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# Promenade turns the page with Barnes & Noble opening




Photo by Thomas Leffler

**BOOKS:** Barnes & Noble's grand return to the Third Street Promenade was a well-attended Wednesday morning.

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

A new chapter for the Third Street Promenade was written Wednesday, a welcomed callback to the shopping space's illustrious history.

After over six years of dormancy, a new installment of Barnes & Noble was released Wednesday morning on the Promenade, bringing book lovers and casual readers alike to the two-story location. The book store giant was one of the Promenade's northeast corner highlights for 22 years before shutting down in January 2018, with the return a full circle moment for many.

For Mayor Phil Brock, the opening meant a return to the same 1318 Promenade space that was once occupied by a Montgomery Ward department store, where his mother worked while the Mayor attended Samohi.

"It's a wonderful day to be in Santa Monica and to see this opening of the store that we loved for a generation … this was Santa Monica's bookstore for so many years, and it's great to see the store back … you will be

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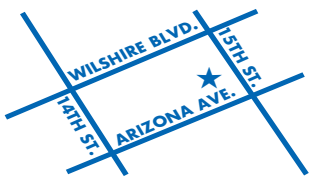
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# Female-powered films featured at annual festival




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**COMEDY:** The Broad Humor Film Festival returns to Illusion Magic Lounge this weekend, bringing with it the best in female-focused comedy.

**THOMAS LEFFLER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Labor Day Weekend will have some female film flavor to it, as the ladies of the screen will take over the Illusion Magic Lounge for a wide-ranging weekend of selections.

The 17th annual Broad Humor Film Festival begins Thursday and lasts through Sunday, featuring six different programs of short comedic films exclusively written and directed by women. Starting in 2005, the festival brings together women writers and directors for screenings, writing panels, and other events "with the aim of fostering greater opportunity for women as the creators of film content."

After the first shorts program, starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, a feature presentation will take place, that being Brenda Lee's directorial debut "Fortune Cookies." The film is set in a Chinese takeaway in 1990s England, dealing with the dual dreams of a daughter wanting to be an actress and her family wanting to be on their favorite game show.

After a screenwriters lab and party on Friday evening, Saturday has three shorts programs, featuring pieces like the film festival circuit-breaking short "Wicked Image" screening at 4 p.m. Initially put out during the COVID-19 pandemic, the film was delayed on the festival front before coming out gangbusters in 2022, winning Best Comedy prizes at the Austin Under the Stars, Baltimore Next Media and Borrego Springs festivals.

The short follows a prompt given to creatives Jessica Sherr and Caitlin Scherer, asking them to consider "what if the Devil was three different people?" The idea evolved into "Wicked Image," wherein the three devils ("Lucy," "Deville" and "Satine") are women meeting with a corporate public relations agency to rehabilitate their image. The crux of the comedy is that the agency turns out to be "more evil" than even the Devil itself.

Now making its Los Angeles area debut, Sherr said prior film festival curators have told her that the events usually have "really depressing" films, lacking in comedic entries. She felt that she could do something that's "comedic, but also dark," a perfect fit for the feisty selections at Broad Humor.

"We've done really good with it, and I'm happy about that because it's funny ... it's not slapstick funny, it's dark humor funny, and I like smart, dark humor," Sherr said.

Introduced to theater and creating her own projects at an early age, Sherr has made appearances on big-name shows like "Blue Bloods" and "Claws," and even voiced the townsfolk in the wildly successful video game "Red Dead Redemption." However, her big calling came when passersby would comment that she looked like a young Bette Davis, leading to a challenge from a mentor to make a one-woman show based on the iconic actress.

"I read her Wikipedia page, fell in love with her badassery, and then I wrote a small vignette that was only really maybe 20 minutes ... and I did it off-off-off-off Broadway, (but) people came and (said) this is really good," Sherr said.

Originally just a one-off, Sherr "couldn't stop thinking" about her connection to Davis,

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# Battle lines drawn for City Council race with new slate and endorsements announced this week

**MATTHEW HALL**
Daily Press Editor

The battle for City Council has become clear this week with a new candidate slate announcing themselves and earning endorsements.

