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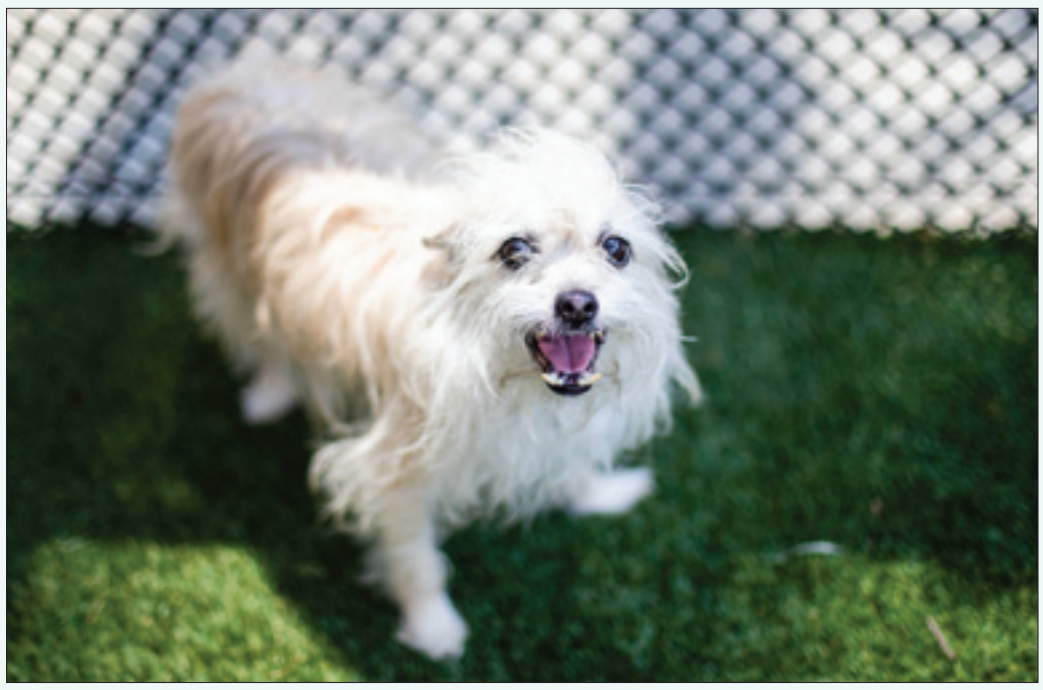
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Hoarding cases causing animal shelters to overflow



Courtesy photos

PETS: Several pets have been transferred to Santa Monica after Los Angeles' shelters filled-up.







MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Local animal shelters have issued an urgent call for pet adoptions following a surge in abandoned animals and the Santa Monica Animal Shelter has agreed to take in animals from neighboring cities to ease the crisis.

All six animal shelters in the city of Los Angeles are currently at capacity. The system

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Proposed rule would define rent control tenants as "human beings" to oust corporations

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Any landlord leasing a rent-controlled apartment to a corporation without first getting a removal permit from the Rent Control Board is running afoul of the law, according to the Board's top lawyer, J. Stephen Lewis. The assertion comes as the Board attempts to clarify its own rules in order to deter the practice in Santa Monica.

The issue came to light in June after a rent-controlled building at 1238 and 1242 Tenth Street began advertising apartments on corporate rental websites. A leasing agreement obtained by the Daily Press included a "corporate application for rental form" and an addendum to rent "by the suite." At the time, the Board's Executive Director said the addendum sounded problematic but there was nothing illegal about leasing a rent-controlled apartment to a corporation.

On Wednesday, Lewis sought to clarify rules for all landlords who may have corporate tenants.

"Because they might not have realized that the conduct was illegal, we will likely give them a chance to voluntarily comply with the law before taking any action," Lewis said. On Thursday, the Rent Control Board will consider a regulation that would "do nothing more than make crystal clear to everyone what the law already is," Lewis said.

Lewis' proposed regulation would define a tenant as a person or "individual human being" and require any landlord to get a removal permit from the Board before renting to a business. In order to obtain a removal permit, a landlord has to demonstrate that

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MixMatch Festival dances it's way back to Santa Monica

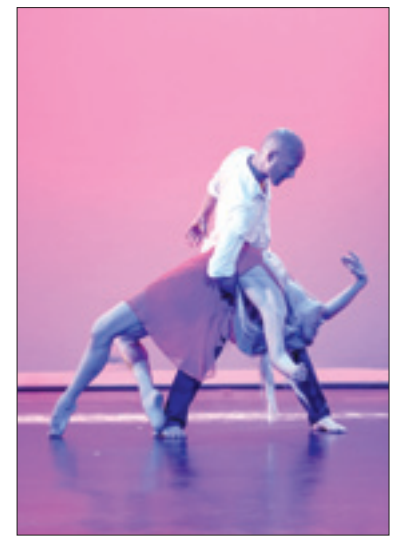
ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A mass twinkling of toes will descend upon Santa Monica this week as Los Angeles' largest dance festival pirouettes its way back to the Miles Memorial Playhouse this week, August 9 - 12.

Each day of the 12th annual MixMatch Dance festival boasts a diverse lineup of dances, this year's version of the festival featuring over 50 different dance variations.

The worlds of hip-hop, ballet, tap, and belly dancing all collide during the event, with choreographers, dancers, and companies traversing from all across the country to perform at the event, the furthest

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DANCE: The Miles Memorial Playhouse will host the MixMatch Festival this weekend.


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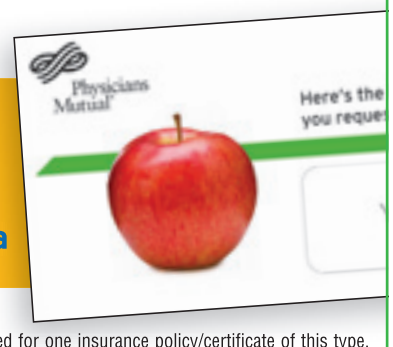


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, August 9

Soundwaves Concert: Anne Rhodes & Carl Testa

New music concert at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St, 7 p.m.

