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Retail giants shed Downtown Santa Monica assets

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Locally-based shopping mall behemoth Macerich Co. has defaulted on the $300 million mortgage loan it has for the Santa Monica Place, ultimately returning it to the lender and bidding farewell to the iconic shopping mall it has owned since 1999.

"It was pretty clear that Santa Monica has continuing issues and it is under water," Scott Kingsmore, Macerich's chief financial officer and treasurer told Women's Wear Daily. According to that publication, the broker valuation for Santa Monica Place is in the region of $264.5 million. "Ultimately, trying to figure out the end game was just too obscure," Kingsmore said.



Scott Snowden

MALL: Santa Monica Place may be returned to the banks after its owner defaulted on loan payments.

Macerich announced the failure to pay the loan earlier this year during its first quarter earnings report. At the time, the company said it had lost $126.7 million or $0.59 per share-diluted during the first quarter of 2024, compared to the net loss attributable to the company of $58.7 million or $0.27 per share-diluted attributable to the company for the quarter ended March 31, 2023.

It also announced several measures to address problems including refinancing of other loans, extensions of loans and possible ways to shed property.

"On April 9, 2024, we defaulted on the $300 million loan on Santa Monica Place. The Company is in negotiations with the lender on terms of this non-recourse loan," said the report.

Although it said it was working on the terms of the loan, the report also said sale of unnamed property was a possibility.

"Under new leadership, we are focused on a strategic plan to reduce our Net Debt to EBITDA leverage to a level in the low to mid-6x range over the next few years. This plan may be effected through

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Peace be with Will Rogers with new initiative

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Everyone has memories of recess during elementary school, though some may be less pleasant than others. From disagreements on who gets to use the slide to fights over games of four-square, the kinetic energy of children can sometimes be untamed and lead to unfortunate scuffles.

The vigilant students of Will Rogers Learning Community are choosing to fight back, or rather stop fighting in the first place. This past school year, Will Rogers Principal Lila Daruty and Counselor Khatija Dadabhoy launched the Peacemakers initiative, giving students the chance to learn conflict resolution skills and foster a school culture of belonging and respect.



Photo Courtesy SMMUSD

PEACEMAKERS: The Will Rogers Learning Community Peacemakers initiative gained a following during its first year on campus.

In October 2023, the initial class of 25 Peacemakers donned bright orange vests with peace signs on the back, taking turns in the Will Rogers yard every recess and lunch time to support classmates in potential

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Manager of Jameson's pub murdered in midnight brawl, suspect in custody

SCOTT SNOWDEN
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In a shocking update to what was first thought to be an assault, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has released new information regarding a brawl at Jameson's pub on Main Street on Sunday night.

According to the SMPD, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at approximately 12:05 a.m., officers responded to the 2700 block of Main Street, near Jameson's Pub, following a radio call regarding reports of a battery that just occurred.

A fight ensued on the street when

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SUSPECT: Venice resident Leonard Hector Korpie has been charged with murder following a fight on Main Street.



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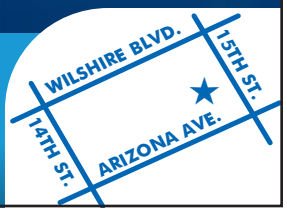
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News Binge: All of last week's stories in one place



Thomas Leffler

GRADUATION: Students from local schools graduated last week marking the end of the school year and the start of summer.

SMDP STAFF REPORT

FIRST MARKETPLACE FOR LOCAL, DIVERSE SMALL BUSINESSES OPENS ON PICO BLVD:

The first marketplace for local and diverse small businesses opened on Pico Blvd. in a ribbon cutting ceremony that attracted the attention of local television news media, along with residents and members of City Council. Called Pico Roots, the retail space is on the ground floor of a mixed use building called Brunson Terrace. Developed by the Community Corporation of Santa Monica, together with Brooks + Scarpa, it is the non-profit organization's latest affordable housing complex in the Pico community. Currently, a total of seven small businesses have set up home at the site, including Adey Gojo Coffee & Catering and Tiny Bee Cards.

DECADES OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE CELEBRATED BY SCHOOL BOARD:

During a special meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education on June 6, the board took time to send well wishes to 63 district retirees, ranging from teachers and administrators to a host of staff members in various roles. Many of the employees spent decades with the district, making the ceremony a giving of thanks within the whirlwind of graduation season. Retirees include Edison Language Academy Principal Lori Orum as well as Samohi Paraeducator Thelma Custodio, who worked for 42 years in the district.

2024 CLASS OF MODEL MARINERS CELEBRATES DIVERSE SUCCESSES:

The 76 graduates of Saint Monica Preparatory will be moving onto the next stage of their lives after a June 7 graduation ceremony, full of excitement for the future and bittersweet emotions when looking at the past four years. The class dealt with remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic during freshman year, something Salutatorian Anav Oommen didn't want to dwell on because "we all lived through it," but made note that the time took a mental health toll on both students and faculty. Valedictorian Dylan Smith added that the class became closer when they eventually returned to in-person classes. Oommen also made special mention of Mariners athletics during his speech, including the 2023 CIF Southern Section Division 13 champion football team.