Incumbents Phil Brock and Oscar de la Torre are running alongside newcomers Dr. Vivian Roknian and John Putnam under the Safer Santa Monica name. The group is a new iteration of the Change Slate that took three seats in 2020. The original group included Councilwoman Christine Parra but she chose not to run this year, setting the stage for a new alliance. The group will face off against Dan Hall, Natalya Zernitskaya, Ellis Raskin and Barry Snell for the four seats up for election this year.

The new slate has won endorsements from a pair of business organizations, Hospitality Santa Monica and Santa Monicans United.

Hospitality Santa Monica formed this year when a group of local businesses worked with the California Restaurant Association to establish an organization in response to what they describe as a crisis driven by homelessness and crime. The Daily Press worked with them to host a panel discussion on homelessness earlier this year. Santa Monicans United describes itself as a non-partisan organization focusing on crime, homelessness and reviving the local economy.

"Violent crimes and property crimes in Santa Monica have increased dramatically during the past decade," stated Ashley Oelsen, Director of Santa Monicans United in the endorsement announcement. "Our City's population keeps growing, but city leaders have only marginally increased its police force, hampering crime prevention efforts and putting our communities at risk."

"We met with several well-qualified candidates, and clearly John, Vivian, Phil, and Oscar were unyielding in their commitment to public safety and providing law enforcement and first responders the tools they need to combat crime and improve the quality of life for all Santa Monicans," added Oelsen.

The endorsement said all four candidates are committed to preserving rent control in addition to working to support businesses.

"Local restaurants and businesses are the lifeblood of our community but are struggling to stay open as crime and homelessness have made operating more dangerous and more expensive. We need a City Council that will bring accountability and results on homelessness to protect and improve the City's iconic Third Street Promenade, overall Downtown retail, and Main Street, and that will support our City's independent small businesses, hotels and restaurants," added Lucian Tudor with 1212 Santa Monica and member of Hospitality Santa Monica. "These businesses provide good jobs for residents while also delivering critical City revenue that supports essential services."

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Three of the four candidates in the new slate also earned the endorsement of Santa Monica's public safety unions.

In a joint endorsement, the police and fire unions backed Brock, de la Torre, Ericka Lesley and Roknian.

"These candidates have shown a strong commitment to prioritizing the safety of Santa Monica's residents, businesses, employees and visitors. With their extensive experience and unwavering dedication to the city, they are well equipped to address our homelessness crisis, maintain clean and safe spaces, and ensure that Santa Monica remains a vibrant and secure city for everyone."

The unions said all four candidates are deeply rooted in Santa Monica.

"They are truly representative of the diversity and localism our residents expect," they said. "We urge you to support them in their campaign. From our perspective as the police officers and firefighters who serve our city, their success is crucial to shaping Santa Monica's future as a safe and innovative place to live, work and visit."

Lesley isn't part of any organized slate of candidates after she was passed over for early endorsements.

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## Surf report

WATER TEMP: **71.4**

THURSDAY
***FAIR***
**SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Another small day of waves. Small SSW tropical swell lingers. SW swell and NW windswell nudge up slightly. Early morning winds look light.

FRIDAY
***FAIR***
**SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Small SW swell from the SPAC and a little NW windswell wrap. Not the most compelling slate, but it should be rideable on the small wave gear at select spots. Stay tuned.

## Weather

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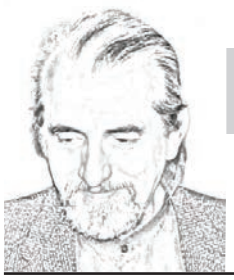
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# *Still a slew of Summer shows*



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**SHOWS:** Theatricum Botanicum remains a top spot to see stage plays in the area.

**NASHVILLE REDUX**

When I wrote a few weeks ago about our delightful trip there, I did not have the space to mention a do-not-miss stop that we would have missed without the insistence of our musician friends there (all LA transplants). Of course you should try to attend a concert at the Grand Ole Opry (we did) and the revered Ryman Auditorium, an elegant old red brick building in the heart of Nashville that was the home of the Opry for three decades. You will have to stroll Broadway and pick out a few of the dozens of bands playing there that pull you in (they keep the front windows open).

