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Amai Coffee offers an Asian spin on both hot and cold brews

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SMDP Staff Writer

An interesting new approach on the traditional coffee shop concept has appeared on the corner of Pico Blvd and 17th Street. Called Amai Coffee, it offers an Asian approach to all our favorite hot and cold beverages, along with some fanciful and familiar snacks.

It's located at 1701 Pico Blvd, which was the former site of the popular local bakery, Rocco's Cheesecake. However, fans of these jawdroppingly delicious desserts need not worry, as the confectionery chef still sells online to those who insist on the best and in addition, Amai also sells a small selection from the same sweet source.

According to owner Van Corrales, he and his business partner, Vicki Vo, nearly invested in another site within the 1700 Pico Center mini strip mall, but they chose the site formerly known as Rocco's because it enabled them to move quicker. Consequently, they were able to open within three months.

When the Daily Press reached out to the owner of Rocco's Cheesecake, Johnny Rocco, to inquire as to why he decided to close his brick and mortar outlet after over 20 years, he replied over Messenger, "I sold the business cuz IMO the City has turned into a complete shithole (and taxes were ridiculous)."

Corrales' business partner Vo and her partner Edward Chiang already operated the very popular Amai Tea & Cafe in Torrance, at 20210 Anza Ave, offering boba-inspired beverages. Boba is a Taiwanese drink featuring a tea

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Wayfinder rollout continues, as two more kiosks appear on Ocean Ave



Scott Snowden

SIGNS: Two more Wayfinder kiosks have popped up in Santa Monica, in addition to the prototype at the corner of Wilshire and 4th.

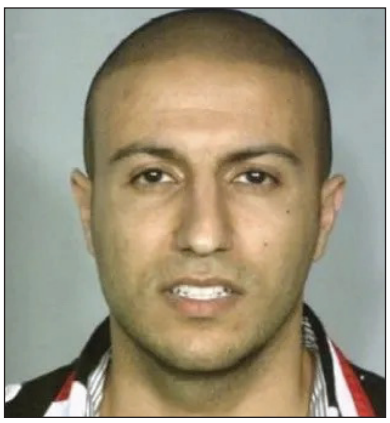
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In addition to the prototype kiosk that popped up at the corner of Wilshire and 4th on May 1, two more have appeared. One is at the intersection between Pico and Ocean, on the southwest corner next to Cha Cha Chicken and the other has materialized at the southwest corner of the Ocean Ave and Arizona t-junction, outside the Sonder-owned hotel, The Beacon.

Based on the City's website, the first phase of the rollout incorporates a total of six displays with a deployment date of July 1, 2024. Kiosks have been installed at the following locations, 4th/Wilshire (test location), Ocean/Pico (Cha Cha Chicken) and Ocean/Arizona (The Beacon). The three still to come as part of this primary placement are Ocean/Santa Monica,

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Suspect who shot homeowner following burglary attempt in 2016 convicted



VACHO SHAHEN

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After eight years, a man accused of shooting a Santa Monica resident in their own home has been convicted.

Following a lengthy investigation, Vacho Shahen (39) of Las Vegas, was found guilty of 16 of the total 17 charges brought up against him following an interrupted home invasion and subsequent shooting in 2016.

Early on the morning of Sunday, August 28, 2016 at approximately 6:21am, a homeowner on the 600 block of Adelaide Drive interrupted a suspected robbery and was shot once in the torso. The suspect fled and the victim was transported to UCLA hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Lieutenant Saul Rodriguez of the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) said at the time that the only description of the suspect was a man, in dark clothing, wearing a mask similar to the one used in the

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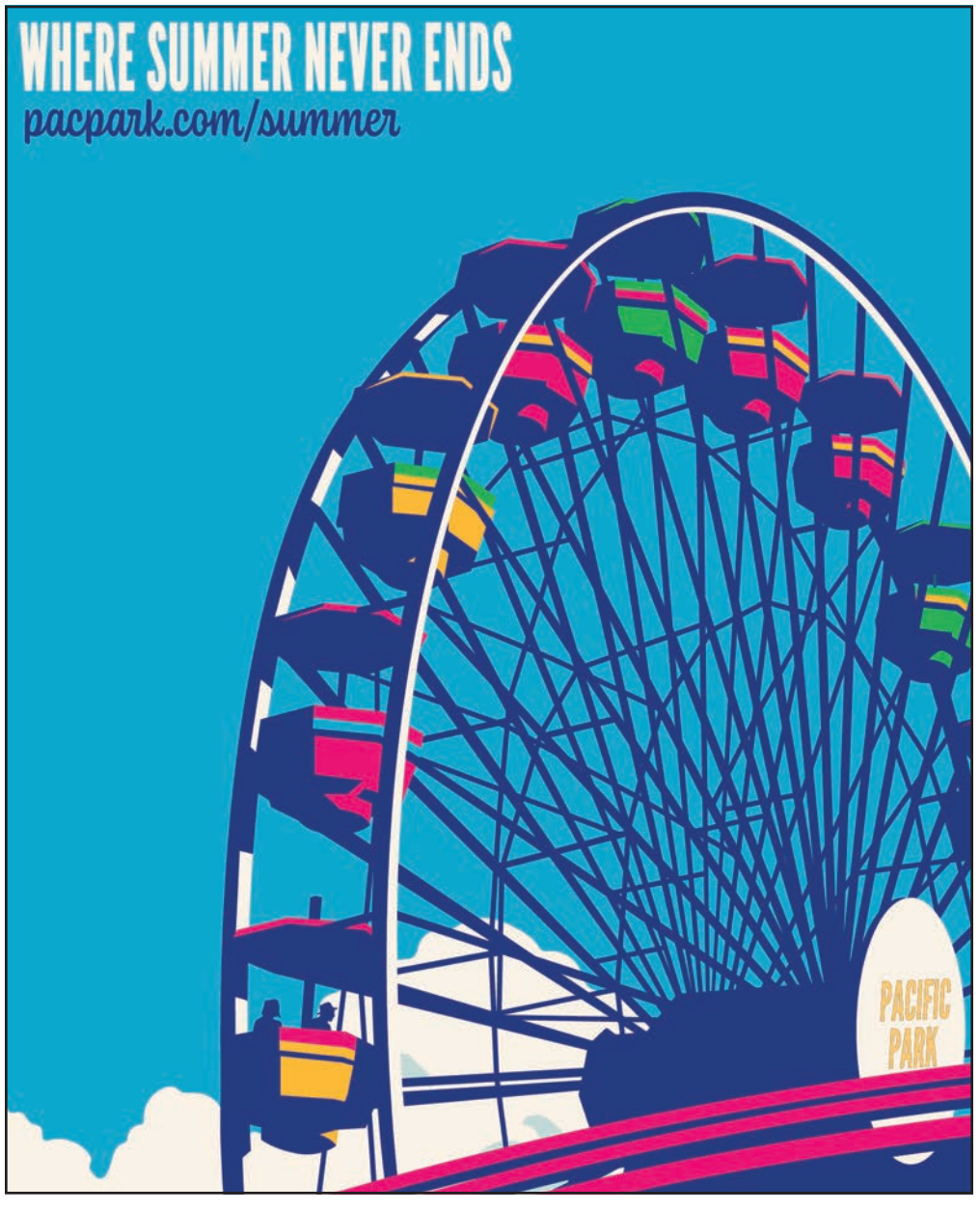
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Wine lovers united in boozy Venice venture









Photos by Thomas Leffler

WINE: Venice was bubbling with boozy activities this past weekend, as Rose Avenue became a wine fan's dream during the 2nd Annual Rosé on Rose Wine Fest. Celebrating National Rosé Day on June 8, the wine crawl and street fest featured two VIP Wine Garden experiences, with exclusive rosé tastings from top regional brands. Along with the wine gardens, specials were featured from a selection of Rose Avenue restaurants and retail stores, such as Cafe Gratitude and Wabi on Rose. The day ended with an official after party at The Rose Room, where locals danced with a DJ and took part in more tastings. A portion of net sales from the event went toward the Venice Family Clinic, a leader in local healthcare for vulnerable populations.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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California wasn't a slave state, but its legacy shaped our laws. An apology is a crucial step for healing



Photo by Rich Pedroncelli, AP Photo

REPARATIONS: Dr. Amos C. Brown, Jr., vice chair for the California Reparations Task Force, holds a copy of the book Songs of Slavery and Emancipation, as he and other members of the task force pose for photos at the Capitol in Sacramento, on June 16, 2022. California's first-in-the-nation task force on reparations for African-Americans issued the report Wednesday, June 1, 2022, that documents the harms perpetuated by the state against African Americans and recommendations on how to address those wrongs.