CITY SUED OVER ALLEGED RACISM IN FIRING OF FORMER HR CHIEF:

The City of Santa Monica is being accused of racism and discrimination by a former employee who alleges the stress of dealing with persistent bigotry caused damage to her mental health before she was fired in retaliation for her complaints. Lori Gentles, the former head of human relations for the city, filed the lawsuit against the city in February, just after being terminated from her position. She alleges the decision was motivated by a longstanding campaign against her by white management that was resistant to her efforts to diversify the city's workforce. Gentles is asking for as yet unknown financial damages while the city is asking the court to dismiss the case with prejudice.

SNACKERS' DELIGHT READY FOR PACIFIC PARK FEASTS:

The Santa Monica Pier's Pacific Park amusement park introduced "Snackville" on June 7, a colony of customer-pleasing food stands serving burgers, fries, churros, ice cream, funnel cake and frozen fruit treats. The new locale is the first of $10 million in capital investments committed to Pacific Park via new operator SC Holdings, and is the culinary concept of Michelin Star Chef James Kent. Kent has a rich history in the New York City food scene, including opening Crown Shy and SAGA in the landmark Art Deco building in the mecca's Financial District. Both restaurants have been awarded Michelin stars, adding to Kent's already-solidified legacy. Making the trip to Snackville from its homestead in Arizona is eegee's frozen fruit drinks, including flavors like peach and strawberry.

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California's budget charade reflects a 15-year-long conflict over the process

DAN WALTERS

What's happening on the state budget this week — or, more accurately, not happening — is the latest chapter in a 15-year-long saga of manipulative Capitol politics.

Sometime before Saturday night, the Legislature will pass what its leaders will claim is a state budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year that begins on July 1. Saturday is the June 15 constitutional deadline, and if legislators don't comply with it, they theoretically could forfeit their paychecks.

However, the budget will only pay lip service to the California Constitution, and may bear only a passing resemblance to the budget that will finally emerge sometime later.

Understanding why this charade exists requires turning the clock back to 2009, when a Republican governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, was sparring with Democratic legislative leaders over a budget that was hammered by the Great Recession and had been tied up in partisan wrangling for months.

Budgets then required two-thirds votes in the Legislature, which meant they needed support from at least a few GOP legislators. A Republican state senator, Abel Maldonado, refused to cast the decisive vote unless Democrats agreed to place a measure on the 2010 ballot that would overhaul California's primary election system.

At the time, nominees were chosen via primaries within the parties. Maldonado, backed by Schwarzenegger, wanted to switch to a jungle primary system in which all candidates — regardless of party — would appear on the same primary ballot, and the top two vote-getters would qualify for a runoff.

Leaders of both parties hated the change, but Democrats finally caved and placed Proposition 14 on the ballot.

"Most Californians are neither far-left nor far-right, but in the middle," Schwarzenegger said. "We will no longer punish candidates and elected officials for putting the people first, in front of partisan politics."

He later made Maldonado lieutenant governor when the office became vacant.

Democrats seethed about being forced to accept the top-two primary to get a budget deal and vowed never to let it happen again. With labor union allies, they immediately qualified another ballot measure, Proposition 25, which lowered the vote requirement for budgets to a simple majority. The measure basically cut Republicans out of the budget process, and included a sweetener to attract voters, declaring that legislators' salaries would be docked if they didn't enact a budget by June 15.

> "Most Californians are neither far-left nor far-right, but in the middle"
> - Arnold Schwarzenegger, Republican governor

Just a year later, that proviso was tested when Jerry Brown, who had returned to the governorship after a 28-year absence, vetoed the 2011-12 budget passed by the Legislature, saying "it continues big deficits for years to come and adds billions of dollars of new debt."

Democratic state Controller John Chiang immediately blocked legislators' paychecks, costing them about $400 a day. A couple of weeks later, a new budget was passed and signed by Brown and paychecks were issued.

However, the incident outraged legislative leaders, who sued Chiang and later won judicial a ruling that if the Legislature passed a budget by June 15, even if incomplete, they could keep their salaries.

That's why legislators will pass a budget this week that is far from final, but the threat of losing their paychecks is only theoretical.

What is real is that Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders are at odds on some fairly significant aspects of the budget, particularly his proposed reductions in many state programs to help cover a $44.9 billion deficit. Legislators want to reduce prison spending and raise some taxes on business to rescind Newsom's cuts.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.7**

MONDAY — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Still a decent amount of NW swell mix running and SW/SSW swell tops out through the day. Wind looks manageable but not great in the morning with a modest high tide early. Beachbreaks still have peaks and summer magnets pack a little push.

TUESDAY — ***FAIR TO GOOD*** | **SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Surf holds off mix of NW swell and SW/SSW swell. Morning winds look mainly light and there's a favorable tide push early AM.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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2024/06/17	Mon	6:59 PM	5.36	H
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2024/06/18	Tue	08:39 AM	3.18	H
2024/06/18	Tue	12:50 PM	2.25	L
2024/06/18	Tue	7:30 PM	5.68	H
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Rick Caruso is considering another political run. His best shot might be California's highest office



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CARUSO: Los Angeles mayoral candidate Rick Caruso points to the crowd at his election-night headquarters in Los Angeles on Nov. 8, 2022.

JIM NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

Rick Caruso is apparently not done yet.