But do not miss a visit to THE MUSICIANS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM, tucked away on Gay Street, not far from downtown. There's a reason you don't see the word "country" in their name, because this is a temple to all genres of music, and the history of it. It's large and interesting enough that a few hours there will make you wish you had more time, but everything is broken up into rooms, small theaters, niches and other displays so you can cruise around and stop where your curiosity catches you. I will definitely return whenever I get back to Nashville.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Tonight - DUDAMEL & YUNCHAN LINN, LA PHIL - The dude is back! With a bang. With the youngest pianist to ever win the Van Cliburn competition, who seems up to all the dangerous territory Ludwig wrote into his "Emperor" Concerto, and the sentimentality and bold moments of Tchaikovski's 5th. Man! Thurs 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $17-119.

Tonight - THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: Premiered a new show last week, a political thought provoker – don't be scared! They are always entertaining too, and another one of their strengths. Blacklisted Grandpa Walton would be proud. "The Winter's Tale" is one of Willie the Shake's last, a tragi-comedy in five acts. He had at that point moved away from telling the stories of royalty, writing more about the emotions and lives of more everyday people. A terrific production. TB's ever-evolving staple "A Midsummer Night's Dream" has been performed by them every season, for more than half a century now. I have been told it has been reworked interestingly. Molière's classic "Tartuffe" is brought forward a few centuries, and right into today's headlines. How do you rid yourself of a persistent and clever con man? "Wendy's Peter Pan" is typical of how TB takes a fresh look at things. I plan to see it and report back (but don't wait for that). "Midsummer" Thurs 7:30 p.m., "Tartuffe" Fri 7:30 p.m., "Latin Vote" Sat 7:30 p.m., "Wendy" Sun 7:30 p.m., "Latin Vote" Mon 3 p.m.,"Midsummer" Mon 7 p.m., next Thurs "Midsummer" Thurs 7:30 p.m., $15-60.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

**RECOMMENDED:**

Tonight - "THE SUBSTANCE OF FIRE" – is still getting glowing reviews, and packing them in at our local theater treasure, The Ruskin, at the airport, in this long run that ends soon. Written in 1991 by Jon Robin Baitz while still in his 20s, he drew his characters lovingly and

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## AROUND TOWN

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# *Labor Day Weekend Activities*

**SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the return of Americana in the Park, a Hoedown Throwdown, best donut and burger lists, and much more!**

**Hoedown Throwdown:** Country Line Dancing at the Annenberg Beach House: Fans of country music and dance can two-step into the sunset with the first-ever Hoedown Throwdown offering free lessons and open dancing. SoCal group Tina Michelle and the Rhinestone Cowgirls will light up the courtyard with music, step by step instruction, followed by open dancing. Event schedule: 6-7:30 p.m. Line dance and 2-step lessons - jump in anytime 7:30-8 p.m. Open dancing The event is all-ages and everyone is welcome. No dance partner is required. Thursday, August 29 @ 415 Pacific Coast Highway https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hoedown-throwdown-country-line-dancing-at-the-beach-house-tickets-988992391867

**Night Market at The Bungalow:** This is the last night of this summer series of events with food vendors, beverage activations, family-friendly activities, live musical and DJ performances, and celebrity guest appearances. Free and open to the public for guests of all ages and pet friendly. Thursday, Aug. 29, 5 - 11 p.m. https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/activities/night-market/

**Laughs for Democracy:** Laugh your fears away with Vance Sanders, Eric Edwards, Carol Ann Leif, Laura House, Cathy Ladman and more. All proceeds will fund the efforts of Field Team 6 to register Democrats. Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m. at UnUrban Organic Food and Coffee: 3301 Pico Blvd. More details and get tickets here.