Day Hiking in Southern California

An REI Outdoor School instructor shares tips and tricks on all aspects of hiking, including trip planning, essential items, equipment, safety precautions, along with local resources and places to go. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6 – 7 p.m.

Friday, August 10

Craft at Pico Branch Library

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library each Friday to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

SMPL at the Beach

We're packing up the books and heading back to the shore for more fun in the sun with SMPL at the Beach, Southern California's only seaside pop-up library! Join us at the Annenberg Community Beach House for a fun-filled day of family friendly activities like Seaside Storytime and Nautical Crafts, sign out books from our curated collection of beach reads, enjoy games like bocce and ladder toss, or kick back, relax and read in the shade of our Surfside Lounge. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Pool Open

The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7.p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m.

Free screening of "Monuments Men"

This week, Mind Over Movies screens "Monuments Men," a true and truly funny story about a team of art experts sent by the US Army to save Europe's masterpieces from destruction during World War 2. Cast includes George Clooney, John Goodman and Bill Murray. Screening followed by a roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Saturday, August 11

Through Music to Freedom: Paderewski and World Politics

Marek Zebrowski reveals the little-known political world of the esteemed Polish composer and pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski. A Q&A and musical interlude follows the visual presentation. An outdoor exhibit accompanies the program from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Soil Fundamentals for Home Grown Gardens

Matthew Van Diepen of Home Grown Gardens LA presents a program about the soil food web and how it relates to growing in the soil, as well as container gardening and composting. Co-produced by Fairview Branch's new Seed Library and Home Grown Gardens LA. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 2 – 3 p.m.

Out of the Blue: Unveiling The Storytelling Machine with Molly Allis

Artist Molly Allis unveils her finished Out of the Blue project, a kinetic sculpture, and will be available throughout the day to help visitors explore the narrative functions of "The Storytelling Machine." Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Paint-out

Plein air paint-outs are a great way to meet other artists and discover new sites for inspiration. All plein air artists and art enthusiasts are welcome to participate, no membership required. Bring your own art supplies, water, lunch, sunscreen and repellent, hat and walking shoes. Rain cancels the paint-out.

Point Dume forms the western end of Santa Monica Bay and offers views of Westward and Zuma beaches. Paint at the beach or hike up to the headlands. Painting demonstration at 9AM, the demonstration artist will be oil painter Robert Scopinich. A positive group critique at 12 noon.

From Santa Monica follow Pacific Coast Highway 18-miles west to Westward Beach Road. Turn toward the ocean, go beyond the fee collection station to the very end of the road. From the 101-Freeway, exit at Kanan Road, follow it south 12-miles to Pacific Coast Highway, then turn right. We will meet in the parking area at the end of the road closest to Point Dume. Facilities. Paid parking in the lot (3hrs -$9/car). Facilities.

For more information contact: Bruce Trentham, 818-397-1576 or bmtrentham@charter.net or Russell Hunziker, 310-500-6584 or hunz1234@mac.com. August 11, Point Dume Headlands / Westward Beach, 6800 Westward Beach Rd, Malibu 90265.

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Tongva Park

Democratic Club Pot-Luck

The Santa Monica Democratic Club will host its annual Pot-Luck Picnic on August 11, 5 – 8 p.m. They will be hosting a casual picnic at Santa Monica's Tongva Park to meet up with their fellow Democrats and club members. They will meet at the outdoor amphitheater (same location as last year).

Date: Saturday, August 11
Time: 5 - 8 p.m.
Place: Tongva Park (across from SM City Hall)

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- California Senator Ben Allen
- LA County Sheriff candidate Alex Villanueva
- Board of Equalization candidate Tony Vazquez
- Santa Monica City Councilmember Sue Himmelrich
- Santa Monica City Councilmember Kevin McKeown
- and more TBA!

They will provide snacks and drinks. Please feel free to bring more snacks, potluck style, if you are so inclined. The event is kid friendly and pet friendly.

Ample parking is available nearby at the Civic Center parking lot. The park is also easily accessible by Expo Line, bicycle, or electric scooter.

RSVP on https://www.facebook.com/events/1976817289019632/.

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Terry Crews: It's 'summer of freedom' for abuse victims

Terry Crews said it's "the summer of freedom" for him and others who have gone public with accounts of alleged molestation.

"We can now tell our truth" and not see our lives upended, the former NFL player and actor said Wednesday. He called it "just the beginning of change."

The entertainment industry and beyond will be safer, including for "my wife, for my son and for my daughter," he said.

Crews made his remarks during a panel promoting NBC's sitcom "Brooklyn Nine-Nine." Support from his cast mates made him feel secure enough to "tell my truth and still go to work," he said, also crediting the example of women in the MeToo movement.

He alleged last year that Hollywood agent Adam Venit groped him at a party, and that top executives at William Morris Endeavor failed to discipline Venit. Prosecutors declined to file charges against Venit over the incident, citing the statute of limitations. Crews has filed a civil lawsuit.

Venit, via his attorneys, has denied all of Crews' allegations, saying in court documents that his actions toward Crews were not sexual, and Crews suffered no harm of any kind.

The actor testified earlier this year before a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights.

Harassment and abuse allegations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein have led to numerous women coming forward with allegations of harassment and abuse against powerful men, with Crews among the few men who have added their names to the list of those claiming abuse.

LYNN ELBER, AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK

Park, load, go: Amazon brings grocery pickup to Whole Foods

Amazon, known for bringing items to shoppers' homes, is adding a curbside pickup option at Whole Foods for Prime members.

Shoppers will be able to order eggs, milk and other groceries on the Prime Now app, park in reserved spaces at the store and then workers will place the items in their cars.

Curbside grocery pickup is a feature that Walmart, Kroger and other grocers have been expanding to make shopping more convenient and boost sales. At Walmart, for example, the service has been a major driver of its online sales growth.