REGGIE JONES-SAWYER

California has a rich and complex history. With that, comes a responsibility to acknowledge and address the painful legacy of slavery.

Even though California was accepted into the union as a free state, it had a significant role in perpetuating racial discrimination and inequality. The way we treated Black Californians over the ensuing decades was derived directly from Jim Crow laws and slave-holding southern states.

For those that argue the absurd dogma that California was not a slave state, it was in many ways. California didn't need plantations to institute discriminatory laws and practices targeting Black Californians. It denied basic rights and opportunities to entire generations.

These racist laws persisted long after slavery officially ended, as is evident by the segregation, exclusion and violence endured by Black California since the state's inception in 1850.

The evidence is laid out in the California Reparations Task Force's historic final report, which was written by serious academics and scholars, and whose use of historical and empirical data outlined the case for reparations. This must first start with an apology for the harms caused to Black Californians.

We do not need to delve that far into history to see the discriminatory laws that were put into place to keep Black communities from accessing housing, education and employment. While redlining, the practice by financial institutions to designate certain neighborhoods as unviable or prevent people from obtaining home loans in certain areas, formally ended in 1967, it persisted well into the 1990s.

An official apology from the state of California represents a crucial step toward reconciliation and healing. Assembly Bill 3089, which passed the Assembly last month, would require it.

Rectifying historical injustices and fostering a more inclusive society should be our goal, but this can only begin if we admit to the sins of our past. Doing so will help to remind us that we must continue to work on dismantling systemic racism and promoting equity.

California's apology for accepting slave laws into its core legal, judicial and law enforcement practices is not just about the past – it is about shaping a better future.

Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, a Los Angeles Democrat, represents California's 57th District. He served on the California Reparations Task Force. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Small'ish but potentially kinda fun as a new SSW swell fills in & slowly becomes dominant source of surf. Likely lully, but could be some pretty crisp little lines at the points and maybe still just enough NW running for peaks at beachbreak.

FRIDAY
FAIR TO GOOD
SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

A bit more SSW and less NW than Friday is likely - so potential for fun little lines at the points with more walled up shape at the beachbreaks. Stay tuned.

Weather

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

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2023/10/13	Fri	09:11 AM	5.35	H
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2023/10/13	Fri	9:24 PM	4.87	H
2023/10/14	Sat	03:17 AM	1.02	L
2023/10/14	Sat	09:30 AM	5.58	H
2023/10/14	Sat	3:56 PM	0.46	L
2023/10/14	Sat	9:59 PM	4.62	H
2023/10/15	Sun	03:37 AM	1.32	L
2023/10/15	Sun	09:50 AM	5.75	H
2023/10/15	Sun	4:32 PM	0.25	L
2023/10/15	Sun	10:37 PM	4.29	H
2023/10/16	Mon	03:58 AM	1.66	L
2023/10/16	Mon	10:13 AM	5.85	H
2023/10/16	Mon	5:11 PM	0.15	L
2023/10/16	Mon	11:21 PM	3.92	H
2023/10/17	Tue	04:18 AM	2.02	L
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Daily Lottery

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22 24 40 52 64
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/10
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MIDDAY: 4 9 2
Draw Date: 10/11
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Draw Date: 10/11
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:40.30

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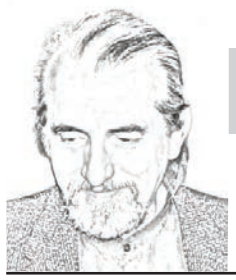
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All Hail The Tap!

THE TAP IS BACK!

If your doctor mutters the words "spinal tap," run for cover. But when I write them, rejoice! Because the way beyond excellent incredibly legendary probably greatest band in the history of anything is back in the studio, here in LA, working on a new album! Yes, they are so old, they do albums. And I have no doubt it will come out on vinyl. Targeting hip under-30s.

I know, most people under 50 have no idea what I'm babbling about, but for the rest of us, this is a bigger headline than "GUILTY!" I have an unimpeachable, impeccable source for this mind blowing news flash, a source very close for many years to the mighty Brit band, Santa Monica's own (and New Orleans too) Harry Shearer, the renaissance man of his weekly one-man radio broadcast "Le Show" (40 years), multiple main characters on "The Simpsons" (35 years), "A Mighty Wind," "The Truman Show," The Credibility Gap, "Friends," "The Right Stuff," "Godzilla," "Wayne's World 2," and the list goes on forever. So when Harry tells me this is happening, you can believe it. Stay tuned for updates.



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A WINTER'S TALE: In Topanga Canyon.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM – Founded more than half a century ago by blacklisted writer/actor Will Geer, his family have carried on superbly, and his daughter Ellen is directing "A Winter's Tale." They are known for their Shakespeare and performed "A Midsummer Night's Dream" their first season, and every year since. TB is a great reason for living in LA! Topanga Canyon Road has been reopened quickly after a landslide, so you have no excuse to put it off. "A Winter's Tale" Sat 7:30, "Midsummer" Sun 3:30,

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure, just over the border from SM. Mon 9pm, Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

"WILD THINGS ARE HAPPENING: THE ART OF MAURICE SENDAK" – Is there anywhere a heart so hardened that they didn't fall in love with this children's tale and especially the mildly wild illustrations? And now you can see them much bigger than a page in a book. This is the first complete retrospective of his work since his death in 2012, and includes his work in many areas of the arts. Twyla Tharp, Spike Jonze, Tony Kushner. Opera sets! "I love opera beyond anything," he once proclaimed, "and Mozart beyond anything." 6/13-9/1, Skirball Museum. Parking fee - call (310) 440-4500 for pricing and hours info.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great decadent fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. And the band is smokin'! Don't. Miss. Toledo Diamond. Sun 9:30pm, Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): "Wild Things Are Happening: The Art of Maurice Sendak," Skirball, 6/13-9/1; Theatricum Botanicum- "A Winter's Tale," 6/15, 23, 30, 7/4, 14, 19, 28 - "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 6/15, 23, 30, 7/7 - "Wendy's Peter Pan," 6/22, 29, 7/6, 14, 23, 26 - "Tartuffe-Born Again," 7/13, 20, 27; Toledo Diamond, Harvelle's, 6/16, 23, 30; Hot Club of Los Angeles, Cinema Bar, 6/17, 24; Hollywood Bowl Jazz Festival, 6/15, 16; Make Music Day International, 6/21; All Star Sumo, Walter Pyramid, 6/22; Doobie Brothers, Kia Forum, 6/23; Chris Stapleton, Grace Potter, Hollywood Bowl, 6/26, 27; Chris Potter Trio, Jazz Bakery, 6/29; Roots Picnic: Hip-Hop is the Love of My Life, Hollywood Bowl, 6/29; Rolling Stones, Sofi Stadium, 7/10, 13; Patti LaBelle, Hollywood Bowl, 7/7; All Gershwin, Hollywood Bowl, 7/11; Slash, Samantha Fish, Warren Haynes Band, Eric Gales, Greek, 7/13 ; Big Band Night, Hollywood Bowl, 7/17; Ziggy Marley, Bellwether, 7/20; Mozart Under the Stars, Zubin Mehta, Pinchas Zuckerman, Hollywood Bowl, 7/23; All-Beethoven, LA Phil, 7/25; Michael Franti & Spearhead, Greek, 7/26;

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AROUND TOWN

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Pride and Juneteenth Celebrations & More!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes multiple Pride and Juneteenth celebrations, the annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta, Montana Ave. Summer Kick-Off, and much more!

