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Back to school means back to the field for local athletes







Kira Bretsky and Emerson Gee

SPORTS: The start of the school year is also the start of the athletic season for many students at Santa Monica High School.

SIENNA BEVAN
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Editor's Note: This is part 1 of a two part preview for Samohi's athletic season

VIKINGS IN 'DIFFERENT SPOT' AFTER SUCCESSFUL OFFSEASON

After a rough season last year, with an overall record of 2 wins and 8 losses, the Samohi Vikings football squad hopes to make a comeback this fall.

Head Coach Carter Paysinger is confident the team will improve its record for the upcoming season.

"We expect to be a playoff team, and do really well in both the preseason and in our league season," Paysinger said.

Last season was the first year for all the coaching staff, Coach Paysinger included. They were still learning about the kids, and the kids were still learning about the coaches and their systems, he said. They also didn't have an offseason in 2022 due to the transition between coaches, which had a negative impact on the squad.

"You win football games in the offseason," Coach Paysinger explained. "So when you don't have an offseason, you just hope for the best. This year we've had a full offseason, worked hard, kids have worked really hard. We're in a completely different spot than we were a year ago."

With the strong emphasis players put on working hard in the offseason, the team has been preparing since the spring with

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Pier to show live simulcast of LA Opera's opening night of Mozart's Don Giovanni

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The Los Angeles Opera will present a live simulcast of its opening night of Mozart's Don Giovanni at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, in high-definition video from nine cameras at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to large LED screens at the Santa Monica Pier.

Although no tickets are required for entrance, guests are encouraged to sign up in advance at LAOpera.org/OperaAtTheBeach to get important information about parking and the latest updates and to receive a free gift at the event.

The opera may be composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, but this epic multimedia production is being performed under the watchful eye of James Conlon, multiple Grammy Award-winning conductor who, amongst many impressive achievements, adapted, arranged and conducted the score for the 1995 film production of Madame Butterfly.

The music will be performed by the resident orchestra of the Los Angeles Opera, made up of some 70 plus world class musicians who play all of the productions. "They are amongst the very best opera orchestras in the United States," Conlon tells the Daily Press.

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Beverly Hills files suit over noise at hotel protests that Santa Monica says is protected

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City of Beverly Hills has filed a lawsuit against Unite Here Local 11 over early morning noise levels associated with the union's ongoing picket lines at hotels.

While Santa Monica's City Attorney has previously said union protests are largely exempt from local noise rules, the rules in Beverly Hills and the union's alleged actions differ from events in Santa Monica.

Beverly Hills is asking a judge to limit noise from protests at the Beverly Hilton and Waldorf Astoria hotels between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. in accordance with the City's noise ordinances. The lawsuit alleges several violations of those restrictions in recent weeks.

According to the complaint, the Beverly Hills Police Department

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Gavin Newsom gives ground to critics on his mental health plan. Will voters back it?

KRISTEN HWANG
Special to the Daily Press

In a major about-face, Gov. Gavin Newsom gave ground this week on his signature mental health plan, aiming to appease critics who have argued his overhaul would starve youth services and other county-run programs of millions of dollars of tax revenue.

The proposal is the second time in as many years that Newsom has advocated for significant changes to the state's behavioral health system, following the passage of last year's controversial CARE Court law. This year's proposal aims to update the Mental Health Services Act, a 20-year-old ballot initiative that has raised billions of dollars per year for mental health programs through a tax on high incomes. The tax funds nearly one-third of the state's mental health infrastructure and raised $4.8 billion last year.

At its crux, Newsom's proposal would require counties to spend two-thirds of revenue from the tax on housing and 24/7 services for the state's severely mentally ill homeless population. That equates to roughly $3.1 billion based on last year's Mental Health Services Act revenue.

Some of the concessions introduced this week would loosen the definition of the "housing interventions" counties would be required to fund, reinstate some local spending flexibility, remove a requirement to add services for people suffering from addiction, and carve out money for children and youth programs.

Newsom's reform needs more than legislative buy-in. It also requires voter support to change the original ballot initiative. His pitch to voters: Redirect some of the money in an effort to help address California's out-of-control homelessness crisis. The state has spent more than $20 billion on homelessness in the past five years with little impact.

However, key mental health advocates remain skeptical. Many of the organizations that voiced concerns with the initial proposal say the recent amendments are "weak" and continue to stretch vital resources too thin.

"We're still slicing up the too-small pie," said Clare Cortright, policy director for Cal Voices, a coalition of mental health peer support organizations. "What happens to the people with services now? What happens to the people with housing now?"