The Whole Foods move announced Wednesday is the latest by Seattle-based Amazon.com Inc. since it took control of the grocery chain a year ago. Many of the changes have been for its Prime members, who pay $119 a year or $12.99 a month. Prime members can get special discounts at Whole Foods or order two-hour deliveries through Prime Now at certain stores.

The service will start Wednesday at its stores in Sacramento, California, and Virginia Beach, Virginia. It will expand to more cities this year. Orders of $35 and up are free if pickup is in an hour. There's a fee of $4.99 for those who want to pick up within 30 minutes of ordering. Shoppers must use the Prime Now app to let Whole Foods know they are on their way or in the parking lot.

JOSEPH PISANI, AP RETAIL WRITER

SEATTLE

Judge transfers states' case over family separations

A lawsuit by 17 states challenging President Donald Trump's separation of migrant families at the Mexico border has been transferred to a California courtroom where a federal judge is already overseeing several related cases.

Washington, California, Massachusetts and other states led by Democratic attorneys general filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Seattle. U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman said Wednesday that transferring the case would be more efficient.

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego ordered the administration in late June to reunite more than 2,500 children with their parents. Several hundred children have yet to be reunited, in some cases because their parents have been deported.

Pechman said she didn't want any orders she might issue to conflict with decisions by Sabraw.

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Mccabe's Hits A Hat Trick

WILLIE'S BEAT UP OLD GUITAR

Has a mystical connection to him. Decades ago I noticed that big gape in it and wondered when he'd move on to something more whole than hole. Little did I know... Here's the fascinating story:

"Trigger" is the name of his Martin N-20 nylon-string classical acoustic. Earlier in his career, he played a Fender Telecaster, Jaguar and a Jazzmaster, and he later moved on to Gibsons. In 1969 the Baldwin Company gave him the new 800C Classical Acoustic-Electric Guitar model with a Prismatone stereo pick-up and an amplifier, to test. It was love at first sound, the sound and playing style of the great French Gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt that Willie was so taken with.

During a concert, an intoxicated music lover stepped on his Baldwin. Smashed it irreparably. Willie told the luthier, who offered him the Brazilian rosewood Martin, to transfer the Baldwin's pickup to the new guitar. That allowed him to get the amplification and acoustic sound he had come to think of as his signature, and he bought it unseen for $750. Yes, he named it after Roy Rogers' horse.

The following year, he had to rescue it from his burning ranch in Bandera, Texas, and when the IRS came after him in '91, looking to confiscate everything he owned to pay a huge tax bill, he somehow managed to keep Trigger tucked away, even as he toured with it. Trigger now defined his sound, and he declared, "When Trigger goes, I'll quit."

That should have happened years ago, but the talents of Mark Erlewine of Austin, whose delicate surgical skills have resuscitated and revitalized Trigger for so long, during emergencies and in yearly maintenances, are unique and remarkable. The biggest problem is that huge hole you can easily see, that's been there for ages. It's because Willie strums hard with a pick instead of plucking his classical guitar. Erlewine has reinforced, glued, and probably prayed over it, and Willie and Trigger ride on, an inseparable pair. Considering Willie Nelson's awesome guitar playing prowess, we all owe Erlewine a huge thanks, and encouragement to keep them both doing what they do so well.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! — WILLIE NELSON, ALISON KRAUSS (two of the great voices in pop-country music, we all figure Willie will be around forever, make it to 100, he's 85, not so sure about that beat up guitar with the hole in it, but you never know so go see him, he always puts on a good show even when he's doggin' it, he is one of the meanest guitar pickers there is, people sometimes forget that but he doesn't, that unique vocal style of his is jazz-like, inimitable and unforgettable, and Krauss has developed from a sterling bluegrass singer to someone who glides easily and movingly across any genre, a remarkable, pure voice, a treasure), 7:30 p.m., Pacific Amphitheatre, Costa Mesa, $105-$412.

TONIGHT! — SON MAYOR (one of LA's best salsa and Latin fusion bands, still holding court decades later Monday nights at Hollywood's famous salsa palace El Floridita, invading the Autry's Sizzling Summer Nights series, outdoor parties that include free dance lessons, access to museum galleries, a separate children's dance floor, and tacos, margaritas and more for purchase, you know you're in LA now!), 6 p.m., the Autry Museum of the American West, Griffith Park, $14, no cover for Autry members.

TONIGHT! — QUETZAL (East LA small combo formed by Quetzal Flores set out 25 years ago to upend Latin music by throwing Mexican and Afro-Cuban rhythms into rhythm and blues, jazz, and rock, with a feminist bent and political activity, and they're still at it), 7 p.m., Levitt Pavilion, MacArthur Park, no cover.

TONIGHT! — SOUNDWAVES CONCERT: Anne Rhodes and Carl Tesla (these are always very interesting concerts, and good, it's at the library, it's free, just go), 7:30 p.m., Main Library, downtown Santa Monica.

CHARLIE HUNTER TRIO (if you're a guitar aficionado Hunter may blow your mind for his skill and innovation on his custom-made seven- and eight-string guitars on which he simultaneously plays bass lines, chords and melodic leads, better get your tickets early because those whose minds he's already blown will be filling the place), Fri 8 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica, $25.

BEN VEREEN (the very definition of showman, "Sweet Charity"-"Hair"-"Pippin"-"JC Superstar"-"Chicago"-"Wicked," TV and film, two Tonys, three Emmys, two Golden Globes, Usher's godfather, I used to hear him sing at the Agape Center in Santa Monica, survived three accidents in one day on PCH in '92 — car hit a tree, he staggered out, had a stroke, fell into the highway and was struck by producer David Foster's car — and you don't get to see him often at such an intimate venue), Fri-Sat 8:30 p.m., Catalina Bar & Grill, Hollywood, $35-$40.

JAMES INTVELD (McCabe's typically has one good show on a weekend, maybe two, but this weekend they score three, #2 being a rare solo acoustic show from James Intveld, the Dutch-born rockabilly musician, singer, songwriter, performer, actor, and film director, played guitar for the Blasters, staple of LA country and Americana stages for at least the almost-40 years I've been camping out in front of them, starting as a teen at the famous Palomino, he's usually one of many on a stage so it will be interesting to see how much of that long diverse local career he brings to this show), Sat 8 p.m. McCabe's Guitar Shop, Santa Monica, $20.