**Waves and Curls "They Not Like Us" Beach Takeover:** Get ready for a fun beach day celebrating wellness and community with the Waves and Curls Beach Takeover powered by Nappywood! Sunday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Crescent Bay Park 2000 Ocean Ave. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/waves-and-curls-they-not-like-us-beach-takeover-powered-by-nappywood-tickets-935431038417

**Americana in the Park:** Head over to Gandara Park for this annual music concert series featuring two bands each week every Sunday in September. Bring your picnic, blankets, and beach chairs to soak up the sounds of Americana music, from its roots to modern forms. Enjoy craft activities for all ages, tasty treats from local food trucks, and a vibrant community experience in Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart St. Sunday, Sept. 1, 4 - 7 p.m. features a sing-along free-for-all with McCabe's Hootenanny Collective opens with Dustbowl Revival headlining with booty shaking soul roots music and cut-to-heart folk-rock ballads. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/47r9kfcs2wb7jsajwmg8whrkmb/202409011600

**Final HULU "Poolside Cinema at Fairmont Miramar":** The summer season of movies by and in the pool ends with "Napoleon Dynomite." $45 ticket includes $5 food and beverage credit. Sunday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m. at 101 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/experiences/#!/e/summer-poolside-cinema-625415f9

**WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?**

**The Best Donuts In LA:** Props to Sidecar & Holy Grail for making the list. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-los-angeles-doughnuts-donuts?lid=qu10vsgt83u0

**Pasjoli Summer of Sous Series:** Throughout August, the Michelin-starred Main St. staple is showcasing their "talented team of sous chefs who are in the kitchen with Chef Dave each night" by letting them "take over the Pasjoli kitchen for one night to showcase their own personal cooking style & influences." Each four-course menu is priced at $95 per person. Thursday, Aug. 29, features Chef Jill "ending summer with nostalgia and street food from summer in the Philippines." https://www.pasjoli.com/summer-of-sous

**The Infatuation's Best Burgers in LA List:** Father's Office on Montana Ave. makes the list and Dudley Market in Venice grabs the top spot on the list. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-burger-la

**EaterLA Profiles New Edgemar Restaurant at 2435 Main St.:** "The gorgeous new Edgemar takes over a warehouse space in a Frank Gehry-designed development" and that its "natural light, historic ambience, and thoughtful design bring a refreshing new grown-up restaurant along Main St." with a menu drawing from various international cuisines, including Japan, India, and Southeast Asia, owing to the Chefs' time in London and upbringing in Malaysia. "London has been a huge influence on my life and I'm so excited by the fluidity of the menus and multicultural dishes," says Dowling. "Things are balanced by flavor, not cuisine, and [chefs are] allowed to express themselves by whatever means possible, with different spices, styles or techniques." https://la.eater.com/2024/8/22/24226121/edgemar-santa-monica-restaurant-jared-dowling-jonathan-thoma-main-street