The plan, which mental health groups have criticized for being rushed, will get its first full legislative hearing next week. Lawmakers then would have four weeks before the end of the session to decide whether to place the measure on the March 2024 ballot.

Newsom argues that his administration

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PLANS: Gov. Gavin Newsom outlined new efforts to support the mental health of students at McLane High School in Fresno on Aug. 18, 2022.

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California police body camera footage can't take the place of witness testimony, court rules

NIGEL DUARA
Special to the Daily Press

When a woman refused to testify against a man accused of assaulting her, a Los Angeles County judge used the accusations she made the night of the incident that were recorded on a police officer's body camera.

This week, the California Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the judge erred by using the body camera footage to stand in for the woman's testimony. Doing so, the court ruled, denied the accused man a chance to confront his accuser in court.

"We emphasize that a defendant's due process right to confront testimonial witnesses against him is not absolute," the high court ruled in an opinion issued Monday.

"What cannot be done, however, is reducing the analysis to a single determination that hinges solely on whether a statement qualifies as a spontaneous statement."

The ruling comes as body cameras have become more common in California police departments, most recently this year in San Bernardino County.

While body cameras are not mandatory among California agencies, CalMatters surveyed large law enforcement agencies last year and found that some of the largest police and sheriff's departments in the state have given body cameras to all of their uniformed officers.

Body camera footage of alleged criminal incidents can be used as evidence in court and in disciplinary proceedings against police officers. The new ruling limits its use with respect to statements made on camera.

Prosecutors, including the state Department of Justice, had urged the court to admit the body camera footage, partly because it related to a suspect who was on probation.

Statements made outside of court that cannot be verified at trial are called hearsay, and are generally prohibited. But there are exceptions, one of them being "spontaneous statements," which are statements made in the moment that don't leave time for deliberation. Courts have found that these statements tend to accurately reflect what a person was thinking when they said something.

In the case before the Supreme Court this week, a woman called 911 in March 2019, reporting that someone was trying to break into the house where she was working as an aide to a person with a disability.

Responding officers found damage to the front door and Dontrae R. Gray in the back of the house. The woman had bruises and a scratch on her face, and told an officer wearing a body camera that Gray kicked in the door and assaulted her. Gray was on probation for a previous, unrelated assault.

A few days later, the woman partially recanted her story, which is common among victims of intimate partner violence, and refused to appear at Gray's criminal trial despite a subpoena. Los Angeles County prosecutors tried to introduce the body camera evidence, but a judge refused to allow it.

The criminal case was dismissed, but prosecutors asked a judge to revoke Gray's probation, and again tried to use the body camera footage as evidence. This time, it worked.

> "The court actually has the unique opportunity to actually see her, hear her and see her"
> - Renee Korn Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge

Body camera footage a 'unique opportunity'

The judge at Gray's probation revocation hearing ruled that the woman's statements in the body camera footage indeed qualified as a spontaneous statement, revoked Gray's probation and ordered him to serve a suspended sentence of seven years in prison.

"The court actually has the unique opportunity to actually see her, hear her and see her," Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Renee Korn, according to trial transcripts cited on appeal. "It's not just an audiotape. It's not just the reiteration of an officer of these statements.

"Rather, it's actual video footage of who she is and how she presented at the time. (It) gives the court ample basis to find the defendant in violation of probation."

On appeal, Gray said the decision to introduce the body camera footage as testimony violated his due process rights. State prosecutors replied in briefs to a state appellate court that due process rights at probation hearings are "flexible."

"Probationers at revocation hearings are not entitled to the full array of constitutional rights available to defendants at criminal trials," prosecutors led by Attorney General Rob Bonta wrote, "because probationers, having been validly convicted of crimes, have already been afforded the full panoply of constitutional trial rights in the criminal proceedings that resulted in their convictions."

A California appellate court agreed and affirmed the decision to revoke his probation. Then the case went to the state Supreme Court.

California rulings on probation revocation

Previous probation revocation cases relying solely on paper evidence offered varying results.

In one 1981 case, the Supreme Court rejected prosecutors' use of a trial court transcript in lieu of a witness's testimony. Another case affirmed prosecutors' use of hotel and car rental receipts to prove a defendant had broken the rules of his probation by traveling out of state.

This week, the high court agreed that defendants have the right to due process, including the right to confront their accuser.

"The Attorney General asserts that the particular reliability and unique nature of spontaneous statements make them categorically admissible under the due process clause, without requiring a further finding of good cause or a balancing," the court ruled. "We reject this categorical approach."

The Supreme Court sent the case back to the Second Appellate District.



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CAMERAS: Courts still favor live witnesses over cameras.