BUDDY GUY (we're running out of the old blues masters but this is one of them, nuff said), Sat 9 p.m., the Rose, Pasadena, $78-$98.

SHOOTER JENNINGS (Waylon's, and Jessi Colter's, boy but his own man, had a crib on dad's tour bus with coochie-coo from the likes of Willie, Kris, Johnny Cash, at 5 was playing drums, at 8 piano, guitar at 14 and would sometimes play percussion in dad's band, left Nashville for LA at 22, now Southern rocks his country, this could be a memorable show at the historic Troub), Sat 8 p.m., the Troubadour, West Hollywood, $20-$22.

A DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN with Rick Shea, Xander Hitzig, Paul Chesne, Sara Petite, Molly Hanmer, Lacey Cowden, Madeline Rosene, the Hawthorns, Alice Wallace, Nocona, Rob Leines, the Pasadena Playboys (this is bound to be a hoot, all these bands for 10 hours at a TX BBQ joint downtown LA — I can tell you Rick Shea is worth the trip alone, as is multi-instrumentalist-singer-songwriter Xander Hitzig, first seen locally at the Ruskin Group Theatre's fun hit "Sneaky Old Time". Paul Chesne's a local sta-

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DANCE

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travelers this year coming from Florida.

Amanda Hart, director and founder of the festival, says you don't need to be an expert on dance or at be atop the social class ladder to enjoy an evening of her show.

"There is something for everyone," said in a phone call with the Daily Press. "MixMatch is meant to be approachable for everyone; it's a casual setting with tickets that cost the same or less than a 3D movie ticket. The shows are a comfortable length, the dances are all different, and you're assured to leave loving something from this dance experience."

Hart founded the company at 23 years of age after she graduated from CalArts with her Bachelor's degree in dance. Being filled with the immediate post-grad can-do attitude led her to start the festival.

"Me and the girls I graduated with wanted to start a dance show. We needed more people to fill out the show, so all of us, with different dance backgrounds, pitched in. I still remember driving on the 134, thinking, 'we should call this MixMatch because of all the different styles."

Now in its twelfth year, Hart still tries to keep MixMatch fresh. This year is the festival's first time featuring Flamenco dancing, as well as featuring the most local and out of state companies performing at the show.

When asked if picking a certain day which might be best for newcomers or ardent dance fans, Hart says it's impossible for her to choose.

"I can't narrow it down to one dance or company. They are all amazing and we pick pieces that we hope hit each and every audience member, especially knowing different people like different things. We like to mix it up!"

MixMatch Dance Festival takes place August 9, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m. and August 12th at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.HartPulseDance.com

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RCB

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he or she cannot get a fair return on the unit by renting to an individual.

The Board does not track leases and thus has no idea how many corporations occupy the city's limited stock of rent controlled apartments. As tenants, the corporations have the same rights as individuals and are shielded from no-fault evictions except in instances of the Ellis Act. Depending on the lease, a corporation could then be able to sublease or offer the unit to employees as a perk or as temporary lodging for business trips to the area.

"A new threat to the rental housing supply has emerged," Lewis wrote in a staff report to the Board.

Code enforcement has opened an investigation into the 10th Street property. It is managed by My Suite, LLC, which is owned by the son of Santa Monica's largest property developer and manager, Neil Shekhter. In an email to the Daily Press, Shekhter said "I have nothing to do with the new ownership." The website for My Suite, LLC, still lists available units at the property.

The building is now owned by WS Communities, a spin-off of Shekhter's NMS Properties, run by his former Vice President, Scott Walter, according to tax assessor records. Walter was responsible for acquisitions and development projects during the six year span when NMS became one of the largest landlords on the westside of Los Angeles. NMS ceded managerial and operation control of some housing developments to the new company in 2017.

WS Communities currently has more than a dozen buildings in some stage of development in Santa Monica.

The Rent Control Board cannot outright ban the practice of renting to corporations because land-use regulations are outside of their purview, according to Lewis.

The RCB will also discuss a resolution to encourage the City Council to increase permanent relocation benefits for tenants experiencing no-fault evictions. The discussion item was brought by Vice-Chairperson Caroline Torosis and Commissioner Nicole Phillis.

A third agenda item says the Board will consider a formal policy on whether commissioners should be able to teleconference into meetings when they are out of town.

The Rent Control Board will meet Thursday, Aug. 9 at 7:00 p.m. inside Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

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MUSIC

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ple and the rest, well, if you don't like a band, just get a beer and more barbecue and settle in for the next one), Sat 12 noon-10 p.m., Pearl's Texas BBQ, downtown LA, $10-$15.

LIBRARY GIRL: LOOK OF THE LONER with VINCE BELL, Vinny Golia, Ratzo B. Harris, Mason Summit, playwright-poet-essayist Leon Martell and others (don't want to give away too much, Bell will be reading from his original show "One Man's Music" and performing songs from his new, critically-praised album "Ojo," produced by Bob Neuwirth who just graced the McCabe's stage with a memorable band and performance, but Texas troubadour Bell has quite the story, of the long road to all sorts of recovery after an accident in '82 left him "brain damaged," this is yet another bold move by Library Girl to expand the notion of what spoken word is — LG Susan Hayden is very music oriented, as is her nearly 10-year LG series here, and after last month's very successful departure in format she is surprising us again, and I hope she continues), Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica airport, $10 (includes a cupcake!).

ROY ZIMMERMAN: RiZe Up (thanks Jerry Rubin to hipping me to this, was not familiar but praise like this gets my attention: "Roy's lyrics move beyond poetry and achieve perfection" — Joni Mitchell, "Lyrical brilliance, just excellent" — "Weird Al" Yankovic, "You're brilliant, just brilliant!" — Terry Jones, Monty Python, "He simultaneously inspires me and makes me laugh my ass off" — Paul Krassner, laughter and encouragement for progressive-minded people who need a lot of both), Sun 8 p.m. McCabe's, Santa Monica, $20.