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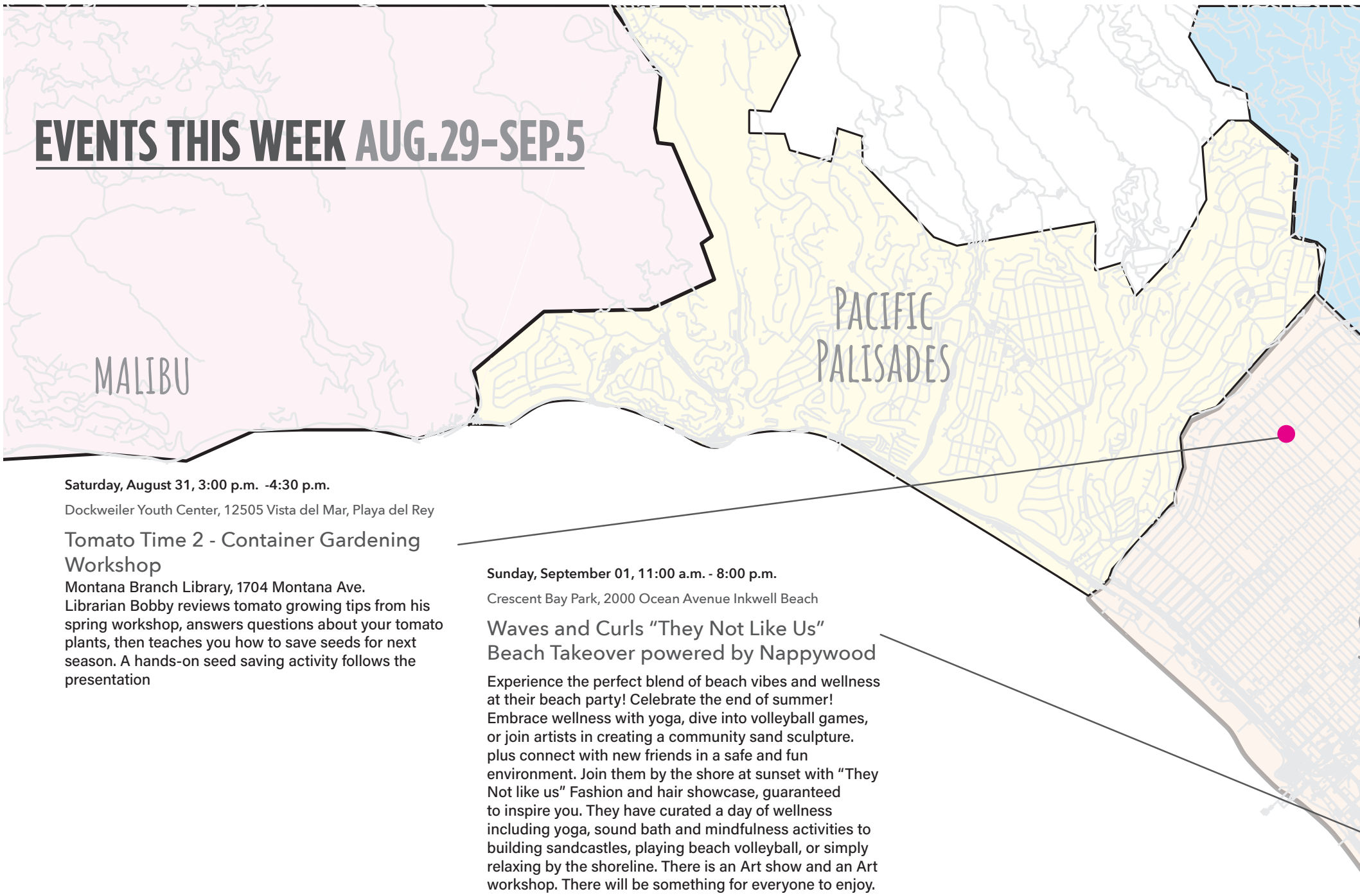
**WEEKEND:** The return of Americana in the Park and a chance to try highly-praised Holey Grail Donuts are just some of the things locals can do on Labor Day Weekend.

**Best New Restaurants On The Westside List:** This Infatuation article calls out Breadhead, Layla, Bludso's BBQ, and other great new spots to check out. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-westside-hit-list

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Pier's Birthday Bash (9/6), Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (9/7), Opera at the Beach (9/21), Montana Ave. Art Walk (9/28); Americana in the Park (Sundays in September)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Labor Day Weekend Activities

# EVENTS THIS WEEK AUG.29-SEP.5




**Saturday, August 31, 3:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.**

Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey

## Tomato Time 2 - Container Gardening Workshop

Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.
Librarian Bobby reviews tomato growing tips from his spring workshop, answers questions about your tomato plants, then teaches you how to save seeds for next season. A hands-on seed saving activity follows the presentation

**Sunday, September 01, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Crescent Bay Park, 2000 Ocean Avenue Inkwell Beach

## Waves and Curls "They Not Like Us" Beach Takeover powered by Nappywood

Experience the perfect blend of beach vibes and wellness at their beach party! Celebrate the end of summer! Embrace wellness with yoga, dive into volleyball games, or join artists in creating a community sand sculpture. plus connect with new friends in a safe and fun environment. Join them by the shore at sunset with "They Not like us" Fashion and hair showcase, guaranteed to inspire you. They have curated a day of wellness including yoga, sound bath and mindfulness activities to building sandcastles, playing beach volleyball, or simply relaxing by the shoreline. There is an Art show and an Art workshop. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Bring your favorite games, a canopy, and all your beach essentials for a day of fun under the sun. Come join us as they gather and celebrate the beauty and freedom of the historic Inkwell Beach. Tickets available online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/waves-and-curls-they-not-like-us-beach-takeover-powered-by-nappywood-tickets-935431038417

**Saturday, August 31, 8:00pm**

The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice.

