from us previously that's wrecked now but we got it back and let him know that we will catch you if you steal in Santa Monica!" she wrote on Instagram.

According to Negrete, the suspect frequents many stores in Santa Monica. "I drove around for an hour. I drove to the pawn shop, spoke to the security guards in front of different



Courtesy photo

ARREST: The suspect was arrested just hours later.

stores and downtown. Plus the staff at the Pier and they said that they recognized him from being an unpermitted musician who would play there," she told the Daily Press.

"But when they [SMPD] got him, they think he was high on fentanyl. I can't confirm that, but he was pretty out of it. He had a case that he'd stolen from us a month or so ago," Negrete said.

"Unfortunately because of our current laws and bail schedule in California (not set by us local elected officials or by our police) he will be released with a ticket to hopefully show up in court. Catch, book and release," she wrote on Instagram.

"By him being let out, he's not being served and nor is the community, because he's most likely not going to make it to his court appointment … so he won't be offered a diversion program. Most likely had he been held, he would have been guaranteed that," said Negrete.

She said that Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón had reached out to her about this issue after she tagged his office in a recent post following the theft.

"How this is a system our current DA thinks works boggles me! Small businesses are impacted ! I can't sell this item as new it may be damaged and the case is definitely not sellable. My insurance deductible is so high it doesn't make sense to claim it just to have premiums increased again - so who loses? We do- the small family businesses. And our officers go out put themselves in harms way and do their job over and over only to have to release criminals back into the streets ; I can't imagine how that feels for them," she wrote on Instagram.