Family Pride Celebration @ Annenberg Community Beach House: Trailblazing Queer Chicana graphic novelist Kayden Phoenix will host "Draw Your Own Superhero and Storytime aimed at giving kids of all ages the opportunity to dream up and express themselves through art. Pickle, the first Drag Laureate of the City of West Hollywood, returns to host an interactive Drag Storytime that delightfully challenges restrictive gender stereotypes and encourages self-expression. Friday, June 14, 10a.m. @ 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. www.eventbrite.com/e/family-pride-tickets-907060360957

FREE Movie Fridays on the Promenade - "Rent": On Friday, June 14, the events begin at 6:30 p.m. with fun photo ops, complimentary popcorn and a DJ playing music before the movies, which include singalongs, start at 7:30 p.m. Guests can bring low chairs (tall chairs are not permitted), pillows, blankets and picnic essentials to relax with family, friends and even furry companions. www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-fridays-on-third-street-promenade-rent-614-tickets-883016515167

Children Story Time @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden: Every 15 minutes, a new enchanting tale will delight kids. Plus, participate in our Youth Book Swap: bring gently used or new books to exchange for exciting reads. Enjoy stories, share books and spark young imaginations at this event. And grab a cup of coffee and wander around the garden and orchard. Saturday, June 15, 9 - 11 am @ 2909 Exposition Blvd. Email gardens@santamonica.gov for more information.

Annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta: The raucous Annenberg Beach House summer kick-off is an all-ages event for two-person teams to race-themed cardboard and duct tape yachts across the historic pool while spectators cheer them on. Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. @ 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/activity/search/detail/97288

SMPL Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Celebrate the first day of summer reading with fun activities and a magic show. Get dazzled by the amazing Zany Zoe, enjoy sweet treats, and take pictures with special guests. The Summer Reading program helps prevent "summer slide" by ensuring that youth retain reading and learning skills over the school break. Parents can sign up their babies and receive a free board book. Kids and teens can sign up for 10 and 20-hour challenges, and receive a tote bag, coupon from the Friends of the Library Bookstore, and log to track reading minutes and activities during the summer. Saturday, June 15 10:30a.m. - 12p.m. smpl.org

Family Pride Comedy Fest: The institution is hosting a series of family-friendly comedy shows featuring top LGBTQIA+ comedic talent. Programming will be appropriate for all ages including stand-up sets and improv acts inspired by queer experiences. The Crow's weekend events will also include Fierce Fables, a drag queen and king storytelling corner taking place at the historic Carousel on the Santa Monica Pier, as well as a comedy show developed specially for parents and babies and a finale event showcasing star LGBTQIA+ comics taking place at The Crow comedy club. Friday & Saturday, June 14 - 15. https://crowcomedy.com/familypridefest

Pedals For Progress Juneteenth Celebration: Ready, set, pedal! Join Juneteenth Bike-a-thon, starting from Virginia Avenue Park on Pico Blvd every hour on Saturday, June 15, from 10a.m. - 1p.m. They're offering a grand tour of black landmarks in Santa Monica, ending Santa Monica Black Empowerment Association offices at 520 Arizona Avenue with a resource fair.

32nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration @ Virginia Avenue Park: Enjoy an afternoon of music, food and craft vendors, kid's activities and more. This year's theme is "Rising Above Racism: A Legacy of Empowerment & Pride." Saturday, June 15, from 2 - 7 p.m. www.santamonica.gov/events/4xjmzy8gt3krqxqmsnkzys8j4t/202406151500

Murder at the Getty Scavenger Hunt: "A curator has been murdered, leaving behind a trail of cryptic clues connects with secrets in the museum's masterpieces. Do you have what it takes to solve his murder? Explore the museum to unravel a sordid tale of greed, lust, pride, and revenge—all revolving around a long-lost painting by Leonardo da Vinci." Saturday, June 15, 4 p.m. Save $5 on tickets when you use the promo code JuneLA5 at checkout. watsonadventures.com/hunt/the-murder-at-the-getty-scavenger-hunt/

Montana Ave. Summer Kick-Off & Big Gay Bake Sale: Enjoy activities for kids, a refreshing margarita garden, delicious food from your favorite Montana restaurants, guest vendors, and more. Saturday, June 15. https://www.instagram.com/montanaavesm



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CELEBRATION: The City of Santa Monica's 32nd Juneteenth Celebration kicks off Saturday afternoon at Virginia Avenue Park.

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Breadhead Grand Opening: The acclaimed sandwich pop-up that LA Times listed as one of their favorite new sammies last year now has it's first brick & mortar location. Drop in on Saturday, June 15 @ 1518 Montana Ave. to taste their offerings. www.instagram.com/breadheadla/

NBC4 Visits Plant-Based B&T's Deli on Montana: This video story visits the husband-wife duo Terrence and Britt Caldwell who left their Bay Area tech jobs to open this deli. The two share the best plant-based swap options that will totally fool meat-lovers and satisfy flavor cravings. www.nbclosangeles.com/california-live/meet-the-couple-who-left-their-bay-area-tech-jobs-to-open-a-plant-based-deli-in-santa-monica/3425997/

Bar Monette's Vanilla Salt: This LA Times write-up shares the background and recipe for a sweeter sale. "I'm a big advocate of putting finishing salt on desserts just to have little bites," MacDonald said. "You have a sweet bite and then the next one, you get a little bit of savory, and the next one, you highlight a flavor with a little bit more intensity from the salt." www.latimes.com/recipe/bar-monette-vanilla-salt-recipe

Where To Eat In Pacific Palisades: The Infatuation lists "seven solid places to eat in LA's sleepiest (and richest) little beach town." www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/where-to-eat-in-pacific-palisades-if-you-have-to