JAZZ ON THE LAWN with Scambooty ("swing, folk and blues with vocal harmonies, pre-concert swing dance lessons at 4:30, food trucks, with families and friends bringing blankets and picnic dinners, spreading out all over the park and lapping up one of the great perks of living here), Sun 5-7 p.m., Gandara Park, Santa Monica, no cover.

BAND NAMES OF THE WEEK: Jane's Great Dane, So Many Wizards, Dante Elephante, Sssssss, Bratty & Jackass, States & Capitals, He Is We, Spookey Ruben.

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SHELTERS

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currently has 861 available dogs, 519 cats, and 353 other animals. While L.A. system often intakes about 150 animals a week during the summer season a recent spate of hoarding cases brought an additional 99 dogs into their care in a single week.

Ashley Rodriguez with Los Angeles Animal Services said they rely on a network of foster homes and regional partners to address overflow.

"We need fosters year-round and fosters are what really makes the difference in getting us to our no-kill goal," she said.

The Santa Monica animal shelter has also stepped up recently and taken in animals from Los Angeles. Rodriguez said when those animals are adopted out, it can free up space for the Santa Monica shelter to take even more pets from Los Angeles.

Santa Monica's Animal Control Administrator Alex Mendoza said Santa Monica has a lower intake rate compared to other facilities in the county and with space available, the local shelter was able to heed the call put out by Los Angeles.

"This is the first time we've ever done that and it's mainly because Los Angeles reached out to us," he said. "They are trying to do more to increase their live release rate and because they reached out for help is why we're assisting."

He said at maximum capacity, Santa Monica can house about 50 dogs and 70 cats but they usually have 10-15 of each animal available on any given day.

"We're both serving the same mutual goal, both the city of L.A. and Santa Monica," he said. "We're proud and happy to be able to assist them in meeting that mutual goal in terms finding homes for adoptable animals in the area."



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ADOPTION: Adoption fees in Los Angeles will be reduced this week.

"All six of our animal shelters are filled to capacity with hundreds of amazing dogs and cats of all sizes, ages, colors, hair length and breeds," said Rodriguez. "Our pets are vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and microchipped before going to their new homes. While the dog adoption fees are reduced, there will be a $20 dog license fee applied for LA City residents."

Fees at the Santa Monica shelter vary based on factors like the length of time the animal has been at the shelter, spay/neuter and microchipping. The base fee is $192.55 and Santa Monica residents will also need a city license that is about $40 for spayed/neutered pets.

Later this month, on August 18, local

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OVERFLOW

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shelters will participate in the annual Clear the Shelters campaign. During that campaign, adoption fees will also be reduced.

Individuals who want to volunteer to foster an animal can print out an application online or visit one of the six shelters. Applications must be returned to a shelter during regular business hours.

Rodriguez said the summer months are always the busiest for the shelter and the need is greatest for older and/or larger pets.

"Those are the animals that are most at risk, our elderly animals and our large dogs," she said. "It can really make difference if you adopt a larger older animal."

Mendoza said individuals that are considering a new pet are strongly encouraged to visit any of the regional shelters in the coming weeks.

"If this is the right time in your life to adopt a pet, this is a good time to look to us for your next companion," he said.

Adoptable pets from throughout the county can be viewed online at www.petharbor.com.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON JULY 25, AT ABOUT 9:36 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in the 2200 block of Stewart Street regarding a vandalism that just occurred. Officers determined the suspect was walking through the victim's property from an alley to the street. For unknown reasons, the suspect began kicking at a wood gate causing it to fall off the hinges. The suspect walked off. Officers located the suspect at the corner of Pico Blvd and Stewart St. The suspect was yelling at officers and refused to comply. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody. Scott Paul Destafano, 52, homeless was issued a citation for vandalism.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 371 Calls For Service On August 7.

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

Domestic violence 2100 block Santa Monica 1:09 a.m.
Fight 1400 block 4th 2:50 a.m.
Lewd activity 26th/Idaho 5:51 a.m.
Battery 4th/Arizona 7:27 a.m.
Death notification 1700 block Sunset 7:41 a.m.
Burglary 2600 Main 7:46 a.m.
Person down 08:08 a.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd 8:17 a.m.
Animal related incident 4th/Idaho 8:50 a.m.
Grand theft 2600 block 29th 9:04 a.m.
Encampment 2200 block The Beach 9:25 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 7th 9:34 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2400 block Santa Monica 9:40 a.m.
Sexual assault 1200 block 16th 9:49 a.m.
Trespassing 3000 block Lincoln 10:51 a.m.
Identity theft 500 block Euclid 10:54 a.m.
Battery 1400 block 3rd 11:05 a.m.
Auto burglary 7th/Colorado 11:07 a.m.
Person down 1600 block 7th 11:25 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 12:09 p.m.
Person down 26th/Colorado 12:20 p.m.
Animal related incident 600 block Grant 12:48 p.m.
Person down 500 block Arizona 1:09 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 1200 block 5th 1:27 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Wilshire 2:12 p.m.
Vandalism 5th/Broadway 2:29 p.m.
Animal related incident 2000 block Ocean 2:29 p.m.
Vandalism 5th/Broadway 2:33 p.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block Bay 2:41 p.m.
Identity theft 800 block Lincoln 2:44 p.m.
Fraud 1500 block 16th 3:12 p.m.
Grand theft 1600 block Franklin 3:38 p.m.
Trespassing 2500 block Santa Monica 3:39 p.m.
Missing person Main/Bay 3:54 p.m.
Grand theft 3000 block Wilshire 4:29 p.m.
Vandalism 1200 block Marine 4:39 p.m.
Vandalism 1200 block Pico 5:08 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Pico 5:20 p.m.
Burglary 400 block Broadway 5:24 p.m.
Fight Lincoln/Santa Monica 6:21 p.m.
Burglary report 800 block 7th 6:26 p.m.
Battery 800 block Santa Monica 7:05 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2400 block Wilshire 7:11 p.m.
Public intoxication 2600 block Main 7:48 p.m.
Family disturbance 1500 block 6th 8:26 p.m.
Encampment 1200 block The Beach 8:31 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 8:31 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 8:56 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2400 block Wilshire 9:13 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 9:56 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 9:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 10:17 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front 10:30 p.m.
Bike theft 200 block Santa Monica 11:29 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 33 Calls For Service On August 7.