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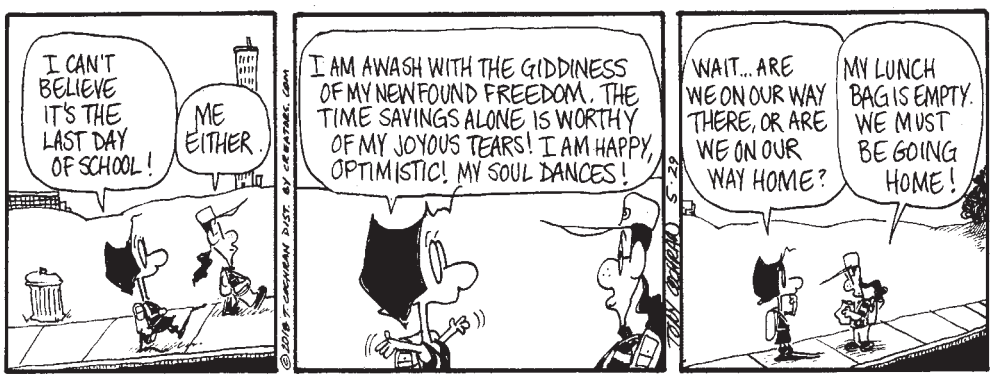
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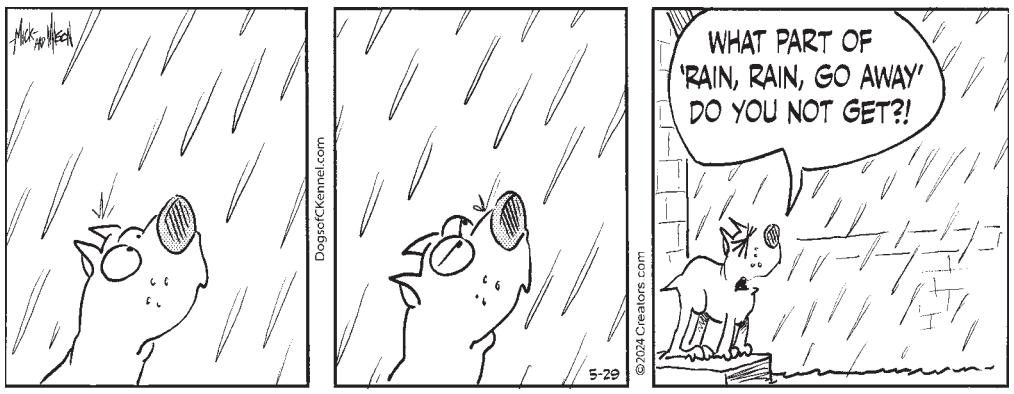
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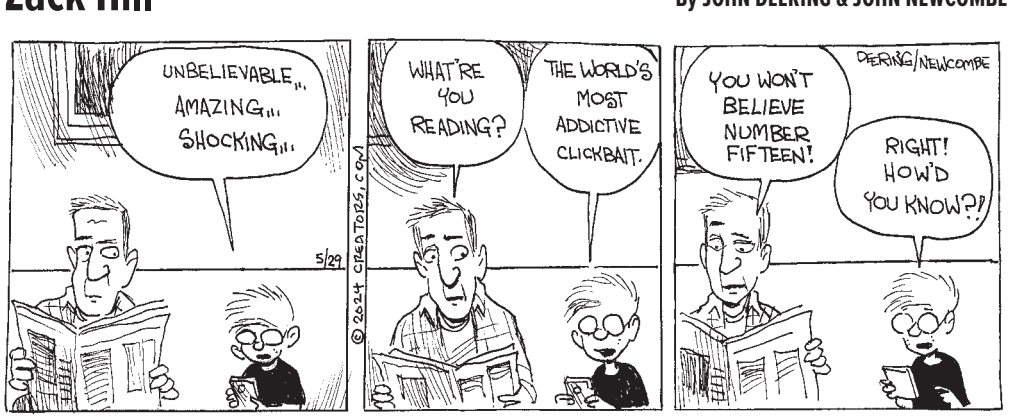
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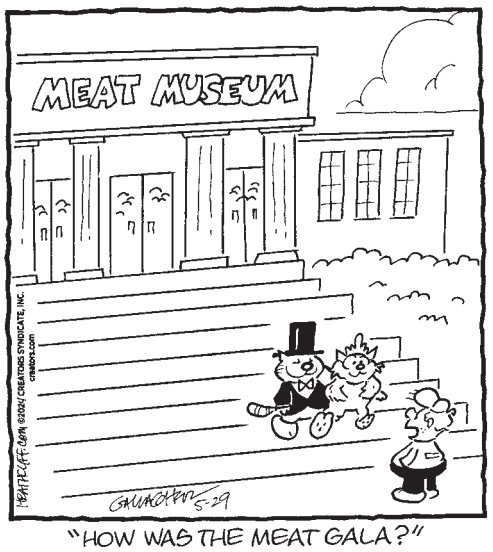
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Balmy	Dust	Gorge	Tolga
Bowen	Elliott	Lakes	Trawlers
Cairns	Fire	Midges	Trip
Camp	Flat	Motels	Tropics
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 29)

There's power in vulnerability, and vulnerability in power, and you'll know this concept from many different angles in this year of leadership. You'll nurture and teach others. You'll set up systems that contribute to everyone's thriving. More highlights: bonds made in fun, a new way of eating and moving, and a fabulous trophy. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 5, 14, 28 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Historians know what happened already. Visionaries see what hasn't happened, and perhaps never will. It's better to be a learner than to be learned. Futurists predict. You'll find your lane in time and bring imagination to your knowledge of the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll respectfully disagree without hurting anyone's pride. You'll show vulnerability when it's right. At first, these don't seem like the power moves they are, but when they make a difference, you'll feel it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll advance past obstacles and find freedom by being open-hearted. Of course, being kind and wise requires more than just an open heart; it demands social skills, and you have those as well, to an enviable degree.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowing someone's inner world, their pains, desires and quirks, is the cornerstone of meaningful connection. It's not just pragmatic; it's essential for navigating life's significant decisions and interactions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To get what you want is a thrill. To discover you want what you have is less of a charge upfront and more of a steady stream of satisfaction. You may feel the most alive when you want nothing at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). 23). One of your many strengths now is in gathering information in an intuitive and conversational way. It's like you just know what to ask. Wherever possible, participate in groups, even if you have to initiate and organize them yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be busy making sure that what you do has enormous value to someone. It that someone is you, it counts, too — maybe even more today. You're the one who is the best at keeping yourself happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes dream teams just happen, but more often they are assembled. New alliances are exciting because you never know what you'll be able to accomplish with a particular lineup of talents and interests. Experiment in this regard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ultimately, you'll give what others need and be paid well for the contribution. Teaching is the best way to learn. When you try to show someone how to do a thing, you'll learn what's necessary for your own mastery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Instead of wishing for a superficial improvement, you'll wish for an essential elevation that will lift and build everything around you. Once you tweak your vision, you will have no conflict.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expectation and assumption, the close cousin of expectation, will change your understanding of reality. This adventure goes better when you leave kin at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're serious about making progress, but you won't let that interfere with your kindness, humor or style. You put people first. Their feelings about interacting with you are as important as anything else about a deal.