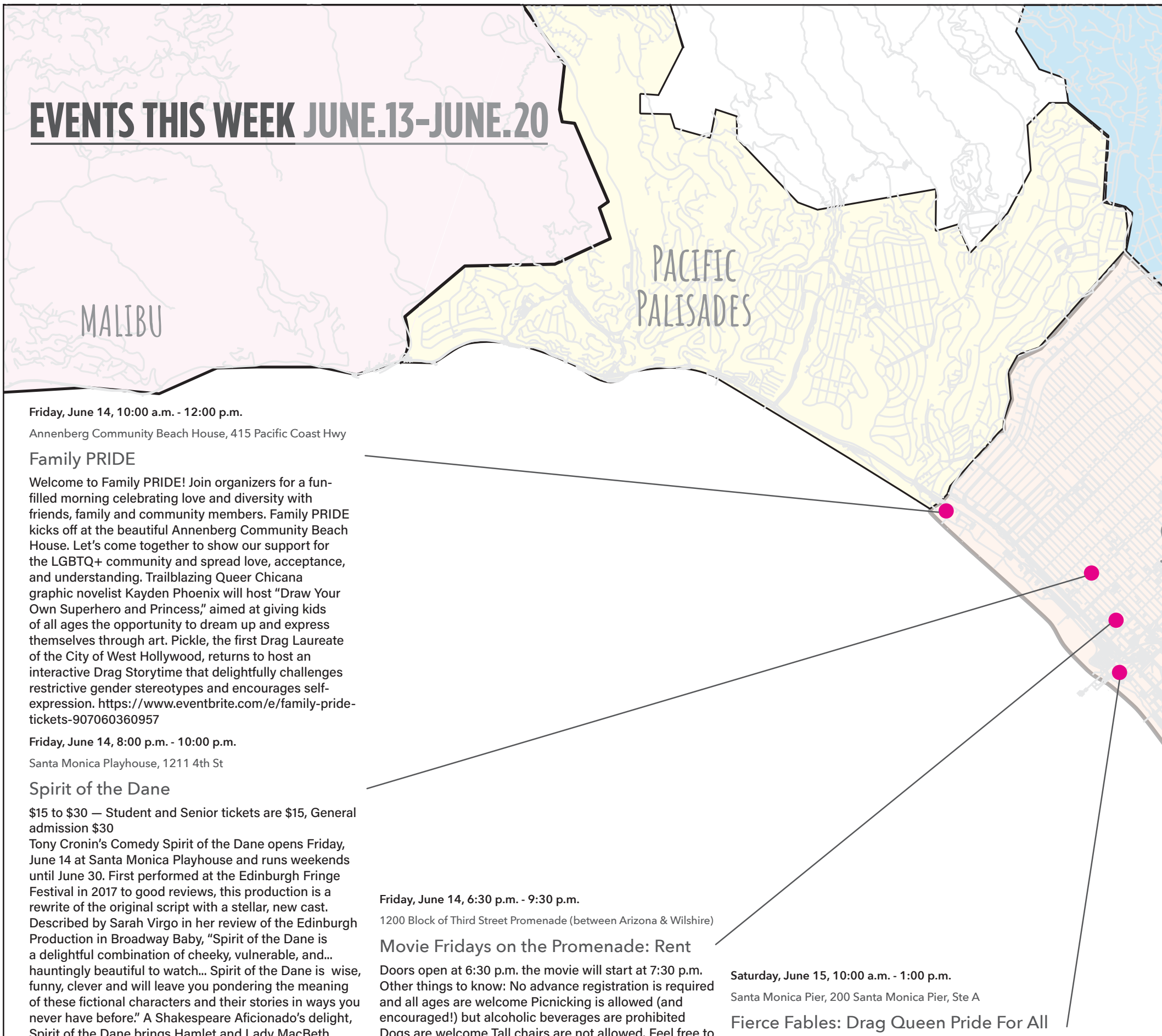
The Infatuation's 2024 Pride Bake Sale: 100% of proceeds benefit the Queer Food Foundation. Participating bakeries include the Best Cookie Shop in the Whole Wide World @ 2625 S. Robertson Blvd. www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/collection/la-pride-bake-sale-2024

Further Afield Around Town: The Hollywood Bowl Jazz Festival returns to kick off summer on June 15-16. www.hollywoodbowl.com/events/performances/2891/2024-06-15/hollywood-bowl-jazz-festival

Looking Ahead Around Town: Make Music Day (6/21), Pride on the Promenade (6/22), Pier 360 Beach Festival (6/29-30), Main St. 4th of July Parade (7/4), Summer Solstice Festival: (7/13)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Here are my past columns and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Pride and Juneteenth Celebrations & More!

EVENTS THIS WEEK JUNE.13-JUNE.20



Friday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy

Family PRIDE

Welcome to Family PRIDE! Join organizers for a fun-filled morning celebrating love and diversity with friends, family and community members. Family PRIDE kicks off at the beautiful Annenberg Community Beach House. Let's come together to show our support for the LGBTQ+ community and spread love, acceptance, and understanding. Trailblazing Queer Chicana graphic novelist Kayden Phoenix will host "Draw Your Own Superhero and Princess," aimed at giving kids of all ages the opportunity to dream up and express themselves through art. Pickle, the first Drag Laureate of the City of West Hollywood, returns to host an interactive Drag Storytime that delightfully challenges restrictive gender stereotypes and encourages self-expression. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-pride-tickets-907060360957

Friday, June 14, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St

Spirit of the Dane

$15 to $30 — Student and Senior tickets are $15, General admission $30
Tony Cronin's Comedy Spirit of the Dane opens Friday, June 14 at Santa Monica Playhouse and runs weekends until June 30. First performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2017 to good reviews, this production is a rewrite of the original script with a stellar, new cast. Described by Sarah Virgo in her review of the Edinburgh Production in Broadway Baby, "Spirit of the Dane is a delightful combination of cheeky, vulnerable, and... hauntingly beautiful to watch... Spirit of the Dane is wise, funny, clever and will leave you pondering the meaning of these fictional characters and their stories in ways you never have before." A Shakespeare Aficionado's delight, Spirit of the Dane brings Hamlet and Lady MacBeth together in the intellectual chaos and confusion of our postmodern world, where they lament what we have made of them and re-discover who they really are. Playing at Santa Monica Playhouse in the heart of Santa Monica tickets can be found at Brown Paper Tickets of Eventbrite. For more information visit: https://www.theatreforasmallspace.org. For tickets, visit https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6333905

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Friday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

1200 Block of Third Street Promenade (between Arizona & Wilshire)

Movie Fridays on the Promenade: Rent

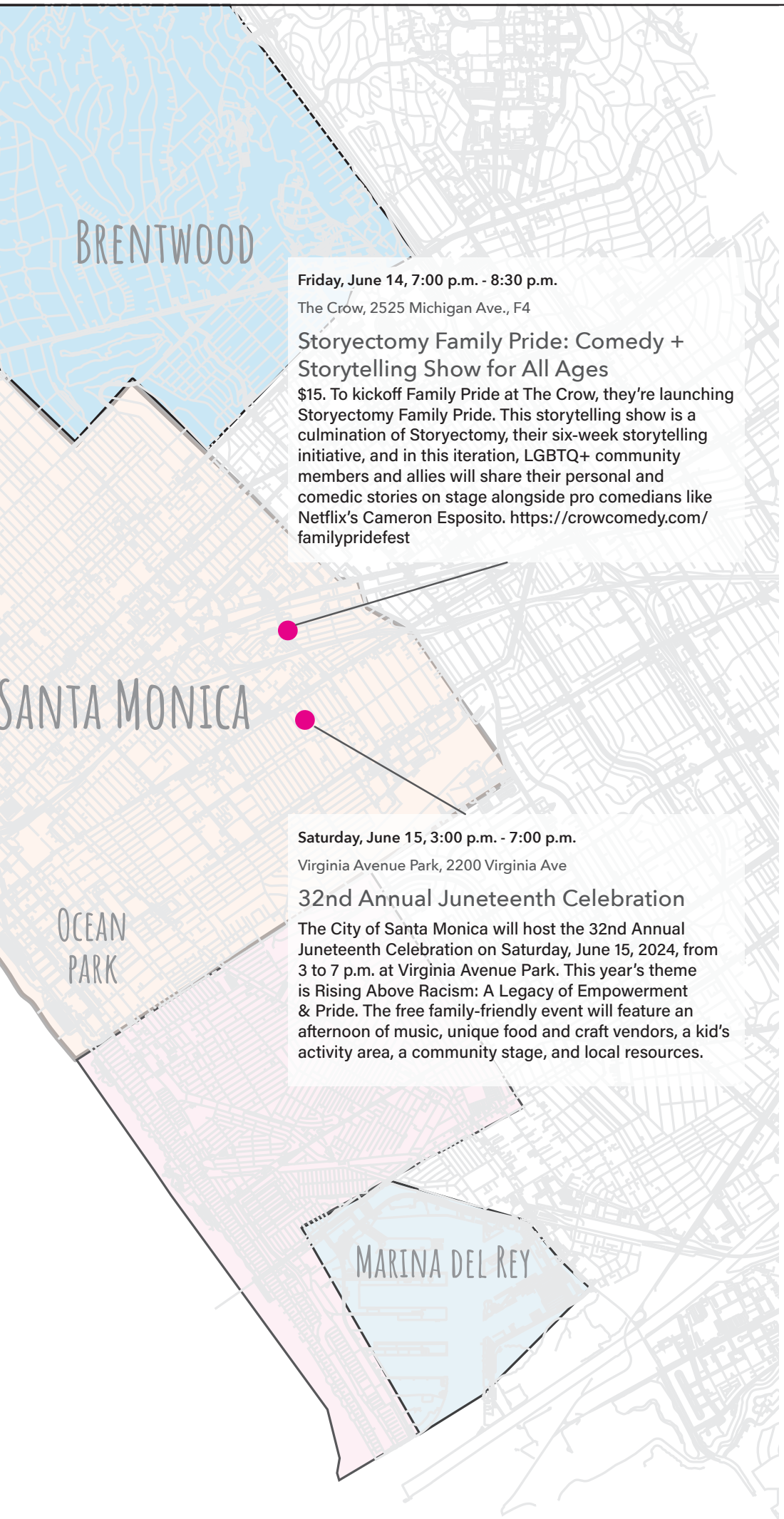
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. the movie will start at 7:30 p.m. Other things to know: No advance registration is required and all ages are welcome Picnicking is allowed (and encouraged!) but alcoholic beverages are prohibited Dogs are welcome Tall chairs are not allowed. Feel free to bring low chairs and pillows/blankets Public restrooms are available in nearby Parking Structure 4 Third Street Promenade is easily accessible via public transportation, only a few blocks from the Downtown Santa Monica Metro stop. There is also plenty of parking in the public parking structures in the area. Pre-show entertainment from Couerage Ensemble, a nonprofit whose mission is to develop and perform high-quality "Pay What You Want" performances for Los Angeles and online audiences through processes that are ensemble driven, community conscious, intersectional and antiracist.
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Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A