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

Automatic alarm 1400 block 5th 12:21 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1400 block 17th 12:36 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 1:21 a.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 1:46 a.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 2:12 a.m.
Flooded condition 1700 block 18th 4:59 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 5:45 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 7:20 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 8:08 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Main 10:08 a.m.
EMS 23rd/Pico 10:17 a.m.
Wires down 1200 block Georgina 10:20 a.m.
EMS 800 block Ocean 10:29 a.m.
EMS 1600 block 7th 11:25 a.m.
EMS 26th/Colorado 12:20 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 7th 1:04 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 1:29 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 1:46 p.m.
EMS 200 block Montana 3:20 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Cloverfield 3:49 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 4:25 p.m.
EMS Appian/Seaside 4:56 p.m.
Vehicle fire 2600 block Pico 5 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 18th 5:26 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 7:02 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block Franklin 7:14 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Ocean 7:24 p.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block Broadway 8:39 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block 21st 8:57 p.m.
EMS 200 block 23rd 9:14 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block Ocean 10:46 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3300 block Ocean Park 10:52 p.m.

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Draw Date: 8/4
14 19 33 38 46
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 21M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/7
8 18 19 26 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/7
MIDDAY: 0 6 5
Draw Date: 8/7
EVENING: 6 2 6

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

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■ Worldwide, the median number of mental health care providers is nine per 100,000 people.

■ Improving mental health care, though, can pay off big. WHO estimates that for every dollar invested in improving treatments for conditions like depression, there is a $4 return in better health and work ability.

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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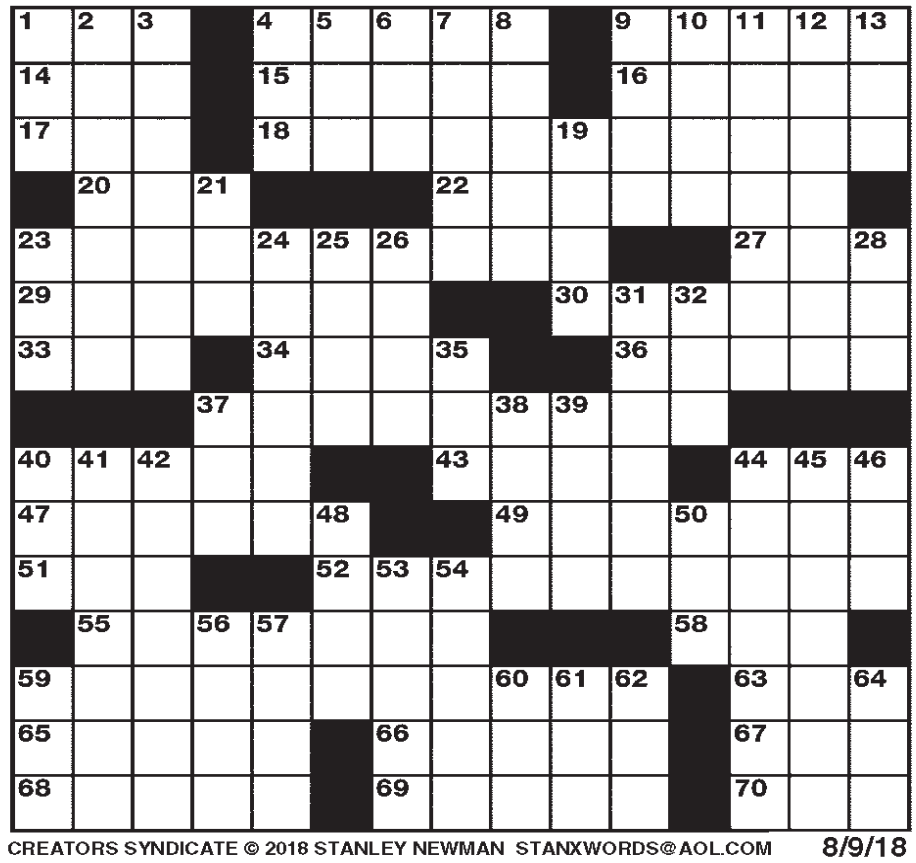
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Newsday Crossword

SHORT VOWEL PLAY by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Med. center area
4 Flits around
9 Faded away
14 Family nickname
15 Turn loose from the corral
16 All-__ printer
17 Very small worker
18 *Oklahoma!* lyricist
20 El __ (Spanish hero)
22 Hatchery sound
23 Half of a globe
27 "Don't need to know that!"
29 Casual shoe style
30 Most October babies
33 NBA or NHL stats
34 Dynamic opening
36 Authorization, informally
37 "Roof of the World"
40 *Peer Gynt* dramatist
43 Viennese trio
44 *Skyfall* studio
47 Go back into beta
49 Windows expert
51 Earth-friendly, to begin with
52 Certain soundalikes
55 Cheyenne allies
58 Symbol of sturdiness
59 Flier that can hover
63 Fabric flaw
65 Start of a fitness maxim
66 Kind of duck
67 Model of slipperiness
68 Abe's South Dakota neighbor
69 Get hitched in haste
70 Do one's best

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1 Brewpub designation
2 Structured thought
3 Data center stats
4 Head slapper's remark
5 Santa __ winds
6 Dashboard letters
7 Scottsdale neighbor
8 Unpleasant expression
9 Faint trace
10 Contra- cousin
11 Red traffic sign
12 Inscrutable ones
13 Cub Scout group
19 Be stunned
21 Racket
23 Move like a crow
24 Marks to remove
25 Lyric, essentially
26 Goddess invoked by Wonder Woman
28 Meteorological prefix
31 Major prophet
32 English majors' degs.
35 From way, way back
37 Half a giggle
38 Mythical vessel
39 Crowd-sourced review site
40 Red state
41 Lame answer to "Why?"
42 Ranted and raved
44 Mosque tower
45 Not as socially smooth
46 What some moms are called
48 Compared to
50 Metaphor for disorganization
53 "My, my!"
54 Exxon merger partner
56 Mixed in with
57 "That's a shame"
59 Simple shelter
60 Terse affirmation
61 Street cred
62 Self-styled Dr. of rap
64 Work at



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David Dines

By David Pisarra

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Mel's Is An Updated Traditional Roadside Diner

FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE OF A CERTAIN age, the name Mel's will forever be associated with the 70's TV show Alice. A greasy spoon diner with a gum snapping, sparkplug of a waitress named Flo and a surly, short order cook with a heart of gold named Mel.