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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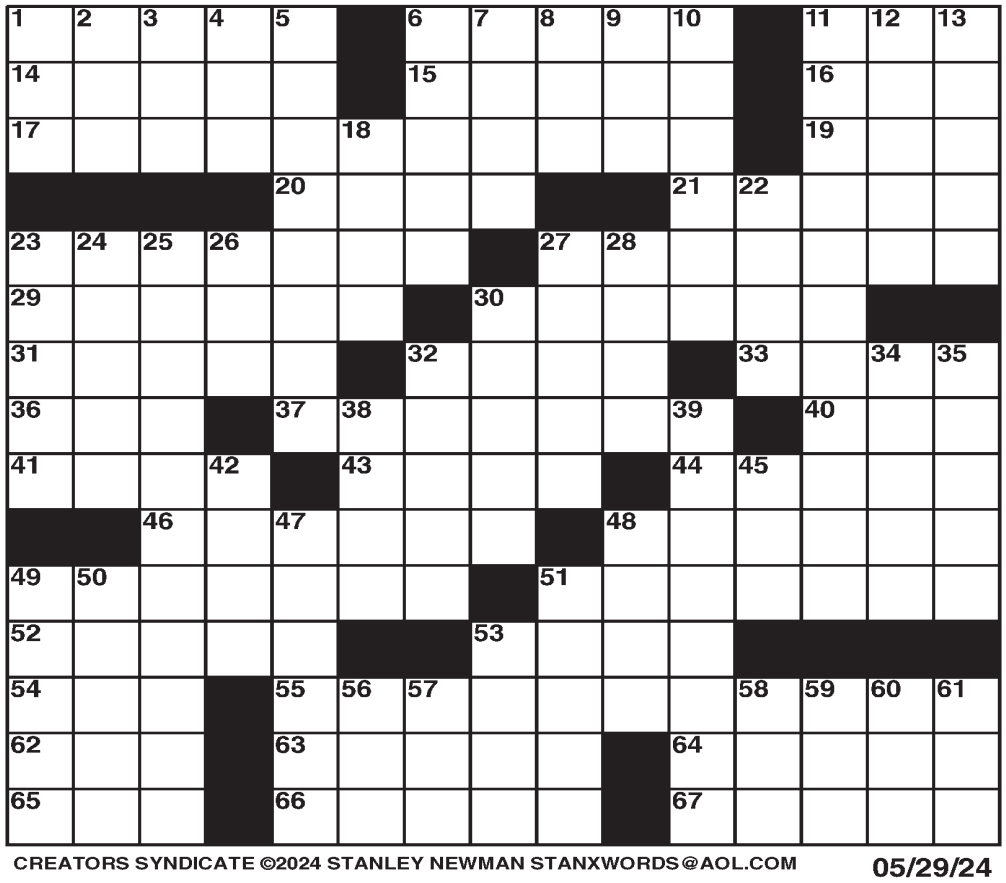
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ACROSS