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NOISE

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(BHPD) received its first complaint on June 15 when residents complained about noise starting at 5:30 a.m. including "the banging of drums, whistles being blown, and shouting and screaming."

Officers spoke to the union representative at the time and asked them to reduce their noise levels during the early morning hours.

> "It is beyond outrageous that the City of Beverly Hills is using its resources to stifle the first-amendment protected protest activity of low-wage, immigrant workers
>
> - Kurt Petersen union co-president

On July 24, Beverly Hills City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, received similar complaints and she also spoke with protesters about the noise levels. Officials had a third conversation with the protesters on July 26 and BHPD has responded to several other complaints at the hotels.

According to BHPD, hotel staff have filed complaints about "aggressive confrontations, bullhorns blown in ears, blocked traffic, and screaming in faces, between security personnel and other employees." Police have also received a report of battery on the property when protesters broke through a barricade and injured a security guard.

In addition to asking for a time restriction on noise, the City is asking the court for reasonable attorney's fees.

"It is beyond outrageous that the City of Beverly Hills is using its resources to stifle the first-amendment protected protest activity of low-wage, immigrant workers," said union co-president Kurt Petersen. "These are workers who make its luxury hotels run and who are simply seeking a living wage. The City should be helping to lift them up, not attack them with baseless lawsuits."

Hotel workers are protesting over stalled contract negotiations that would increase wages for workers. In the meantime the union has filed multiple ballot measures across the county (including in Beverly Hills and Santa Monica) to increase the minimum wage for hotel workers to $30 an hour.

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) responded to similar calls from both sides of the conflict, including the union, hotel management, and nearby residents during the protest.

Complaints range from physical altercations, intimidation, trespassing, harassment, and obstructing sidewalks, among other issues. Local nuisance reports, such as excessive noise and municipal code violations, are being referred to the City Attorney and Code Enforcement.

Local tensions reached a peak recently with a video-taped conflict between protesters and security guards at the Fairmont Miramar hotel. In the video, security guards are seen pinning protesters to the sidewalk to prevent them from accessing the hotel driveway. Unite Here has filed a complaint with the state regulators over the incident.

While the ongoing protest activity might inconvenience neighbors, Santa Monica's noise laws include exemptions for such demonstrations.

Santa Monica's noise ordinance states that noises or sounds should not unreasonably disturb peace or cause discomfort for people of normal sensitivity. Specific volume limits vary based on the neighborhood type, and there are restrictions on amplified sound in public areas during certain hours.

City Attorney Doug Sloan previously emphasized the legal protections for First Amendment expression and labor picketing. He mentioned that activities related to conveying messages, including playing drums, are specifically safeguarded by law. Furthermore, Santa Monica's local code includes exemptions for non-commercial outdoor activities, including picketing between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. in commercial zones on public property.

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has spent "years preparing for this" overhaul in tandem with other major changes to the state's health care delivery system.

"We've organized this very deliberatively," Newsom told reporters last week. "This is very methodical, very focused. It's not ready, fire, aim. It's ready, aim, fire. It's long overdue, and the consequences of neglect, delay denial — it's too great."

WHAT NEWSOM'S MENTAL HEALTH AMENDMENTS ALLOW

While Tuesday night's amendments preserve the most significant change Newsom put forward — that a majority of the money be used on housing interventions and intensive services for unhoused people — it offers counties more local control.

The amended proposal:

allows counties to transfer some money between spending categories like housing and prevention;

offers small counties with more volatile year-to-year budgets exemptions from meeting some mandates;

increases the amount of money allocated to the "flexible" spending bucket by 5%;

expands the definition of housing interventions to include a wide range of social services like housing navigation rather than only "hard" costs like rent;

requires 51% of money spent on prevention programs go toward children and youth;

and reinstates some of the power previously stripped from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Committee.

"We've seen some changes and certainly changes that seem helpful in moving to ameliorate some of the concerns that we've had. However, there's also a bunch of new stuff in here that we're trying to figure out," said Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, chief policy officer for the California State Association of Counties.

County leaders and behavioral health directors are most concerned with proposed minimum spending mandates that are funded through volatile income tax revenue. The Mental Health Services Act levies a 1% tax on earnings over $1 million, an income bracket that depends on capital gains. They have also questioned how many existing services would be cut to meet the new housing mandate.

The amendments come on the heels of several Legislative Analyst's Office briefs that estimated $718 million would be stripped from existing county mental health programs, including children and youth early intervention services, to fund the proposed housing mandate. The briefs said the Newsom administration gave "incomplete justification" for the changes without an impact analysis.