Fierce Fables: Drag Queen Pride For All Ages! @ The Santa Monica Pier

Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A
Free. Join organizers at The Carousel at The Santa Monica Pier for Fierce Fables! 1624 Ocean Front Walk. In partnership with Santa Monica Pier Corporation, on June 15, the Santa Monica Pier and The Crow will host Fierce Fables: Drag Queen Pride For All Ages! Bring the youngest members of the family to enjoy a drag queen and king storytelling corner at The Carousel, face painting, and show stopping dance numbers by Pickle Drag Queen, Pandora Boxx and Johnny Gentleman from 10AM - 1 PM. This event is FREE and fabulous, complete with a family pride parade for all to partake in!
RSVP
https://jetbook.co/e/fierce-fables-drag-queen-pride-family-edition-at-the-santa-monica-pier2wnm



Friday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave., F4

Storyectomy Family Pride: Comedy + Storytelling Show for All Ages

$15. To kickoff Family Pride at The Crow, they're launching Storyectomy Family Pride. This storytelling show is a culmination of Storyectomy, their six-week storytelling initiative, and in this iteration, LGBTQ+ community members and allies will share their personal and comedic stories on stage alongside pro comedians like Netflix's Cameron Esposito. https://crowcomedy.com/familypridefest

Saturday, June 15, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave

32nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration

The City of Santa Monica will host the 32nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park. This year's theme is Rising Above Racism: A Legacy of Empowerment & Pride. The free family-friendly event will feature an afternoon of music, unique food and craft vendors, a kid's activity area, a community stage, and local resources.



THURSDAY JUNE 13

LA BELLE VIE APÉRO DE LOULOU

The weekly French hipster rendezvous to celebrate "La Belle Vie" at LouLou Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Pl #300, begins at 6 p.m. Programming includes live performance by Chloe Perrier & The Heart Jazz Band, DJs, Apero menu, "Plat du Jour," menu a la carte and carefully selected French wines. For more information, contact Claire at asst@splashpragency.com or 323-877-8102.

FRIDAY JUNE 14

FAMILY PRIDE

Join the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, for a fun-filled morning celebrating love and diversity with their friends, family and community members. Beginning at 10 a.m., activities will include trailblazing Queer Chicana graphic novelist Kayden Phoenix hosting "Draw Your Own Superhero and Princess," aimed at giving kids of all ages the opportunity to dream up and express themselves through art. Pickle, the first Drag Laureate of the City of West Hollywood, returns to host an interactive Drag Storytime that delightfully challenges restrictive gender stereotypes and encourages self-expression. Free admission, to reserve a spot visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-pride-tickets-907060360957.

GRILLED CHEESE & BEER NIGHT

Andrew's Cheese Chop, 728 Montana Ave., invites the public to a family-style dinner featuring a curated menu of decadent open face grilled cheese sandwiches expertly paired with artisanal beers from around the world. Starts with a starter salad, followed by four courses of grilled cheeses paired with four specialty beers, finished with a dessert course of an imperial stout float with french vanilla ice cream. Begins at 7:30 p.m., tickets $75. Can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/june-14th-grilled-cheese-beer-night-tickets-900894619057.

SATURDAY JUNE 15

SANTA MONICA READS ALL SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

Celebrate the first day of Summer Reading with fun activities and a magic show, starting at 10:30 a.m. in the North Entrance Courtyard of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Get dazzled by the amazing Zany Zoe, enjoy sweet treats and take pictures with special guests. For families.

BIG GAY BAKE SALE

The Regina Vannicola Real Estate Group and Melanie Sommers Team is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Big Gay Bake Sale in support of Pride Month, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Compass, 1333 Montana Ave. All proceeds will go to benefit the Los Angeles LGBT Center. For more information, visit: https://reginavannicola.com/big-gay-bake-sale/.

32ND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The City of Santa Monica will host the 32nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. This year's theme is "Rising Above Racism: A Legacy of Empowerment & Pride." The free family-friendly event will feature an afternoon of music, unique food and craft vendors, a kid's activity area, a community stage and local resources. The Main Stage will present a stellar lineup of musicians including Blues artist Sonny Green, local favorite OPERATION: Butterfly, gospel group Lifeline Quartet, soloist Miss Aliya and soul singer Sy Smith in partnership with BroadStage. In addition to the Main Stage musical performances, the festival will also include the Community Stage featuring panel discussions and spoken word artists.

JUNETEENTH YACHT JAZZ/R&B EVENING

The Outlet LA will be taking its Jazz/R&B Evening to the sea aboard a beautiful yacht in Marina Del Rey. There will be live music, Uno, Spades, signature drinks and tasty food. Attire is Upscale African Print Attire. Yacht boarding will begin at 5 p.m. at Fisherman's Village Marina, 13755 Fiji Way, departure at 6 p.m. sharp. Event is 21 and over. Tickets $79.22, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/juneteenth-yacht-jazzrb-evening-african-print-attire-tickets-869397550477.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Kids and their grownups alike will enjoy Parents' Night Out from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Cayton Children's Museum, 395 Santa Monica Place. Offering caregivers a night off, children ages 4-10 will enjoy three hours of activities and free play supervised by the Cayton's Play Guides. Games and activities include life-size Connect Four, bean bag tosses, floor bowling and more, along with dinner, a snack and a drink. $50 per child, $45 per sibling. For the sibling discount, enter "PNO10%" at checkout. Tickets can be purchased at: https://www.caytonmuseum.org/programs/parents-night-out.

SATURDAY JUNE 15

CHESS SUNDAYS

Chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. Chess Sundays are free and open to all, no sign-ups or advance resignation required. This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

THE WORLD IS MY HOME

Celebrate Father's Day as Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., pays homage to Paul Robeson with film, TV and stage personality Stogie Kenyatta's acclaimed NAACP Award-Winning solo show about the renowned African-American artist-activist. Rated for ages 14 and up, The World is My Home gives younger audiences a deeper understanding of the historic significance of Black Lives Matter, reminding us all of the vital importance of our ongoing attention to and fight for social justice and reform. Admission includes post-show Q&A with Mr. Kenyatta. Begins at 5:30 p.m., tickets $30, $25 for students, seniors and military. Purchase tickets at: https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/paul-robeson.html.