## Under the Rug, Basic Printer

$18 to $50. Under The Rug, the Austin, Texas-based indie outfit, has crafted a unique, heart-on-sleeve musical journey over their decade-long career. Led by the dynamic trio of vocalist and guitarist Casey Dayan, alongside the deft musicianship of guitarist Sean Campbell and drummer Brendan McQueeney, the band seamlessly blends an eclectic mix of indie, folk, and Americana, all while remaining steadfast in their commitment to the art of storytelling. https://www.ticketweb.com/event/under-the-rug-basic-printer-the-venice-west-tickets/13640753

**Check out more events at: smdp.com/events**

**Saturday, August 31, 8:00 p.m.**

Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey

## Burton Chase Park Free Movie Nights

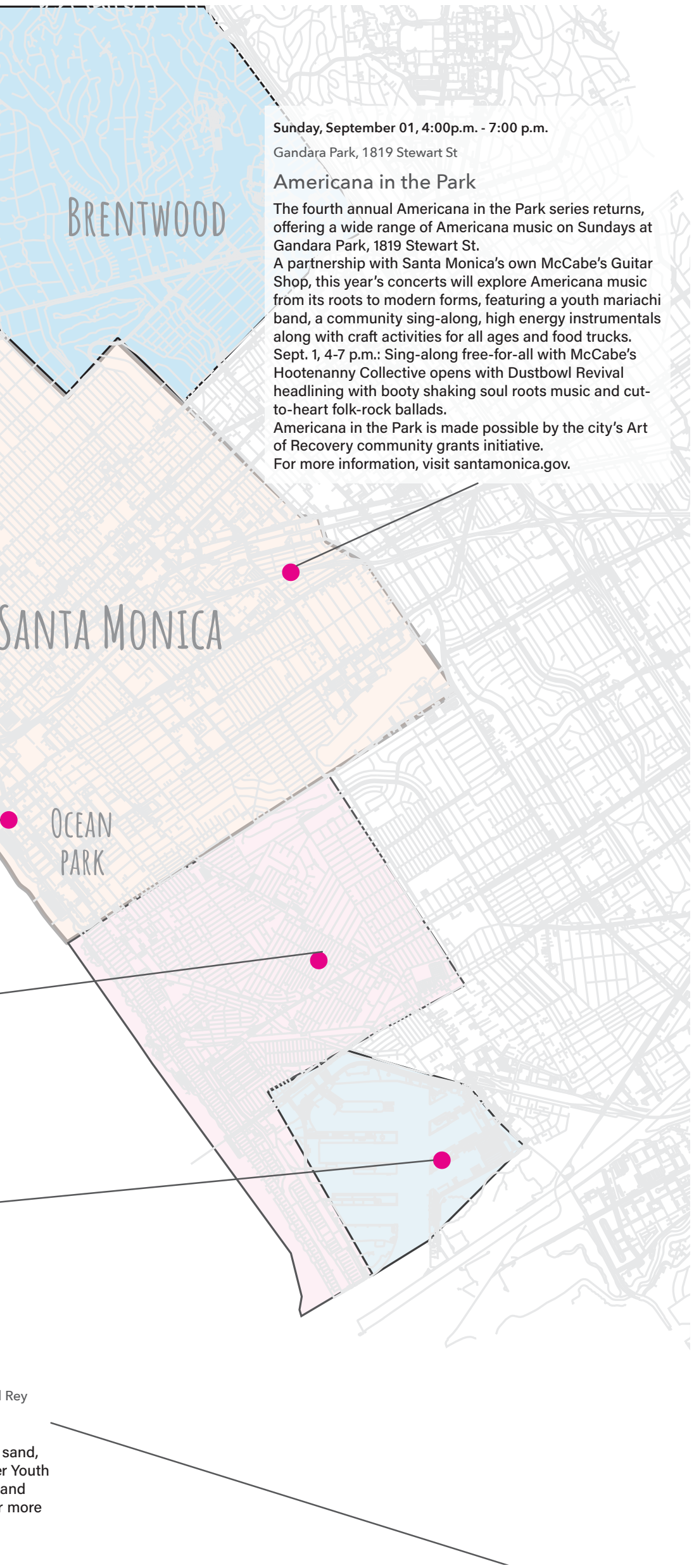
Pack your picnic baskets and bring the family to Burton Chace Park on Saturday nights to enjoy our free outdoor movie screenings - by the water and under the stars!
TICKETS: No tickets are required for entry, but RSVP is highly recommended so that you can be notified of any last-minute changes.
All movies start at 8:00 pm. Be sure to bundle up!
SEATING: Seating is festival-style, available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is absolutely no reserved seating for the public. Aug. 31: Meg 2: The Trench. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-marina-movie-nights-meg-2-the-trench-tickets-901990065567