MOMENTUM BUILDS FROM YOUTH ADVOCATES

Despite Newsom investing significant political capital into pushing this reform, it became increasingly difficult to ignore the opposition of children's mental health advocates, who said the governor was unnecessarily pitting the needs of the state's homeless population against children's mental services. Prevention and early intervention services would take the biggest cuts, they said, ultimately worsening a parallel mental health crisis.

Last week a coalition of nearly 300 groups representing local mental health agencies, school districts, and family resource centers among others, sent a letter to Newsom and Senate Health Committee Chair Susan Talamantes-Eggman, urging them to continue funding programs targeting ages 0 to 25. Eggman, a Democrat from Stockton, is carrying the bill that would place Newsom's proposal on the ballot and was instrumental in passing Newsom's CARE Court legislation last year. Eggman has not responded to multiple requests for comment.

"For years, children's advocates have worked to ensure (this) funding prioritizes children and youth given the historic lack of focus on this population," the letter states. "We are deeply concerned by the current proposal ... to severely limit and reroute hard fought investments away from child-serving programs."

The amendments address the primary concerns raised by the coalition and preserve a majority of the roughly $448 million spent on children and youth mental health programs annually, said Adrienne Shilton, a lobbyist for the California Alliance of Child and Family Services.

"We're moving in a positive direction here," Shilton said. "The administration has come a long way in partnership with us."

Newsom administration officials contend that the proposal is part of a larger effort to remake the state's health care system. They point to last year's $4.3 billion budget allocation for children and youth mental health services and Medi-Cal as alternate funding sources for current programs. But advocates say a majority of that investment comes from one-time allocations and integral programs like family support groups, parenting classes and suicide prevention programs don't qualify for Medi-Cal reimbursement.

Courtney Armstrong, director of government affairs with the First 5 Association of California, said roughly 95% of programs statewide that serve infants and children up to age 5 are not reimbursable through Medi-Cal.

WHO IS STILL LEFT OUT IN MENTAL HEALTH PLAN

Despite the concessions, disability rights groups, peer support advocates, and many of the advocates that opposed last year's CARE Court legislation are still against this version of Newsom's overhaul. They want more assurances that the money won't be used to place homeless people in locked treatment facilities against their will.

"The average Californian absolutely wants more services and more housing for those who need it most, but they don't want to be duped into funding the legal system and criminalization of communities of color and more involuntary institutionalization," said Carolina Valle, senior policy director with the California Pan Ethnic Health Network.

Historically institutionalization and jail-based services have disproportionately impacted communities of color, Valle said. Critics also point out that California's homelessness crisis is primarily driven by lack of affordable housing and incomes that have not kept pace with the cost of living, not mental illness.

"This budget fight around the (Mental Health Services Act) is not a moment in time. It's a continuation of failed mental health policy and failed housing policy in California," Valle said.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Adding speed cameras to California cities won't target people of color. It'll protect them

DARNELL GRISBY

If drivers seem more aggressive today than just a few years ago, well, they are. Pedestrian deaths are at their highest level in 41 years. Our streets are getting more dangerous, and lower-income neighborhoods and communities of color are disproportionately impacted.

Over the last decade, cities across California have adopted comprehensive "vision zero" plans, meant to lower traffic deaths to zero. Local and state governments are implementing road redesigns, lowering speed limits and launching education efforts. But sadly, a recent study by the Governors Highway Safety Association found that pedestrian deaths increased by a staggering 77% from 2010 to 2021.

Meanwhile, communities of color bear the brunt of the pain from the increase in lawlessness on our roads. In fact, in California, Black pedestrians are 62% more likely to die than white Californians. Latinos are 31% more likely.

The truth is that we need enforcement to make our streets safer – not just to cite people who break the law, but to serve as a deterrence and reminder for everyone in our communities to follow our laws.

As a Black man who has worked at the intersection of transportation and social justice for years, I know firsthand that calls for enforcement are complicated. High-profile police brutality cases stemming from traffic stops that spread on social media are not only a tragedy, but a reminder of the disparate impact and fear Black and brown drivers experience every day. Advocates and policymakers have been wrestling with this challenge by reducing or even eliminating traffic enforcement from their police departments.

But eliminating enforcement meant to protect the rights of our low-income neighbors and communities of color is not answering the call to make our streets safer from traffic collisions. Additionally, as noted in a USC study earlier this year, the placement of freeways in Los Angeles has forced commuters from mostly white



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STREETS: Pedestrians cross a street in San Francisco on Nov. 2, 2022.

areas to drive through majority nonwhite neighborhoods, rather than the inverse. Clearly, we cannot make assumptions about who is harmed by enforcement actions when most drivers are using the same roads.