1 Stream from an aerosol
6 Facing the pitcher
11 NYC airport
14 Wear away
15 River mouth formation
16 Spanish cheer
17 Ingredient in chocolate
19 Hive insect
20 Make angry
21 Inn near a highway
23 "I'll take that wager"
27 Snoopy's strip
29 Actor Liam
30 Lost-package inquiry
31 Tex-Mex chip
32 Banquet platform
33 Quick scissor cut
36 Make a blunder
37 Clumsy people
40 Auto mileage gauge, for short
41 Sandwich breads
43 Fencing sword
44 Not on a tilt
46 Person sampling wines
48 Breakfast bowlful
49 Be the owner of
51 Well-organized
52 "No, thanks"
53 Strong smell
54 Lucy of *Kung Fu Panda*
55 Long song about Buddy Holly
62 Env. insert
63 Defeats in chess
64 Mattress springs
65 "Long time, no __"
66 Disney Florida attraction
67 Border lines

DOWN

1 Fraction of a min.
2 Quid __ quo
3 Arabian Nights bird
4 Needless fuss
5 Grad's bound keepsake
6 All grown up
7 French head
8 Crunchy sandwich, for short
9 Snacked on
10 Airport pavement
11 Employee replacement
12 Naval force
13 Boat bottoms
18 Good, in Mexico
22 Small bills
23 Toward the center
24 Misty-eyed
25 Subtle ingredient for success
26 Bonfire residue
27 Nobel or Pulitzer
28 Worry-free feeling
30 "Baked" side dish, informally
32 Deceives
34 Best possible
35 "Want a cracker" parrot
38 Allows
39 Alaska's Iditarod, e.g.
42 Talk back to
45 Before, in poetry
47 Source of bun seeds
48 Gator's cousin
49 Builds stacks with
50 Present a view
51 Praiseful poet
53 Triple-decker cookie
56 "YOU ARE HERE" chart
57 End-of-list abbr.
58 Nonverbal assent
59 Sty dweller
60 Suffix for percent
61 Shape of a dollar sign



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MARKET

FROM PAGE 1

really cool that not only did they make a real-life food market, but the proceeds that we're getting from tips are going (to Westside)," Eden added.

The food bank, based in Santa Monica, provided over four million meals during the 2022-23 fiscal year, and its educational arm reached out to the TK program via a Zoom call detailing their services.

"It was tricky because it's a hard concept for some of our kids to understand, so our kids had a ton of questions, which they were great about answering," said Franklin TK educator Nell Canon, who added that the goal is to make the food market event an annual endeavor.

The unit was another success for SMMUSD's first "TK Collaborative" classroom, where half of the class is general education students and the other half qualify for special education services with individualized education plans. The TK program has been growing throughout the district, with classrooms also present at Edison, Grant, McKinley, Roosevelt and Webster elementary schools, along with Will Rogers Learning Community.

Several SMMUSD officials were on-hand to taste test the TK goods, including Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Stacy Williamson. Williamson commended the Franklin group for "engaging in learning with hands-on experiences in real life" and for making meaningful connections to the Santa Monica community by helping Westside.

"To see the outcome of these events when these kids are the ones who are creating and being the ones that deliver, it's just been phenomenal," Williamson said.

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> - Franklin TK, educator Nell Canon

Wanting to do something for those who don't have adequate food access made Eden "so happy" to facilitate, excited that her students hunger for knowledge led to the fundraiser.

"I'm so proud of my kids, and it just shows even at 4 years old, 5 years old, you can make a difference," Eden said.

For more information about the Westside Food Bank, visit wsfb.org.

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Thomas Leffler

SCHOOL: Teachers and staff from across Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, including Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton (bottom), dined with Franklin Elementary's TK students during a food market event..



WEDNESDAY | MAY 29

COFFEE WITH A COP

Join the Santa Monica Police Department for Coffee with a Cop at Capital One Cafe, 401 Broadway, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

THURSDAY | MAY 30

SILICON BEACH TECH MIXER

LA's premiere tech networking event with one of the largest membership groups in Southern California continues to grow every month, with companies like Google and Sony often in attendance. The Silicon Beach Tech Mixer's purpose is to help members forge strong, lasting relationships, combining Fortune 500/1000s with Entrepreneurs and Startups. Starts at 6 p.m. at LouLou Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Place #300, snacks provided for free for the first 30-45 minutes (first come first serve). Tickets $12, $30 at the door. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/silicon-beach-tech-mixer-tickets-896552421427.