But times have changed, and the Mel's of today is long awaited third installment of the family chain with outposts in the San Fernando Valley and on Sunset Blvd in Hollywood. This Mel's was started long ago in the San Fernando valley by another cook who had a heart of gold, and today his son and grandsons are running the family business and making their own marks in the food world.

I was one of the first two visitors to Mel's a few weeks back at their shakedown opening – an event that most restaurants go through where they open the doors to friends and family to test the staff and work out the snafus of operations. Walking in on an early Friday night to the restaurant where the smell of fresh paint mixed with the char of burgers being grilled, made for an enticing aroma. I've opened many a restaurant and it's always an exciting time. The adrenaline is high in the owners and the staff is on edge as they find their way through the maze of supplies, side work, and table layouts.

You enter past a giant aquarium with toy cars and road signs in an homage to the restaurant's location at the declared end of Route 66. There is literally a sign outside on the traffic signal denoting the end of the historic route. The soaring angled ceiling is a remnant of a grander time in architecture, when locations were designed in what was termed Googie, a sort of jet age, modern design that had an element of whimsy to it. Think Norms, Ships, and of course The Penguin. Today the design style is referred to as a mid-century modern, but I prefer the original, Googie.

Looking over the very traditional diner menu, I was struck by the blend of traditional food with modern eating styles, it matches the architectural blend that the family has maintained of updated traditional. I started my sampling with the short rib nachos. They're amazing. A balanced blend of chips and cheese and pulled apart short ribs that had been braised for hours to reach perfection.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 9)

You'll be publicly praised for what you do this solar return, but it's your personal definition of success that will matter most. In the next five weeks you'll earn favor from those who are difficult to impress. November brings luck for finance. Priorities will shift in 2019. A personal mission will inspire travel and connections. Aries and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 1, 10, 20 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Wanting certain aspects of life to be different will come with the territory today, as does ambitious striving. Temper the intensity of this with contentment about something – anything. You have much to choose from.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Life is complex and layered. To find peace and poise within this will require you to tolerate some mixed emotions. Take courage, and move through the feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Self-doubt comes disguised in the costume of responsibility, "urgent" needs that really aren't and other distractions. Call it what it is – resistance to growth – then ignore it and do what your soul knows you must.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
It may seem that forces beyond your control are attacking your biography. But what if they are not infringements on your plotline, and are instead the very elements that make it a good story? What then?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Willpower and self-discipline won't be enough to accomplish the goal. That's good news because it means you'll have to add the architecture that will make getting there a whole lot easier.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Maybe the human mind has no mechanism for comprehending the vastness of the universe, and yet you still look up and let your piece of sky absorb you into as much infinity as you can bear. A meditation most divine!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Fear of failure or fear of success is not a good enough reason for inaction. So jump. Leap to the imperfect action. There won't be a better time. You'll never be ready. You'll only be doing it or not doing it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You've friends who animate the day with big emotions, living a life of excitement and urgency. You'll enjoy connecting with them for a time; then you'll seek a more peaceful, measured tone for the remainder of the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Once you fantasized that someone with secret knowledge and super abilities would swoop in and save the day. Now you will save your own day. After all, you're the expert on being you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The day provides a steady stream of necessary assessments. Will this activity be worth my time? Will this person do as promised? Will this job net me the next one? By day's end you'll have made dozens of determinations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
What seems to be an arduous task will also make the hours pass in what will later seem to be a blink. It's as though you were built for this type of work. What you do is sorely needed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Because you are so honest with yourself, you are able to see the frailties of others. You see them hiding behind a facade; you witness their struggles for acceptance. Your tender heart will be a gift to the world.

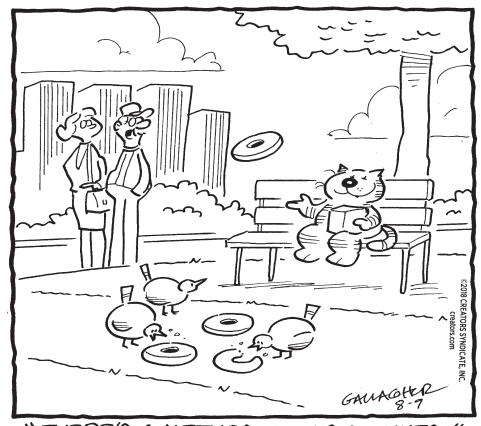
Specters of Venus Squared Saturn

Accept your thoughts; it's as silly to fight them as it would be to fight a ghost with your fists. The way to win with a ghost and a thought is about the same. Acknowledge the thing, and then ignore it. Neglect renders the unwelcome specter – or cogitation, as it were – powerless. This message comes courtesy of Venus squared Saturn.