I think most people can agree that there must be consequences to prevent speeding. Assembly Bill 645 would implement a five-year speed safety pilot program in Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland, Glendale, Long Beach and San Francisco. Authored by Democratic Assemblymember Laura Friedman of Burbank, the program would enable these six cities to install speed cameras that would capture images of cars traveling more than the speed limit and send speeding tickets to the registered driver's home.

This legislation could make a real difference for vulnerable people dying on our streets. Recently, a baby died after a driver struck her mother, sister and the infant at a busy San Jose intersection. A neighbor told the local news that they

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weight room work, plyometric work and cardio.

Although the team recently lost 14 graduates, Coach Paysinger is not worried.

"Sophomores and Juniors that played varsity last year are falling right into those roles," Paysinger said. "And many of those guys were leaders last year, so it's been an easy transition for them this year."

FIRST FLAG WAVES FOR SAMOHI GIRLS SQUAD

Samohi girls flag football will play its inaugural season this fall, as it is girls flag football's first year as a California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sanctioned sport.

Coach Ramsey Lambert, who has been the weight training and conditioning teacher for eight years now, as well as an advocate for women's sports, is "extremely excited" to be the coach.

"So far, every practice we've been getting better and better, so our goal is to continue that and then take that into the games too," Coach Lambert said. "So from one game, whether we win or lose, we can outperform how we did in the last game and then hopefully put some wins together along the way, because it's fun when you win."

The team held tryouts at the beginning of summer and saw a turnout of almost 50 girls, which excited Lambert to see how many people were interested in playing. The current roster has 22 players, most being juniors and sophomores, with the exception of one senior. Flag football is new for pretty much every single one of them.

"I hope they're able to understand the game itself, but also learn how working together is so important from each play in this game," Coach Lambert said. "And that they're willing to sacrifice their beliefs for the betterment of the team and execute what they're asked to execute."

On the first day of school, their first game is at Cabrillo High School to kick off the preseason.

EXPERIENCED DUO READIES VIKINGS FOR TOURNAMENT PUSH

Last season, the girls varsity tennis team tied for last place in the Bay League. This season, they're back and ready to take on tough competition.

In the two previous seasons, the top



Emerson Gee

TENNIS: The team is looking to improve this year.

players have been underclassmen. Meleja Horelick ('25) and Avey Thompson ('25) have both been playing the top two spots on varsity for the past two years. Now that they are upperclassmen and experienced, Coach Shaun Simone (on paternity leave during the 2022 season) is confident the team can improve in the standings this season.

"Our goal is always the same goal. It's to get to the CIF team tournament," Coach Simone said.

In hopes of better results, Simone is planning on taking a different approach on how the team practices.

While there will still be a varsity and junior varsity team, all 30 girls will be split into three different skill-based levels in order to organize practices. With this approach, players of different skill won't practice together or have to challenge each other for positions.

"The previous seasons, we were like [a record of] 4-6, for example, and we missed [CIF] by a win. So we're right there."

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sometimes see people driving 85 mph in the 35-mph zone.

Under this proposal, San Jose could have a speed camera issuing tickets in that corridor to help avoid another tragedy.

Some opponents have tried to frame speed cameras as harmful to low-income communities because they will bear the brunt of the tickets issued. But California's low-income communities are already experiencing the cost of dangerous streets in hospital and funeral bills. They are paying the most and have the least freedom to safely use neighborhood streets.

Critics have also claimed that the cameras can be used for racial profiling. But the law prevents cameras from capturing faces.

Others say that neighborhood safety improvements will lead to gentrification. This is the worst argument of all, as it follows a shortsighted and destructive trend of using racial equity claims to block better housing, new transit, or in this case, safer streets in the fear that existing residents will get priced out.

Instead, the right approach is to improve neighborhoods, while supporting an ownership society that promotes financial justice for all Californians.

Everyone in our state deserves to feel safe on our streets. They deserve to know that their grandparents and children will not become a victim of a speeding driver that expects no consequences. There is no single solution to make our streets safer, but there are tools we can use to make our communities safer. Speed cameras are one of them.

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DON GIOVANNI

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First performed in 1787, Don Giovanni is an opera in two acts and it is, in essence, a retelling of the Don Juan legend. Combining comedy and tragedy, the story follows the notorious womanizer as he lusts his way towards his dramatic downfall. In the heat of the moment, the notorious Giovanni murders the father of one of his conquests, unwittingly unleashing an ominous force from beyond the grave that can't be stopped. Accustomed to getting away with anything and everything, he must now face the music as years of cruelty and debauchery come due.