COFFEE

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base with milk, tapioca pearls and different toppings. It's thought to have been invented in the 1980s and made its way over to the US a decade or so later by way of Los Angeles.

"I came up with the idea and arranged a meeting with Ed as they had a boba store already in Torrance, and they've been operating for two years. So I saw this husband and wife with a business that knows the operational side," Corrales said.

He explained that he brought a more creative element to the table, rather than business understanding. "I'm better at conceptualizing ideas," he laughed, adding, "I know how to make a space look nice and of course, I've always loved coffee, so I thought we might look into partnering up. After that, everything, thankfully, just fell into place."

Corrales explained that it was important to not take anything away from the community, but to only add to it. "Johnny and I read the Yelp reviews, I did my research and he was a staple in the community … Everybody loved him, everybody talked to him and he spent time with everybody," he says, adding, "And he was himself to everybody, whether that rubbed people the wrong way or not, he was always himself.

"So I wanted to make sure to not just leave a gap in the community, but also create a space where he can continue to be there for the community in that way, serving cheesecakes. So we were able to carry some of his cheesecakes and made some recipes with him … We didn't want to just straight sell Italian cheesecake, so we wanted to use some Asian inspired ingredients and he was able to create them."

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>
> - Van Corrales

Offerings on the Amai menu include, a Turon banana latte (espresso, Brazilian banana, brown sugar and jackfruit topping), Manila vanilla latte (espresso, roasted vanilla, condensed milk and leche flan topping) plus the strawberry matcha latte (organic strawberry milk and Japanese matcha), pastries, croissants, muffins and cheesecake, of course. The house coffee is particularly delicious; it's rich and slow-dripped, follows a traditional Vietnamese Phin drip and is topped with sea salt foam and cocoa powder.

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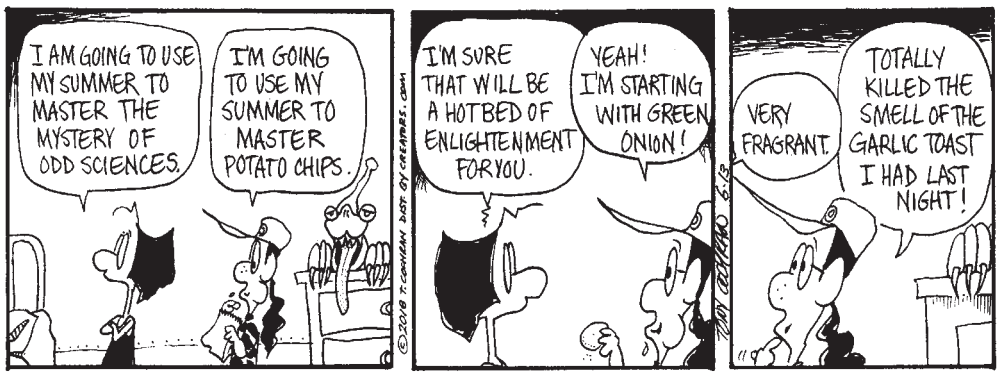
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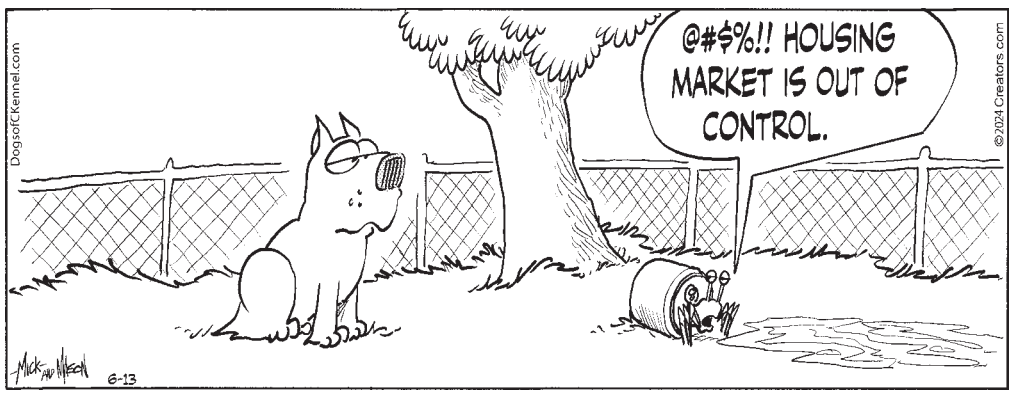
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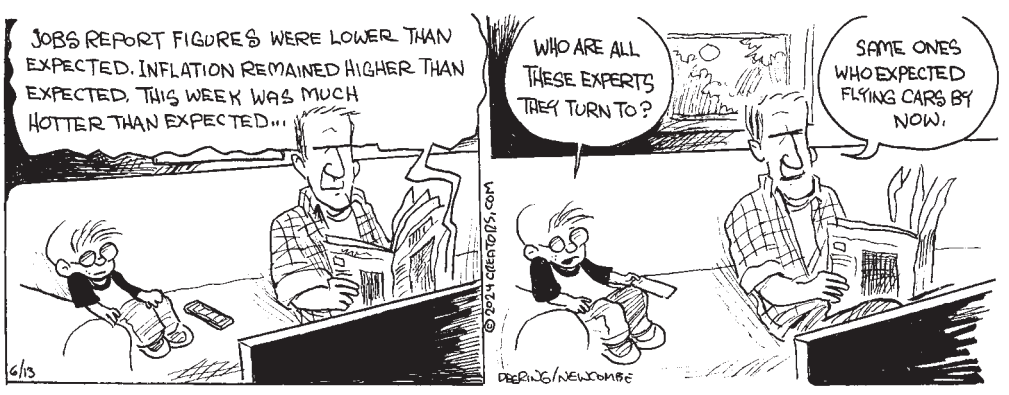
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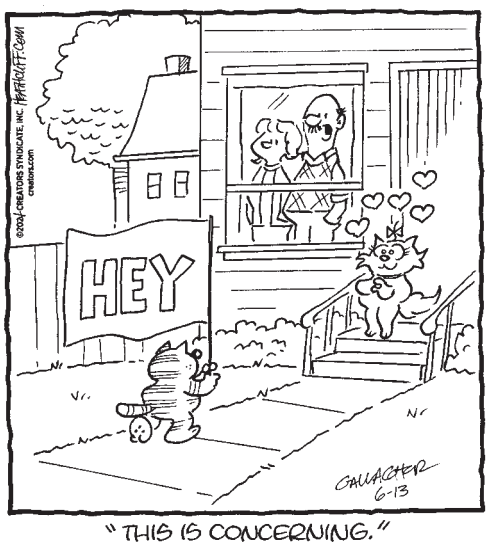
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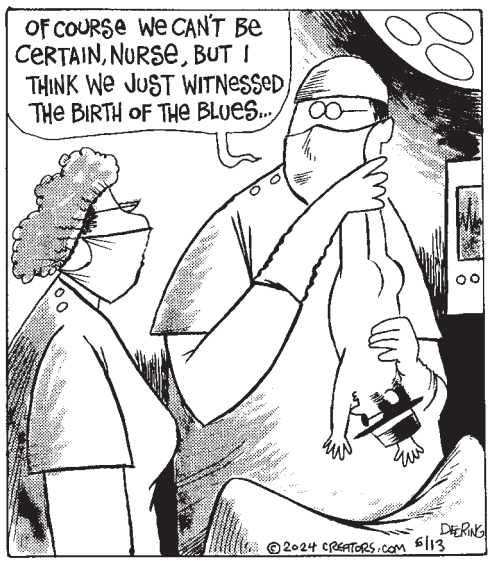
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"THIS IS CONCERNING."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6240