The billionaire businessman spent more than $65 million for the privilege of losing the 2022 Los Angeles mayoral race to Karen Bass, but he impressed some voters and observers with his command of the issues, his debate performances and his overall approach to the campaign.

He lost anyway — and badly. After a close initial count on election night, the late returns broke Bass' way, and she ended up beating him by nearly 10 percentage points, or almost 90,000 votes.

Afterward, Caruso accepted defeat and wished Bass well. But even then, he said he wouldn't be far.

"There will be more to come from the movement we built," he said in a statement, "but for now, as a city we need to unite around Mayor-elect Bass and give her the support she needs to tackle the many issues we face."

As that suggested — and as Caruso's more recent remarks have reminded — his defeat in the mayoral race did not quench the businessman's desire to influence public policy or secure political office. He has spent the past two years observing and judging the work of elected officials, including the woman who beat him and the emerging field for California governor.

He gives the impression of someone on the hunt for an opening.

In recent weeks Caruso has been stepping up his critique of Bass' performance, though not criticizing her directly. Through his newsletter, he's blamed the city's "pothole problem" on its budget shortfalls. He's sounded the alarm about the "crisis" in retail theft and about the use of LAPD officers to respond to graffiti.

Some of his criticisms are more oblique. He's warned, for instance, that the cost of housing in Los Angeles threatens the city's "vibrance and economic health" by making it unaffordable for "young adults, teachers, first responders, and many others." Mind you, that's coming from a developer whose beachfront Montecito property, the Rosewood Miramar Beach hotel, offers rooms ranging from $1,500 to $6,500 a night.

His compassion for struggling young people has its limits.

The most pointed criticisms focus on the city's response to chronic homelessness, given Bass' intense focus on the problem since she took office. He has archly suggested that Bass — again, not by name — is not doing enough to bring people off the streets.

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"I find it unconscionable that valuable funds are being wasted and housing units sit empty while tens of thousands of our fellow Angelenos are left out on the streets," he said in a message last month to supporters.

Is Caruso spoiling for a rematch with Bass? The Los Angeles Times noted that his recent missives have "(stoked) talk about his political ambitions," but he's not saying what — he declined an interview with The Times and declined an interview for this column.

Still, it's enough to get people wondering.

The most obvious question is whether he could win a rematch. Bass continues to poll well and is well-liked — even by more conservative voters. That makes ousting her an uphill battle, yet some political experts I spoke with differ on whether Caruso would have a shot, in part because they have different theories about why he lost. Each leads to a different conclusion about his future prospects.

Some say, for instance, that he was doomed by his last-minute decision to register as a Democrat (he was previously registered as "No Party Preference" and a Republican before that). To make the change on the eve of his campaign announcement fostered a sense of cynical opportunism.

If that's what sunk him, perhaps he would

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NEWS

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CHAMBER CEREMONY CELEBRATES MOTORCYCLE DEALERSHIP:

City officials and business leaders revved up for an exciting afternoon at Triumph Santa Monica, taking part in the "Boulevard Bikes and Brews" open house event on June 1. The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the motorcycle shop at 1710 Santa Monica Blvd., a location that carries the largest United Kingdom-owned motorcycle manufacturer. In addition to selling new and pre-owned motorcycles, the dealership also features a service, repairs and maintenance department, and can order parts as needed.

EIGHTH GRADERS SMASH THEIR WAY TO HIGH SCHOOL IN FINAL CEREMONY:

For 20 soon to be high schoolers, their final day as Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) students was much like their school experience, full of both playful and poignant moments. On June 11, SMASH held a graduation ceremony for students that finished "Core 4" learning on the campus. SMASH, offering a robust social curriculum alongside its academics, focuses on models such as Project-Based Learning to enhance their time on campus. SMASH Principal Jessica Riche said this particular eighth grade group has left "quite a legacy" on campus, including helpful mentorship to younger students and a "combination of very loud and quiet advocacy." The SMASH ceremony was full of playfulness, from seventh graders writing humorous new lyrics to songs like "Party in the USA" and "We Didn't Start the Fire" to commemorate the class, to various jokes thrown out during graduate speeches.

SKATE WORLDS, COFFEE COLLIDE FOR LIMITED-EDITION LATTE:

On June 13, Dogtown Coffee in the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows launched its special "GRLSWIRL Latte," a honey lavender creation named after the female skateboarding collective. For a three-month limited run, $1 from every latte sold will directly support GRLSWIRL's initiatives, including funding group skates and mentorship programs across the globe. GRLSWIRL co-founder Lucy Osinski said that the partnership was a natural one due to both Dogtown Coffee and the skate group coming to prominence in the Venice and Santa Monica areas.

WAYFINDER ROLLOUT CONTINUES, AS TWO MORE KIOSKS APPEAR ON OCEAN AVE:

In addition to the prototype Wayfinder 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 of Santa Monica website, the first phase of the rollout incorporates a total of six displays with a deployment date of July 1.

SUSPECT WHO SHOT HOMEOWNER FOLLOWING BURGLARY ATTEMPT IN 2016 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, 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. 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 Santa Monica Police Department had traveled to Pennsylvania to interview Shahen in Federal Prison before officially filing the charges related to the California crimes.