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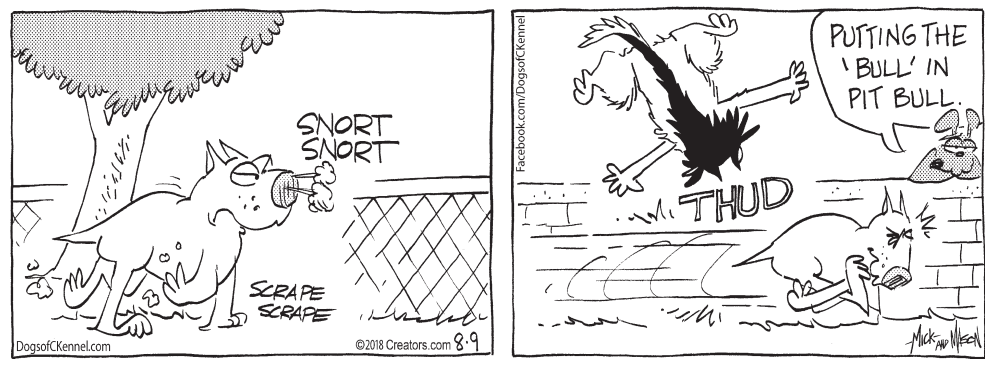
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nachos, there was clearly only one choice – a butterscotch banana shake. Which was awesome. The flavors were a great mix and I highly recommend it. My dinner companion opted for the avocado toast and had this to say, "Way better than that other place in town."

My next visit was for lunch, where I had the turkey pesto sandwich – a true winner. The turkey was not some dry, processed product but thick cuts of moist meat, with a delightful accent of pesto over toasted bread. I could do this daily.

Last week I decided to take a meeting at Mel's with the man-about-town Phil Brock, and figured I'd try the bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich with a side of mashed potatoes and gravy. This was a less than inspired sandwich. The bacon was too well done for my tastes – when bacon is cooked to the point of toughness I'm not a fan – some are, not me. The lettuce was the bland white part of the iceberg lettuce and that's just boring. Mashed potatoes and gravy are an indulgent choice, and they should reflect the richness and body of a comfort food – these didn't. The potatoes themselves needed to boiled in salted water, and the gravy needed flavor and body – this was more like a too watered down cream of chicken soup.

Back for breakfast this week and I had the Joe's Special omelet made with turkey instead of the traditional ground beef. It was well executed, and flavorful, but there was a disconnect between the kitchen and the server so our meals came out late and cooler than we'd like.

The good news is that Mel's is open 24 hours, has plenty of parking, and I have no doubt that as the teams settle in to their routines the minor problems I've noted will be ironed out. This is a new local landmark that has been revived thanks to a family business – a rarity in the republic of Santa Monica these days.

I say Welcome to the Westside Mel's – We're glad to have you! I know it was a long slog through the city's serpentine licensing and permitting process, but you made it.

Mel's Drive In deserves a 4 stars out of 5. Prices range from $12-18. There is valet parking.

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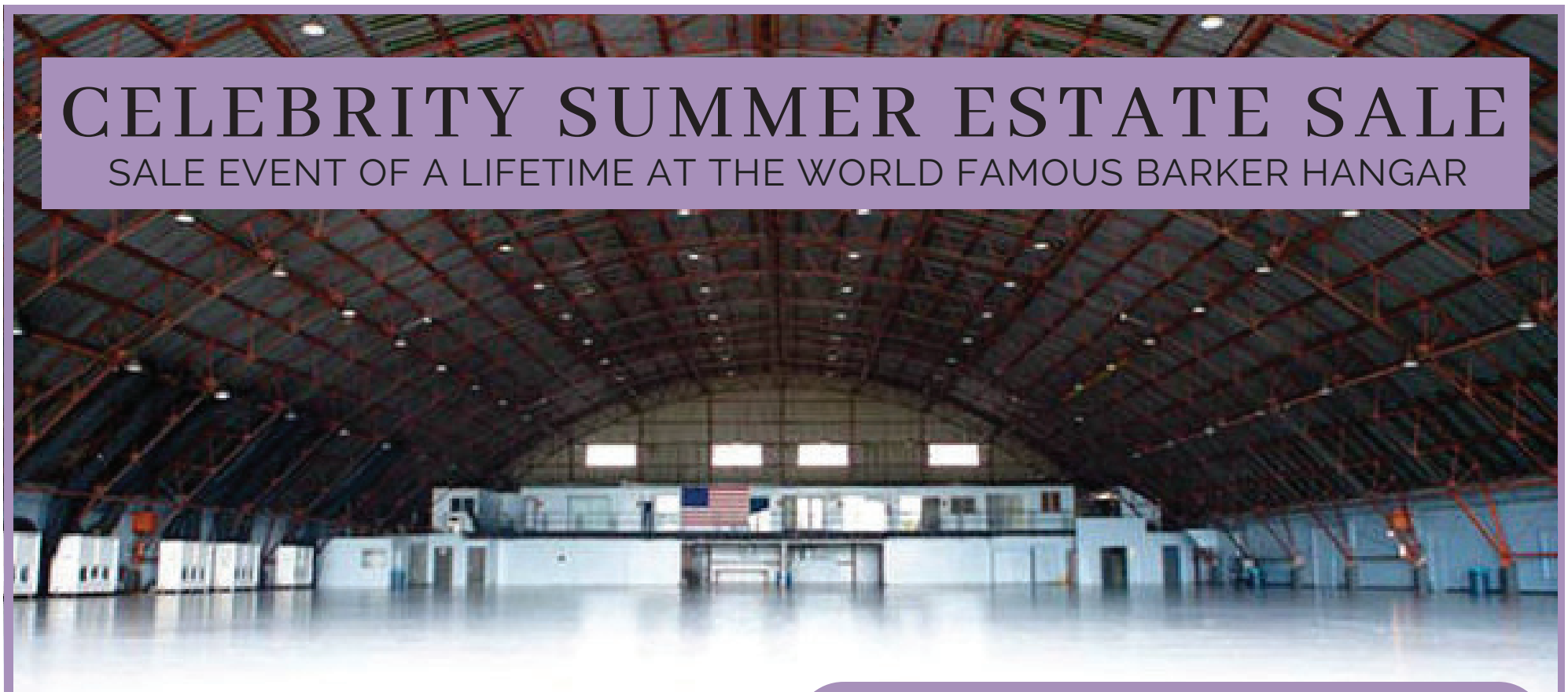
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