"Don Giovanni is one of the pillars of the opera repertory and has been so regarded universally for the 220 plus years of its existence. It's an absolute masterpiece," Conlon says. "Its appeal is first and foremost due to the perfection and inspiration of its music. Its plot is located at the nexus of sexual and class politics. It portrays several burning social issues similar to some with which our contemporary society grapples, the victimization of women and the suppression of the rights of the underprivileged."

The opera is sung in Italian because, let's face facts, that's really the only choice, but subtitles will be provided in both English and Spanish.

"I can't choose a favorite work of Mozart, I have conducted over 200 performances of Mozart operas and just as many of the symphonies and concertos for piano and violin. There is not a single one of them that I would want to live without," Conlon says, adding, "I have 20 favorite composers, but if I could only conduct Mozart for the rest of my life, I think I would still be very happy."



Bill Cooper/ROH

OPERA: Kasper Holten's production of Don Giovanni pictured in a performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

The impressive list of people involved continues with production design by director Kasper Holten and scenery by designer Es Devlin, known for innovative stage designs for Beyoncé, Adele and U2 among others and Lucas Meachem, one of Los Angeles Opera's most popular baritones, will star in the title role.

Opera aficionados are advised to bring their own blankets, low lawn seats and cushions and don't forget sweaters and jackets. Outside food and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Chairs will not be available for rent and alcoholic beverages won't be allowed inside.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19)

Because you speak the language of connection, you'll add to your network and your personal life takes on new dimensions too. More highlights: An entrepreneurial idea will take off. Big, fun money luck strikes three times. A wellness odyssey leads to nurturing your body and mind to unlock your full potential. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 37, 2, 3, 4, and 26.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you're so interested in an endeavor, it doesn't feel like work. Your excitement for the task will make time fly by. To others it looks like you're highly motivated, but to you it just feels like fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Power games are a part of life, and you're in the mood to play. As you jockey for position, keep in mind that the one in charge isn't always the one in control. You may actually have more power in a lower-status position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As much as you'd like to, you can't do everything at once. Your project is going to need time to develop. Start small, you'll gather resources as you go. This is not worth getting into debt over.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is said that the truth hurts, but must it? You'll give honesty with a great deal of empathy and even more diplomatic finesse. The result: the truth will do another thing it's known for... it will set you free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have such a vivid imagination that often real life just can't compete with the version you have in your head. So it's really wonderful when reality blows your fantasy away, as will be the case today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A relationship based on quantifiable exchange is, by definition, a business relationship. The rules are different in love and friendship. Though what's exchanged is often unquantifiable, but you'll still have a sense when the balance is off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take up more space. Leave such an impression that you're there even when you're not there. When they talk about you, that's a good thing. You're growing in power and getting more comfortable with it too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Collective problem solving is featured. Group-thinking works best when everyone feels safe enough to give ideas without judgment. Even bad ideas help because each idea builds on the last.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your social skills are on-point. It doesn't matter if someone is an open book or a volume that's closed, locked and vaulted, you'll get the story. Your warmth is a combination that works on any lock.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your mental energy is high, so focus on what you want and not on what you don't. And though thoughts may ping chaotically around your brain, once you hold a pen, they'll order themselves nicely. Make lists, gain clarity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Children on the playground declare alliances, choosing one group over another when there's no pressing reason to do so. Mature adults give respect and good energy to all instead of focusing on the petty differences that divide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In work, play, routines and special moments alike — you'll put your signature on everything you do. You don't have to try at being you, you only have to drop the idea that you're supposed to be anything other than you.