WINE LOVERS UNITED IN BOOZY VENICE VENTURE:

Venice was bubbling with boozy activities on June 8, celebrating National Rosé Day during the 2nd Annual Rosé on Rose Wine Fest. The wine crawl and street fest featured two VIP Wine Garden experiences, with exclusive 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.



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8TH GRADE: Students from middle schools were part of the graduation season.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2781 (CCS)
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AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.31.230 TO REMOVE THE MINOR USE PERMIT, LOCATION, AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE PERSONAL SERVICE USE STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC USES AND ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2781 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Under Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.31.230, massage establishments must obtain a Minor Use Permit and are subject to other location and facility requirements in addition to the Massage Service Permits requirements under SMMC Chapter 6.104. To support the City's continued economic recovery and enable additional personal service uses in Santa Monica, this Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance amends SMMC Section 9.31.230 to remove the Minor Use Permit, location, and facility requirements for massage establishments to increase flexibility of these uses and remove discretionary barriers and duplicative regulations. Massage establishments remain subject to the Massage Service Permit requirements under SMMC Chapter 6.104.

The Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance will take effect immediately after its adoption and expires within sixty days unless it is otherwise extended pursuant to SMMC Section 9.46.090(C).

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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MURDER

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the Jameson's manager asked several patrons to leave. Out on the street, one of the patrons punched the manager, causing him to lose consciousness. When the officers arrived on scene, the manager was not breathing. Officers administered CPR until the Santa Monica Fire Department arrived and took over lifesaving measures. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he ultimate succumbed to his injuries.

A SMAlert was sent out by email at 12:35am that said, "Main Street is closed between Hill and Ashland due to police activity. Please avoid the area until further notice."

And another alert was sent by text message at 5:57am that said, The Santa Monica Police Department activity at Hill street and Main street has ended. Resume normal activities."

All three patrons involved in the incident were initially arrested and booked at the Santa Monica Jail. Following a thorough investigation of the incident, the individual responsible for punching the victim was positively identified as Leonard Hector Korpie (DOB: 02/2/1998) a resident of Venice.

On June 13, the District Attorney filed the homicide charge and Korpie is being held on $2 million bail.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Tavera or the Watch Commander at (310) 458-8427, which is a 24/7 number.

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CARUSO

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do better with four years as a member of the party. And he's been busy bolstering his profile as a Democrat, denouncing Donald Trump and hosting party fundraisers, including a December event for President Joe Biden.

Others believe that even with his late conversion to the city's dominant political party, Caruso might have had a chance in the mayor's race but for the Supreme Court's ruling in the Dobbs case just as the campaign was heating up. That ruling, which stripped women of a federal right to an abortion, bluntly reminded voters in Los Angeles and elsewhere of the sharp difference between parties on matters of fundamental rights.

It also did not help Caruso that he had contributed to candidates who opposed abortion rights. Again, those feelings might not be as heightened if he decided to seek the mayor's office in 2026.

But there is a third analysis of Caruso's loss that is more sobering for his chances: Los Angeles is a very liberal city, and Caruso's moderate politics — either in his previous life as a Republican or his current iteration as a Democrat — are simply a nonsale in LA.

Consider the election and reelection of Nithya Raman to the Los Angeles City Council. Raman is an outspoken progressive and was elected in 2020 as a newcomer running in what was a historically moderate section of the city. The district includes the Hollywood Hills, Sherman Oaks and Reseda — enclaves of wealthy homeowners and even vestiges of Republicans — along with more traditionally liberal communities such as Silver Lake and Los Feliz.

Raman unseated an incumbent to win her race in 2020, and this year won reelection outright in March, despite a credible challenge from a moderate opponent, deputy city attorney Ethan Weaver, a candidate whom Caruso supported.

That's a reminder that Los Angeles is getting more liberal, not less; today, fewer than 1 in 5 Angelenos is a registered Republican. That's not great news for a Caruso comeback.

But the mayor's office is not Caruso's only potential political entry point. There is a noticeable opening elsewhere in California government: the governor's office.

Oddly, Caruso may have a clearer path to that office. With Gov. Gavin Newsom termed out, the office is open, and the current field lacks a dominant candidate, and is crowded by liberal contenders.

If Caruso could position himself as a moderate candidate and finish in the top two in the primary, he could appeal to a broad spectrum of voters. California overall has shown little appetite for Republicans — the hapless Steve Garvey is evidence of that — but has far more use for them than Los Angeles does, and still remains open to moderate Democrats, which is how Caruso would run.

Though Caruso himself did not answer the question this week as to whether he might seek the governorship, a person with knowledge of his strategy confirmed that he was thinking about it.

"It is clear that there's a strong need for leadership," the source told me. "He is clearly examining that race."

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MACERICH

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a variety of methods, including various asset dispositions and acquisitions, organic growth in EBITDA as our robust lease pipeline opens for business, and opportunistically issuing equity. We have already started to execute on that plan, including property sales, potentially returning assets to lenders and buying out joint venture interests on certain assets," said the report.

Santa Monica Place, opened in 1980, initially aimed to revitalize Third Street Promenade and became it's own destination. Designed by Frank Gehry, it went through changes over the years, with Macerich buying it in 1999. Plans to replace it faced opposition, leading to a scaled-back renovation in 2007. The $265 million project in 2010 transformed the mall into an open-air center with retail shops and a food court.