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You know just how you want to grow. This year expands your range professionally and personally. Your sense of community is strong and you'll be a part of truly remarkable groups who make a difference in the world. More highlights: a climb, a prize and a speech. You'll adopt new domestic routines and enhance your health and image in the process. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 42, 31, 11 and 12.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are many ways to ask for what you want. Because hints and implications only work for people on your wavelength, these kinds of subtle winks and nudges are a good way to find out who fits the category.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll encourage a loved one along their individual path, even when it doesn't nicely coincide with what you want for or from the person. Love is selfless like that, wanting what's best for the other person even if it doesn't benefit you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Transformations are always happening, though often too slowly to detect over the course of a day. Keep thinking about what you really want and who you want to be. In the words of Shakespeare, "We know what we are, but not what we may be."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because you're doing so well, it may seem greedy to want to be doing even better. But why shouldn't you try for the very best? Anyone who doesn't understand this is not completely on your side. Make sure that you are also on your own side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What seems personal to you is also part of a problem affecting much of society. For this reason, it's important to talk about what you're going through. You could be helping many others by simply acknowledging the issues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll notice the small things that detract from the overall effect, but you are wise not to stay in the narrow focus because problems will be solved from a high-level perspective. The small stuff will resolve on its own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one opposes you on purpose, but nonetheless, you will have opposition. Nothing is inevitable about this. You don't have to crash, scrape or stall in impasse. Stay alert. Grace is possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Beware of the person who makes no mistakes, as they might be covering them up. Everyone is flawed, but not everyone admits it. You'll benefit from time spent with people who openly discuss mistakes and invite assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no need to drum up excitement; it will come on its own accord. In the meantime, loved ones appreciate your solidity and consistence. You can be counted on. Your moods and attitudes are predictable in the best kind of way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A decision must be made soon, but not today. Let the ideas affecting your decision mellow in your mind a bit. The conventional way won't be the best fit for you. Times are different, and you're different, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are open to a variety of outcomes as long as they favor the people you care about. Because it's people, not outcomes, that are your top priority. You care about how they feel and their well-being.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To focus on things that don't really matter in the bigger scheme of life is the very definition of pettiness and a sign of immaturity, but it is also quite forgivable and you might even benefit from expecting this from the inexperienced.

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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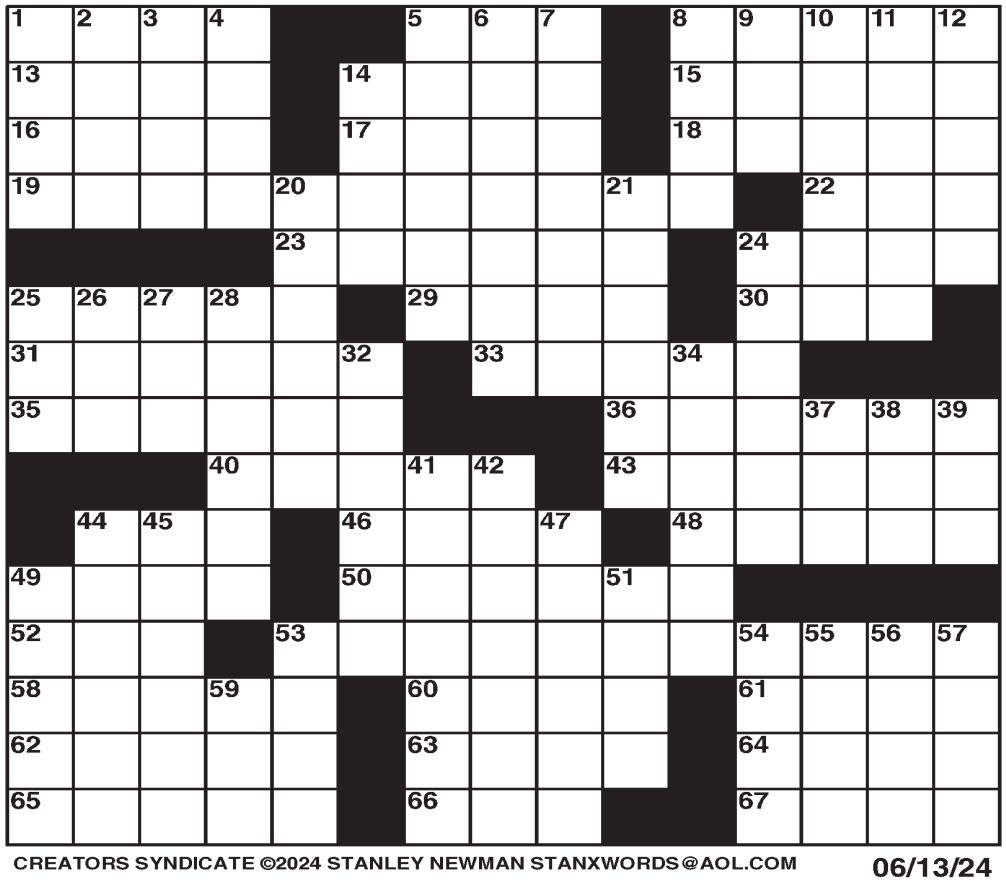
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16 City near Santa Barbara
17 As far as
18 Tibetan clerics
19 Remark of the speechless
22 Conversation ender
23 Pianist José
24 "Is!" rebuttal
25 Gaudy jewelry
29 Depend (on)
30 Low grade
31 Cereal topper
33 Evaporated
35 With 36-Across, Whitman work
36 See 35-Across
40 Ornate tapestry
43 Angler with a net
44 Ancient marauder
46 Authentic, from the German
48 Guitar decoration
49 Big lug
50 Actress Stone
52 Not a hard throw
53 Rodgers & Hammerstein musical
58 Pop star from London
60 Not very many
61 Any of 60-Across with the same birthday
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64 Superlative prefix
65 Prescribed portions
66 Tattletale
67 *Vino* center

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1 Leisurely
2 Fictional scary St. Bernard
3 Food thickener
4 Senate majority leader in 2010
5 Chicago university
6 Clad (in)
7 Strip of Windows icons
8 Buck or bull
9 Director DuVernay
10 Horror movie menace
11 First name of "The Rock"
12 Something good to have
14 Singer Lorna
20 Sicilian sir
21 Insignificant amounts
24 Introduces to the mix
25 Propelled pellets
26 South Asian language
27 Country quarters
28 Japanese Winter Olympics city
32 All over again
34 Looking closely at
37 Blow up, for short
38 What clover might cover
39 Swelter
41 Miss much
42 Colombian singing star
44 Jinx
45 Kazakhs' neighbors
47 Serving dish support
49 Short on flavor
51 What a teller might be asked for
53 Blends in bags
54 Shade close to turquoise
55 Pencil remnants
56 Reduce intake
57 Crucifix letters
59 Be situated



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WAYFINDER

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Ocean/Broadway and Boardwalk/Pico.

According to officials, there is no cost to the City for the kiosk installation, rather the City will begin earning 50% of adjusted gross revenues as soon as the first kiosk goes live. A minimum annual guarantee of $5 million will become effective once all 25 kiosks in the first phase are operational.

"The new wayfinding kiosks in Downtown Santa Monica will provide our visitors with real-time information about local businesses, events, transportation options, and more. This dynamic digital platform offers a significant upgrade over static directories or information signs, which become outdated quickly. I believe our visitors will truly appreciate and love this innovative addition," Andrew Thomas, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, inc. told the Daily Press.

The City's website illustrates the five-stage installation plan and shows the location of each of 29 proposed sites with the Third Street Promenade being part of the second phase, rolling out by approximately August 5, 2024.