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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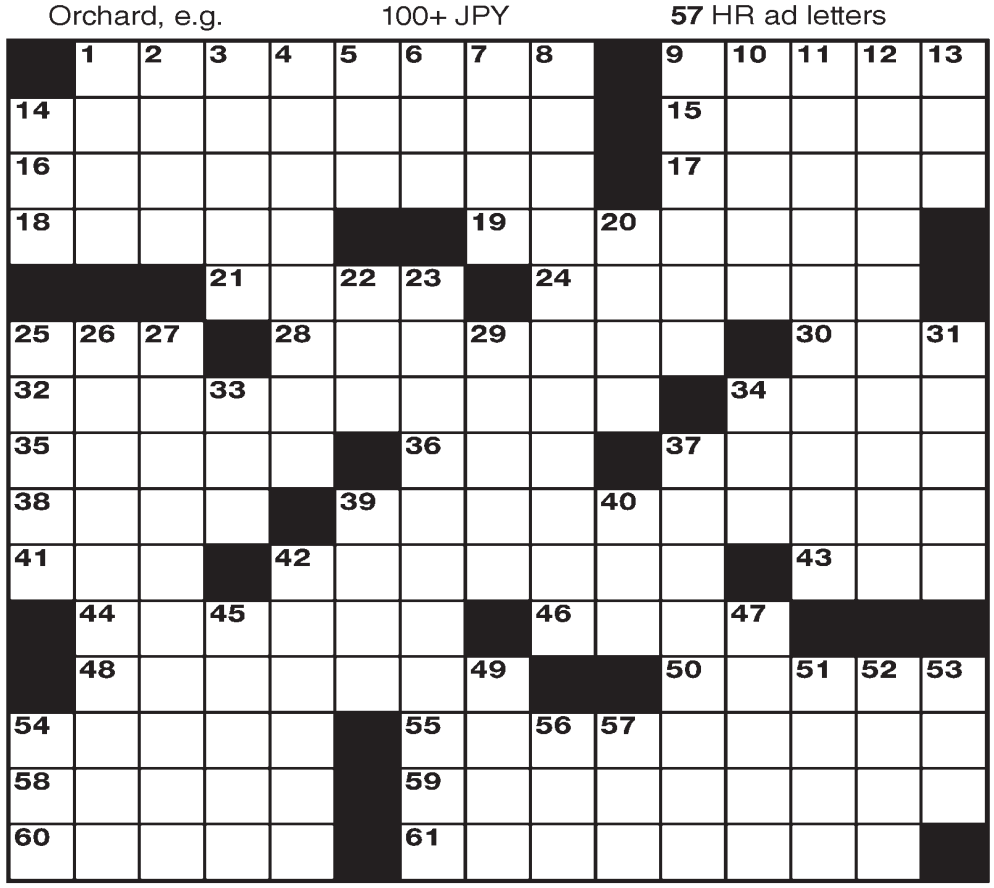
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ACROSS

1 Echoic acknowledgment
9 __ liver
14 Former *America's Next Top Model* sponsor
15 How artichokes are available
16 Makeup ritual
17 Logging site
18 Inspiration for Eliot's 61 Across
19 Starter on a platter
21 Try to take in
24 Bullheaded
25 Phrase from refusers
28 Scholarly association
30 Unvarnished
32 Short-term rental
34 Cutaneous condition
35 Be insistent
36 Oral assurance
37 Copy over
38 Impart
39 Put together
41 Hollow center
42 Not as wasteful
43 *Mea culpa*, new-style
44 Be fast
46 [More people should come here]
48 AFI's #2 funny film
50 Narrator of fantasy fiction
54 Very observant
55 Battle
58 What crop tops reveal
59 35-calorie treats
60 Launch
61 Eliot opus misnomer

DOWN

1 Test subject
2 California Perfume Company, today
3 Numbers past a certain point
4 Stymies, so to speak
5 Type of card reader
6 Driving need
7 Driving needs
8 Madame Bovary or Jane Eyre
9 New York's Angry Orchard, e.g.
10 Iodide or oxide
11 Short-term offerings
12 Wicked artist?
13 Not at all obvious
14 Needing a lift
20 Fuller shape
22 GM introduced them in 1953
23 Many a silents star
25 __ butter
26 Personality pair addendum
27 Makes introductions, say
29 Ingenious expedient
31 Not growing great
33 One will cost you 100+ JPY
34 Is for everybody
37 Storage units
39 Goes off
40 Clear for keeping
42 Catches on
45 Boat's bow or stern?
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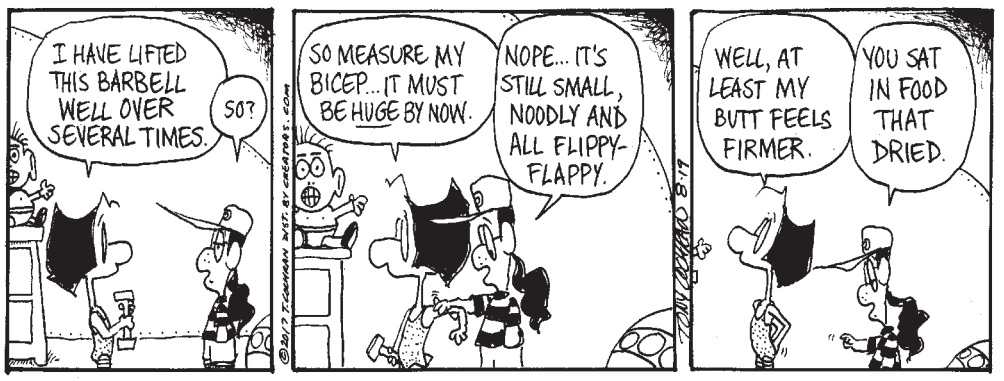