In recent years the mall has seen an exodus of once bankable stores. A movie theater opened, then closed. The Disney store left and Bloomingdale's departed. Tyra Banks also had a brief occupancy at the mall with her Modelland concept and an ice cream store. Post-Covid, a large area has been occupied by pop-up concepts including the popular Barbie exhibit and there were high hopes that the long-awaited restaurant, Din Tai Fung dumpling house, would revitalize the area.

Din Tai Fung is a Taiwanese restaurant specializing in Xiao Long Bao, or soup dumplings. The chain currently has one outlet in Las Vegas, five in Washington state and seven dotted around Southern California, plus another 160 or so locations in 12 other countries worldwide. With a menu that now includes steamed buns, house-made noodles and vegan dishes, the brand has won many awards and accolades.

A spokesperson for Macerich previously confirmed that the Arte Museum was still planning a "50,000 square foot immersive, digital art destination," despite being first announced in January 2023, but no details were available of when that might arrive.

Multiple calls to Macerich and Santa Monica Place regarding the sale of the property were not returned.

In a statement, Mayor Phil Brock said the city was aware of the ownership transfer and working to respond.

"Shopping habits and the retail market have seen significant changes over the past several years, only exacerbated by the pandemic, and many property owners are changing their business models to adapt," he said. "We are aware of reports regarding Santa Monica Place owner Macerich and are seeking additional information about what this means for the mall. The city has a longstanding relationship with Macerich and we have reached out to see how we can support them as this all plays out."

He said the city was optimistic about the future and committed to attracting and retaining businesses in the city.

Vice Mayor Lana Negrete said she hoped negotiations between Macerich and its lenders would continue.

"This is an opportunity for us to take a hard look at our retail spaces and engage closely with property owners to see what is needed to bring in retailers while bringing originality to the promenade. The city is working on safety and our Downtown police unit has been very present on 3rd Street. We do not own the buildings or negotiate retail leases; the landlords do. As more businesses come in possibly with creative lease terms then more will follow suit and we will see a change," she said. "Macerich has been a great city and community partner and I hope they continue to operate the mall. If that changes I'm sure whoever it is will want to make the investment successful and to do so they will need to work with DTSM, promenade property owners and the city to orchestrate a comeback."

This news comes as Federal Realty Investment Trust announced that they were selling their Third Street storefronts for $103 million. This means that the Maryland-based real estate company ends a nearly 30-year presence on the Promenade. A total of eight buildings, mostly in the 1200 block, which equates to 185,000 sq ft at $556 per sq ft, has been reportedly sold, but the buyer has not been officially announced yet.

According to an annual filing, the investment cost the company in the region of $29 million over the four year period between 1996 and 2000, when it purchased its first site. However, the steady decline of business investment in the downtown area, added to concerns over homelessness and crime, has meant that well known brands have abandoned the centralized retail area. Consequently, Santa Monica has struggled to return to pre-Pandemic levels of commerce.

A recent article in SFGate said that a quarter of the Third Street Promenade is available to lease. However, according to a statement by City Manager David White on the City of Santa Monica's website, "Millions of dollars are being invested here. New stores are opening and many others are in progress."

Officials from Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM, Inc.) were traveling last week and could not respond to requests for comment. However, the organization sent out a press release prior to the news breaking regarding the mall's ownership change announcing twenty-four new businesses coming to the area. The release said simplified zoning and permitting rules had facilitated significant capital investment and positive economic growth downtown.

"The investment happening in Downtown Santa Monica reflects the ongoing commitment to revitalization and economic development in the area," said DTSM, Inc. CEO Andrew Thomas. "The diverse number of new developments either planned or under construction underscore the confidence that still exists in the city's vitality as a premier destination for growth and future projects."

DTSM said events and programming have also boosted foot traffic recently. The final quarter of 2023 saw a 9.3% increase in visitors to the Promenade, totaling one million, with each visitor spending an average of one hour and 17 minutes Downtown.

Officials cite Ice at Santa Monica skating rink (124,000+ visits; $1.1 million revenue), SaMo Pride Festival (11,500+ attendees) and Easter Celebration (8,400+ attendees) as evidence of their success and say new hotel construction/housing units planned for downtown will also help with economic revival.

Additional pop-ups planned for 2024 include Accidentally Wes Anderson: The Exhibition (May – June) and Santa Monica Spheres: Haibu's World (July).