VENICE TECH HAPPY HOUR

Part of the L.A. Tech Happy Hour collection, Startup Coil presents LA Tech Happy Hour in Venice Beach, starting at 6 p.m. at The KINN, 150 Horizon Ave. Join LA's best tech and startup networking for refreshing drinks and stimulating conversations. Refreshments are included with your ticket. Capacity is limited, early registration is recommended. General admission tickets $40. To purchase: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/venice-tech-happy-hour-tickets-888488130917.

DISCO QUEEN

LouLou Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge, 395 Santa Monica Place #300, hosts the hottest new disco and drag party on the Westside beginning at 6 p.m. Disco Queen pays homage to Disco Queen nights in Paris filled with disco balls, smooth grooves and over-the-top talent. The top drag queens on the planet will host the hottest night out with resident DJ ARA playing classic disco hits. The launch event will feature a special performance by RuPaul's Drag Race veteran and Emmy-nominated actor Willam. For more information, visit loulousantamonica.com.

4TH STREET RECORDING PRESENTS

4th Street Recording Presents a concert with psychedelic rock band Wig Wag, LA based singer-songwriter Soklo and alternative rock band Blind Mirror, starting at 9 p.m. at Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets $15. For more information, visit santamonica.harvelles.com.

FRIDAY | MAY 31

JONATHAN BEACH CLUB JOB FAIR

Join the Jonathan Club, 850 Palisades Beach Road, for a fantastic opportunity to explore potential job openings at the club. Whether you're looking for a summer job or a new career path, this event is the place to be. Meet with the team, learn about available positions and showcases your skills. Goes from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more, contact Krystal Ocampo at hr@jc.org or 213-312-5249.

ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD

Santa Monica College Opera Theatre and the SMC Symphony Orchestra present a fully staged production of "Orpheus in the Underworld," Offenbach's satire of the Orpheus myth, in which the character of Public Opinion prods the reluctant Orpheus to rescue his wife, Eurydice, who would rather party in the underworld. Featuring the famous "Can-Can." Performed in French with English supertitles. Directed by Janelle DeStefano and Mercedes Juan Musotto. Starts at 7:30 p.m. at the BroadStage, 1310 11th St. Tickets $25, $10 for students with ID. For more information, visit https://www.smc.edu/calendar/tickets-music.php.

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GOAT YOGA IN THE PARK

Goat yoga is back at Marine Park, 1406 Main St. (next to the tennis courts), from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Hosted by Laughing Frog Yoga, it is the only yoga studio in Los Angeles currently offering goat yoga, with two baby goats who are friendly and excited to meet yoga practitioners. Classes are catered towards all levels. The last 30 minutes of class is reserved for hangout and selfie time with the goats. Tickets $45, purchase at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-in-the-park-march-24-at-930am-tickets-836906478807.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR

Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica, beginning at Hostelling International Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St., at 10 a.m. Visit a 12-story Art Deco office tower, the British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show, the city's best example of a Queen Anne Victorian home, a lavish hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition and more. Tours are approximately 2 hours and cover 6 blocks. Reservations suggested. Open to all ages. Tickets $10. For more information, visit: https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

TAKE ACTION LA

Join the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health at the Santa Monica Pier for "Take Action for Mental Health" from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Against the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean, join influencers, professionals, and local resources for a transformative day of mental wellness. Engage in interactive workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities to empower your mental well-being journey. Discover tools, support, and strategies to make a difference in your community. Free admission.

GOLDEN LAUGHS COMEDY FESTIVAL

Presented by Golden TV and Crazy Woke Asians, the Golden Laughs Comedy Festival is a night jam-packed with comedians as seen on Netflix, Hulu, ABC, HBO, Comedy Central and more. Two shows taking place at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The 7 p.m. lineup includes Le Le Farley, Wade Hampton, and Victoria Ng; while the 9 p.m. lineup features Gerald Gamble, Sandy Velasco and Danielle Meagher. Held at the Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. General admission for each show $25, both shows $40. Tickets include a glass of wine, vodka or non-alcoholic beverage. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/golden-laughs-comedy-festival-at-santa-monica-playhouse-tickets-907756984577.

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