Officially known as the Digital Wayfinding and Out-of-Home Advertising Kiosk Program, the initiative was first conceived in early 2020. Once some issues over who was going to be awarded the contract were resolved, a fully functioning prototype designed and built by BIG Outdoor in collaboration with IKE Smart City was made available for local residents to inspect, examine and evaluate.

Nothing has changed from the prototype test model that was available for a first look exactly a year ago, on June 13, 2023. The device stands at approximately 8ft tall, with a 55-inch display and is made from what we're reassured is incredibly durable materials along with an "anti-graffiti" coating that will ensure any tagging by a wannabe street artist can be very easily removed.

According to the City, BIG Outdoor has contracted with Block by Block to respond immediately to maintenance requests. Once approximately 10-15 kiosks are operational, BIG will have full-time maintenance staff in-house and all maintenance requests will go through BIG Outdoor. There's also a way to report maintenance issues on the kiosk itself.

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CONVICTION

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movie "Scream."

Detectives collected DNA evidence after the break-in but didn't make any connections until Shahen was arrested and incarcerated in Philadelphia in 2017 for an alleged debit-card scam that used sophisticated skimmers to steal personal information. In July of 2018, it was announced that officers from the SMPD had traveled to Pennsylvania to interview Shahen in Federal Prison before officially filing the charges related to the California crimes.

The investigation linked the Adelaide Drive incident to additional home invasions in Beverly Hills and Downey. All four incidents occurred within a two-week period in 2016.

According to SMPD, Shahen was convicted by a jury on 16 of 17 counts, made up of the following:

- 4 counts of 1st degree residential burglary (Downey, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica)
- 4 counts of residential robbery (Downey, Beverly Hills)
- 5 counts of false imprisonment (Downey, Beverly Hills)
- 2 counts of assault with a firearm (Santa Monica)
- 1 count assault with a firearm causing great bodily injury (Santa Monica)

(Reduced from attempted murder because the jury felt there was not enough proof the suspect intended to kill him.)

He was found not guilty of one count of robbery in the Downey incident because the victim did not testify in court and it could not be proven something was stolen from him.

"I was the originally assigned lead detective in this case in 2016. We [SMPD] had identified a possible suspect by DNA from evidence left at the scene. However, the DNA was unidentified and not in the state database," Sergeant Chad Goodwin of the SMPD told the Daily Press, adding, "We only knew it was an unknown male. It was not until 2018, I was contacted by a detective from Downey PD who also had the same unidentified male DNA profile from his two incidents that we realized they were related."

Shahen was convicted on federal charges in Pennsylvania and began to serve his sentence. He was extradited to Los Angeles in 2021 and arraigned on our cases where he remained in custody up until May 2024. He was convicted by the jury after a three week trial.

"Needless to say, this was an unusually long and drawn out case over an eight year period. Many of the victims, witnesses, officers, detectives and forensic technicians had relocated or retired," Goodwin said. "But in the end, everyone came together and saw the case through. The victims finally have a sense of closure and feel they can move on and put this horror behind them even though many of them told me they will never be the same. It's a great feeling to see the culmination of a lot of work by law enforcement and the DA's office to make sure this suspect was held responsible for his actions and convicted for these crimes."

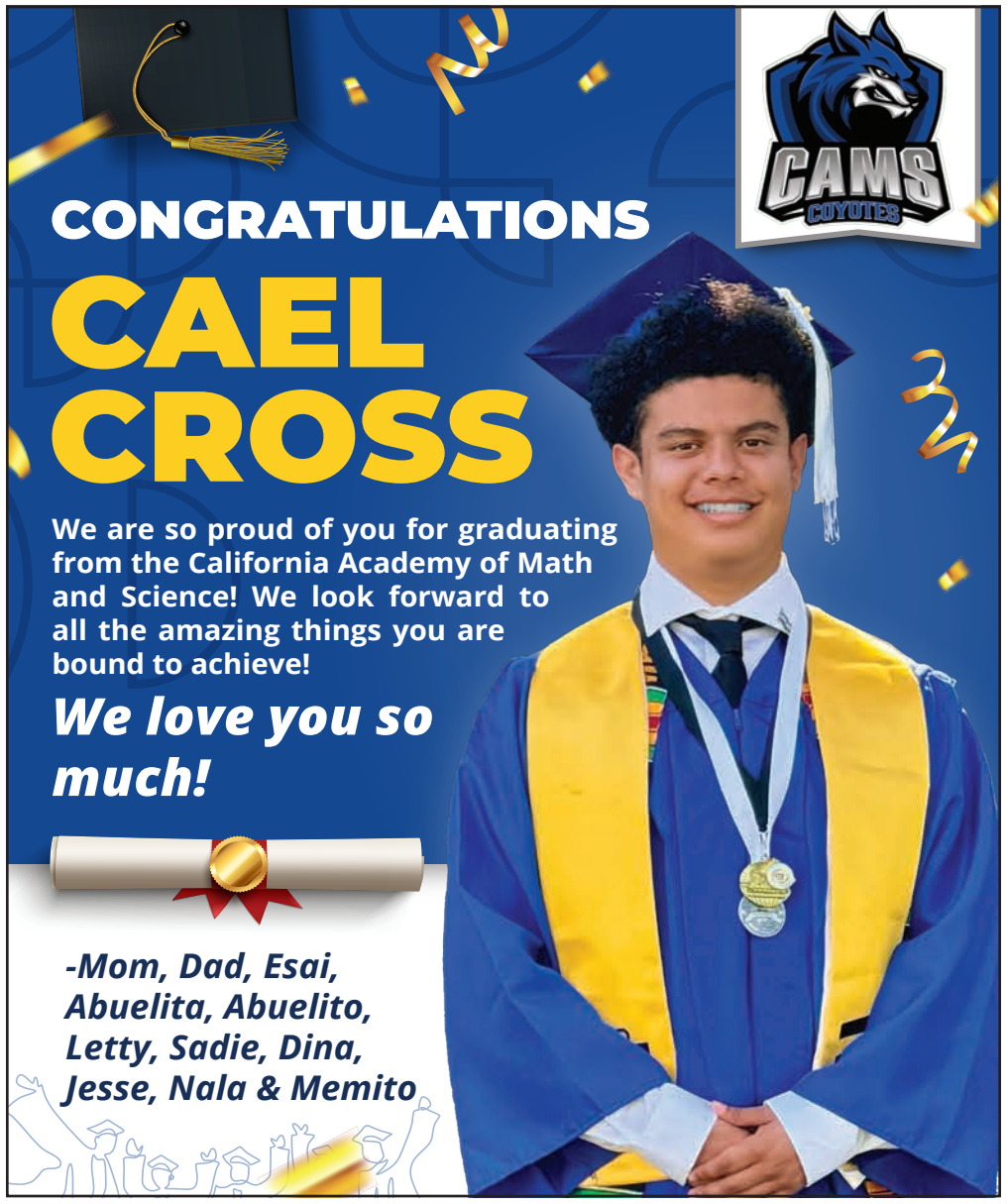
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Dwight Yoakam, Mavericks, Greek, 7/27; Lake Street Dive, Greek, 7/27; Outlaw Fest: Willie, Bob, Mellancamp. Hollywood Bowl, 7/31; UB40, English Beat, Inner Circle, Greek, 7/31; Schumann & Bruch, LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl, 8/1; Mavis Staples, Norah Jones, Greek, 8/4; Reggae Night XXII: Damian and Stephen Marley, Hollywood Bowl, 8/4; Hives, Foo Fighters, BMO Stadium, 8/9; Jon Batiste, Greek, 8/10; Pretenders, Foo Fighters, BMO Stadium, 8/11; Herbie Hancock "Head Hunters" 50th, H0llywood Bowl, 8/14; 10CC, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 8/15; All-Dvořák with Midori, LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl, 8/20; Gary Clark Jr., Hollywood Bowl, 8/21; Dudamel & Yunchan Lim, Hollywood Bowl, 8/29.

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