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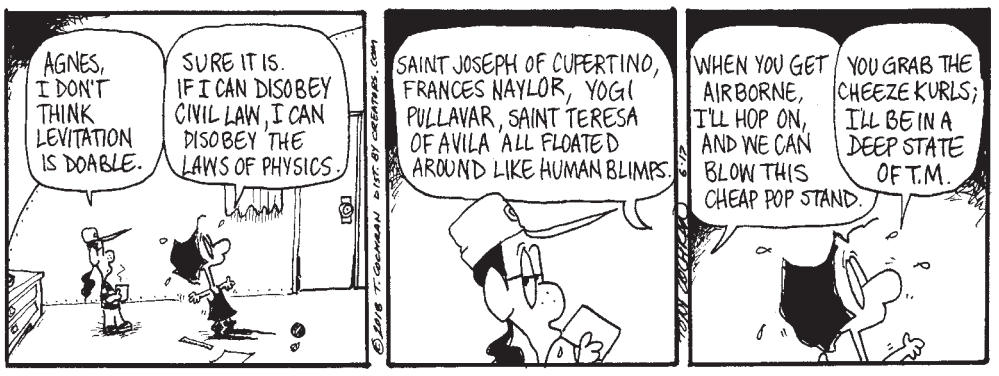
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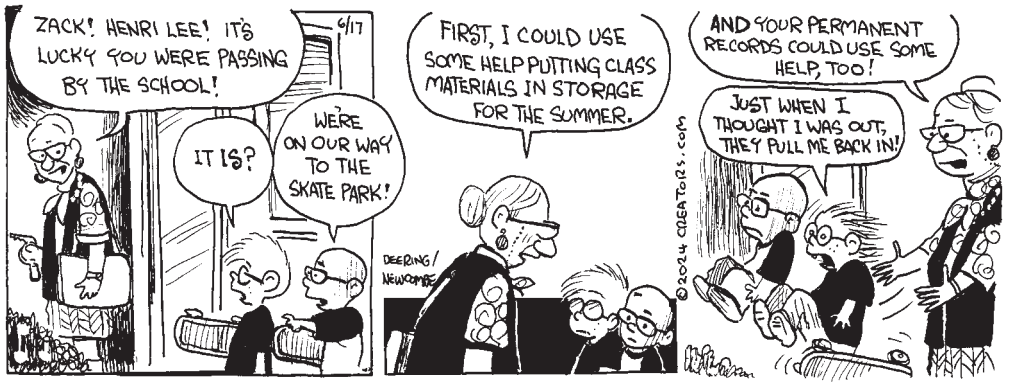
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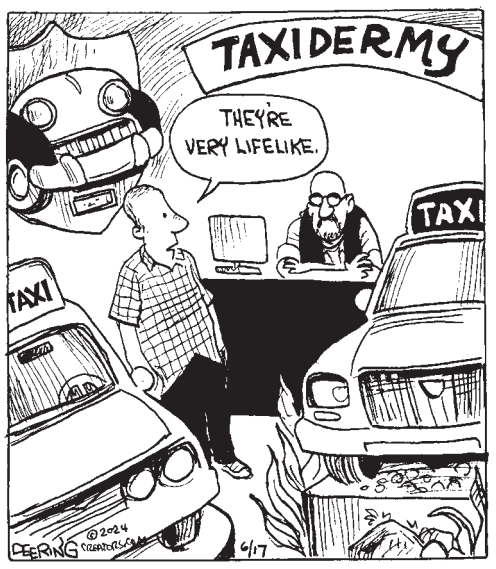
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FIND THE WORDS

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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Morning commute

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Cold	Jets	Rest	Vessel
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Love improves everything -- your health, fitness, mood and attitude. You'll embrace struggle, savor triumph and invite beauty to linger as long as possible. You'll take on an endeavor that turns the mundane into a wonder. More highlights: You'll make excellent snap decisions. Your name will be prominent in the credits. Assignments send you on bold explorations. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 24, 11, 5 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Hopes are high around you. You're the realist who wants things like evidence, contracts, assurances, and most of all you want to know the history. You are excellent at reading patterns you will predict accordingly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People connect in the soft parts of their hearts. Those are the vulnerable parts. You can't make that connection without being vulnerable. On some level, you have to agree to get hurt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Deliver on the expectation and they'll be the usual amount of grateful. For some people, this is a lot; for others, it's not. Play with the expectation and you'll get a different response. You'll also find out more about their true character.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't try and weigh the negatives against the positives today because even if these things did have actual weights, you wouldn't know which fit into what category. It will only be knowable once time, attitude and application have had their say.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The value you give doesn't have to be all created by you. Your network of friends is one of your greatest treasures and is shareable, too. You'll help others exchange expertise. You'll be a connector.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Keeping track won't be helpful, but it will be very helpful to stay aware and responsive. This is more like a dance than a march. In a march, you can count steps needed to reach a destination. In a dance, the number of steps is irrelevant to the effect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no need to persuade anyone with words because most of your influence comes from being an attractive individual. People from all walks of life will be comfortable around you as you adjust to mirror them and meet them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone finds you intriguing, though of course you're not trying to be. You're just minding your own business. You can't help that the more focused and immersed you are on the task, the more fascinating you become.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't like feeling that anything has control over you, which is why you rebel hard against any habit, occurrence or person who seems to limit your freedoms or experiences. You'll liberate yourself from the bind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In many endeavors, you must start at the beginning, but today's work is more like a relay. The flame was lit miles and miles away, but you'll meet it where you are and carry it but a short while before you pass it to the next willing hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Magicians don't tell who shouldn't reveal secrets because it will impact the act of all the other magicians; unless you actually are a magician, this does not apply today. Sharing will help. Everyone will learn from one another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A short, invigorating diversion will boost your mood, clear your mind and stimulate your intuition, too. As you pay attention to sights, sounds and smells, your inner world will stir. New information pops to light, strange and significant.