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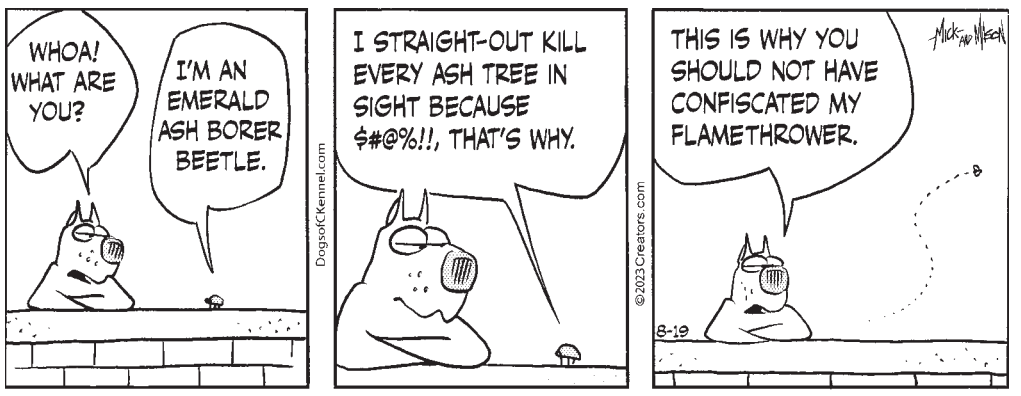
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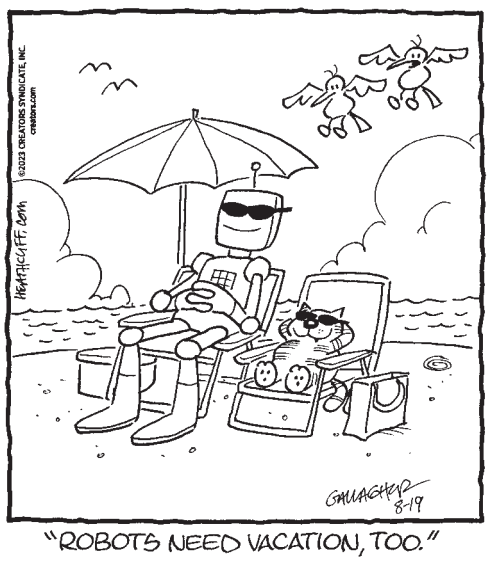
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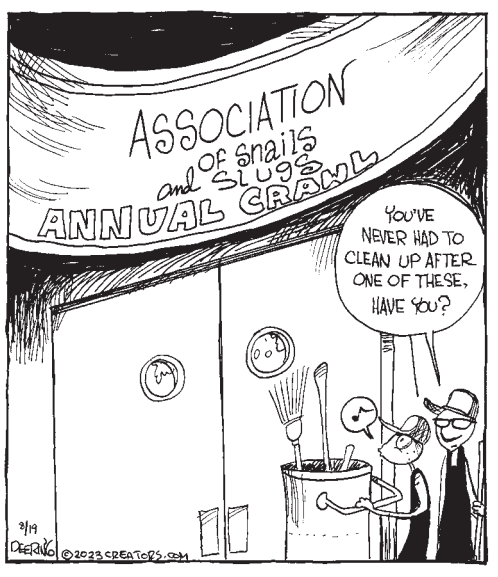
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



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By JOHN DEERING



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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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SURF REPORT
WATER TEMP: **70.9**

SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft Waist to chest	Another playful day if the wind cooperates for the morning tide push — looks likely at this point. Semi-peaky west of Dume and lined up for the points. SSW swell lingers from Friday, NW windswell should still have enough gas for occ. peak.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	All eye on Hilary in the tropics — potential for swell and weather impacts but will hinge on storm track. Otherwise, fun again with morning tide push and lingering blend of SSW swell and NW windswell.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11pm. Patchy fog after 11pm.
Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 11am. Patchy fog before 11am.
Sunday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71.

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2023/08/19	Sat	11:31 PM	4.86	H
2023/08/20	Sun	06:00 AM	0.92	L
2023/08/20	Sun	12:26 PM	4.68	H
2023/08/20	Sun	6:25 PM	1.85	L
2023/08/21	Mon	12:10 AM	4.29	H
2023/08/21	Mon	06:20 AM	1.37	L
2023/08/21	Mon	12:54 PM	4.77	H
2023/08/21	Mon	7:19 PM	1.85	L
2023/08/22	Tue	12:58 AM	3.66	H
2023/08/22	Tue	06:38 AM	1.84	L
2023/08/22	Tue	1:28 PM	4.84	H
2023/08/22	Tue	8:34 PM	1.80	L
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Draw Date: 8/16
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Jackpot: 10 M

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