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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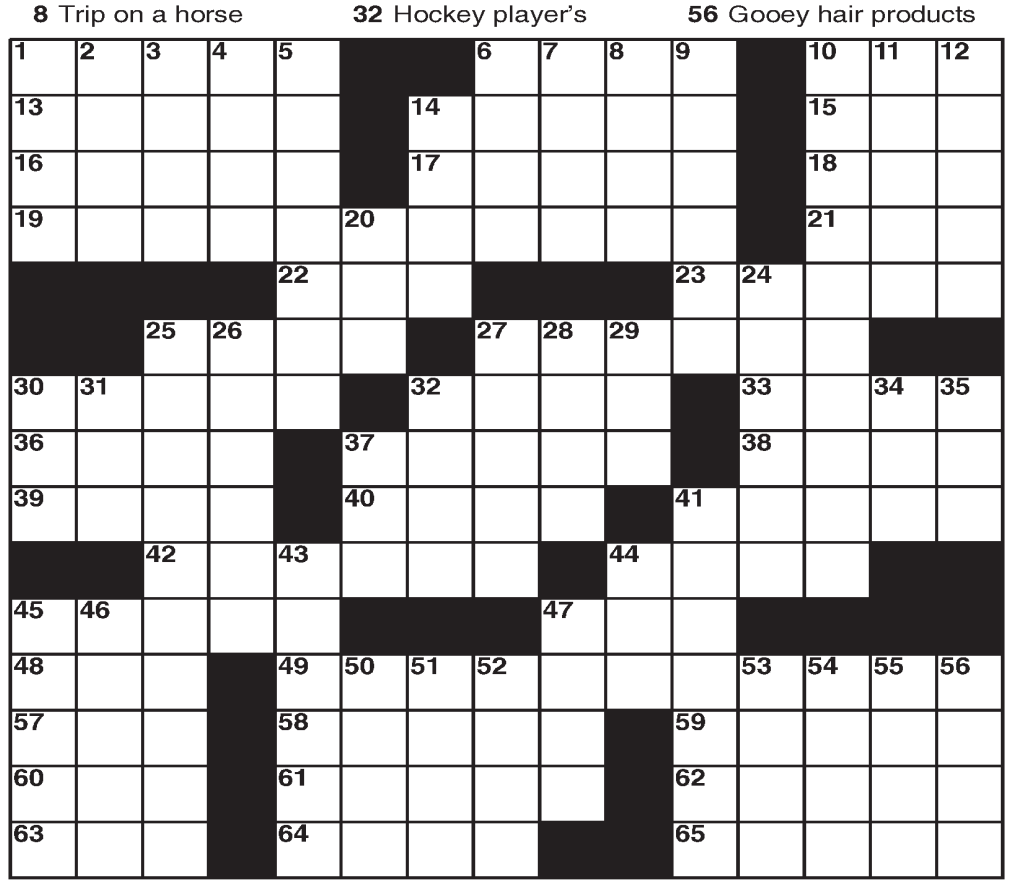
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ACROSS

1 "Moving right __..."
6 The Red Planet
10 Synagogue worshiper
13 Brown photo tint
14 100 to 1, for one
15 Spouse in Eden
16 Egg shapes
17 Perform better than
18 Very small
19 Office furniture that holds folders
21 Conclusion
22 Lincoln's nickname
23 Stops marching
25 Short snoozes
27 Not for kids, as films
30 Leaves off a list
32 Weight increase
33 Jekyll's evil side
36 Extreme anger
37 Knee or elbow
38 Online auction site
39 Rebound of a sound
40 Toward sunrise
41 Explore deeply
42 Slow-moving reptile in a shell
44 Fearsome dinosaur, for short
45 Moisten, as a turkey
47 Get a look at
48 Display seen on museum walls
49 Former library furniture with book listings
57 Caribbean or Mediterranean
58 Honda's upscale make
59 Get married in secret
60 Quaint hotel
61 Language of old Rome
62 Book of fiction
63 Young boy
64 Have trouble with "s" sounds
65 Home ownership documents

DOWN

1 __ yet (so far)
2 Jeans maker Strauss
3 White gemstone
4 Egypt's main river
5 Auto parts removed for fill-ups
6 Island near Oahu
7 Envelope routing abbreviation
8 Trip on a horse
9 Give comfort to
10 Place to store rings and bracelets
11 Noteworthy happening
12 Unwanted garden plants
14 Judge's garment
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25 Small table beside a bed
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27 Salary increase
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29 Explosive initials
30 Metallic mineral
31 Apple computer
32 Hockey player's score
34 Bit of toothpaste
35 Hurricane's center
37 Speedy plane
41 Make believe, for fun
43 Bring back to mind
44 Pekoe or Earl Grey
45 Pesto sauce herb
46 Large concert venue
47 Read a barcode
50 Purple smoothie berry
51 Same old routines
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PEACEMAKERS

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disputes. Both Daruty and Dadabhoy wanted to instill the peer mediation model in order to give students autonomy to resolve their own issues.

"Here at Will Rogers, we really tried to center all of our instruction and our decisions on what's best for students, and so thinking with students first, we knew that if we wanted to change or adjust the culture of our school and teach students tools around conflict resolution, that you'd be best to start with our students," Daruty said.

The Principal and Counselor went into Will Rogers classrooms early in the year to begin a peer nomination process, detailing what kind of qualities Peacemakers should have. Students chose to nominate themselves or others, and once students were selected for the program, they began training under Dadabhoy's guidance.

"In that training, they learned the sort of basics of conflict resolution, of solving problems, but also they learned foundational skills ... things like active listening, perception, being able to see things from different perspectives and seeing that two people may have the same problem, but see it very differently," Dadabhoy said. "We (needed) to understand that there is no right or wrong, there's just differing perceptions."

Students brainstormed "win-win" solutions to potential playground problems, and their presence provided peers with someone their age to speak with.

"I think (the program) should be at every school because sometimes there could be secret bullies that teachers and adults don't know about, because kids can be shy to tell," Will Rogers fifth grader Shanti Haarten-Marchevsky told Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Communications Specialist Diana Bouchaaya. "I think it's really important kids have someone they can talk to."

The Peacemakers group has indeed had time to share their knowledge, making appearances at a Parent-Teacher Association meeting and other district events. Only a few months into the program, Daruty said they're already getting questions from around the district on how to expand, and is already seeing the new Peacemakers "igniting a desire to be of service to their friends (and) our community."

"I think they bring a way for students to become empowered and to feel sort of agency and sovereignty in working with themselves and working with others," Dadabhoy said. "They have the capacity (to) solve their own problems, and it brings them skills that they may not be getting elsewhere."

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24SMCP00237 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Pinporn Chantarasompoth for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Pinporn Chantarasompoth a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Pinporn Chantarasompoth to Joy Entsminger Chantarasompoth Joy Chantarasompoth Entsminger to Joy Entsminger Chantarasompoth The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 07/05/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: A-203 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

ORDERTOSHOWCAUSEFORCHANGEOF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00220Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Alison Marie Onusz for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Alison Marie Onusz a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Alison Marie Onusz to Alessia Alison Marie Onusz The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 06/21/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: A-203 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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MONDAY JUNE 17

VIRGINIA AVE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, 7 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality."

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 p.m. Join a community-led online discussion of a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

SUMMER CRAFTERNOONS
Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles. Flex your creativity this summer with our kids' summer crafts at the library. Rainbow Suncatchers - Use recycled crayon wax to create a beautiful suncatcher that will liven up any window.

ALL-STAR JAM BENEFIT
Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St, 9:30 p.m. $5 Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:30PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ O'BRIEN'S
O'Brien's Irlsh Pub & Restaurant, 2226 Wilshire Blvd. 8 p.m. Free—CASH prizes for the top 5 teams! 20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Every week the show has a theme, and all the questions and/or answers revolve around that theme. That makes it possible to figure out the answer even if you don't know it. And every question is followed by a song, which is usually an additional clue to the correct answer.
https://www.20questionstrivia.com/

TUESDAY JUNE 18

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME
Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 10:30 a.m. This engaging & fun weekly series of stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month 11:30 am to 7 pm and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5 pm. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310.458.8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
7 p.m. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30PM-7:00PM at Virginia Avenue Park- Park Center. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp

PLANNING COMMISSION
City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

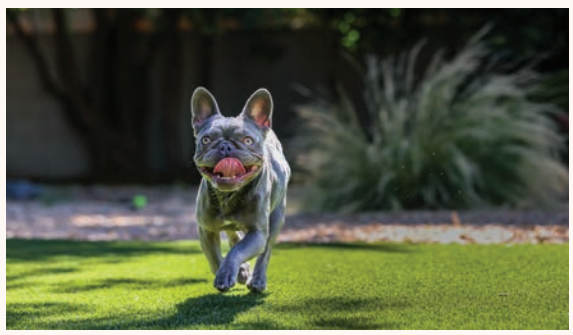
RAFAEL PONDE & THE BRAZILIAN REGGAE EXPERIENCE
The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, 8 p.m. $15. This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund.

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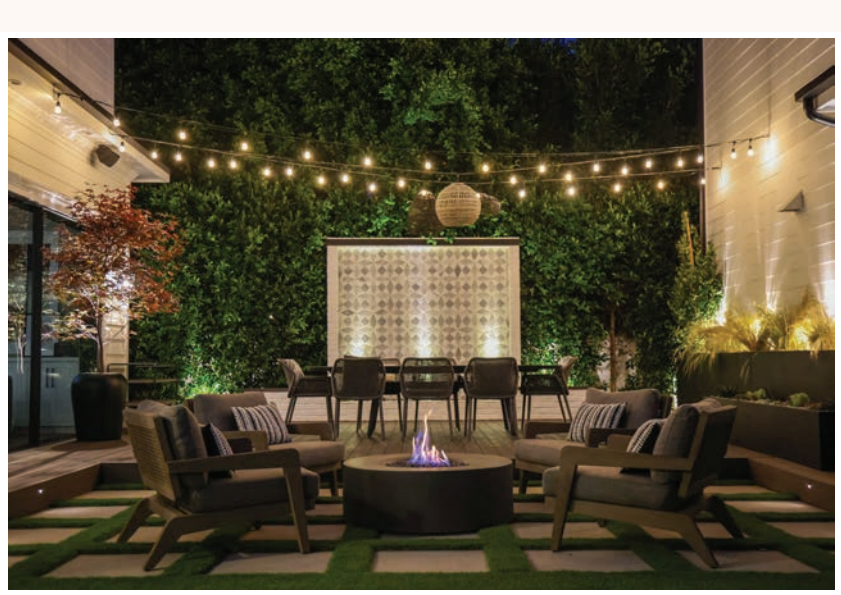
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