**Friday, August 30, 8:00 p.m.**

Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Playa del

## Marina Del Rey Beach Movie Nights

Enjoy free family-friendly movie screenings on the by the waves and under the stars at the Dockweile Center on Friday nights. Be sure to bring blankets bundle up. Aug. 30: Trolls Band Together. 8 p.m. fo information: beaches.lacounty.gov.




**Sunday, September 01, 4:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart St

### Americana in the Park

The fourth annual Americana in the Park series returns, offering a wide range of Americana music on Sundays at Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart St.

A partnership with Santa Monica's own McCabe's Guitar Shop, this year's concerts will explore Americana music from its roots to modern forms, featuring a youth mariachi band, a community sing-along, high energy instrumentals along with craft activities for all ages and food trucks.

Sept. 1, 4-7 p.m.: Sing-along free-for-all with McCabe's Hootenanny Collective opens with Dustbowl Revival headlining with booty shaking soul roots music and cut-to-heart folk-rock ballads.

Americana in the Park is made possible by the city's Art of Recovery community grants initiative.

For more information, visit santamonica.gov.




## THURSDAY | AUGUST 29

**LEGO CLUB**

4 - 5 p.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join us as we relaunch the popular LEGO club. Explore the limits of your building imagination or try out one of our suggested builds. All materials provided. For ages 18 months-11 years old.

**HOEDOWN THROWDOWN**

6 - 8 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Enjoy an end of summer Hoedown Throwdown by kicking off your flip flops and kicking up your heels with Tina Michelle & The Rhinestone Cowgirls. Line Dance and 2-Step lessons from 6 - 7:30 p.m. (jump in anytime) and Open Dancing from 7:30 - 8 p.m. Dance partners not required, bring a picnic and meet new friends. No alcohol, glass or dogs allowed.

**SOUNDS OF SANTA MONICA**

12 - 6 p.m. Santa Monica Place Center Plaza, 395 Santa Monica Pl. Santa Monica Place is excited to present a new year-long live music series taking place in Center Plaza. The series showcases a diverse range of musical talents including interactive kid-friendly entertainment, energetic DJ sets, emerging local artists and student performances. For more information, visit: https://www.santamonicaplace.com/SoundsOfSantaMonica.

**BROAD HUMOR FILM FESTIVAL**

6 - 10:30 p.m. Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St. The Broad Humor Film Festival takes place every Labor Day Weekend, focusing exclusively on comedic films written and directed by women. Shorts programs take place 6 p.m. on the 29th, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Aug. 31 and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 1. A feature presentation of Brenda Lee's "Fortune Cookies" takes place 8 p.m. on the 29th. For tickets and more information, visit: https://www.broadhumorfilmfest.com/.

**SALSA & BACHATA CLASSES**

9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. The Victorian, 2640 Main St. Get your dance shoes on and meet at The Victorian every Thursday for 21 and up Salsa and Bachata classes. Enjoy music spun by The Victorian's featured DJs and stay after the lesson to participate in open floor dancing and other amazing dancers and great food and drink. Tickets $15, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salsa-bachata-at-the-victorian-tickets-391011675447.

## FRIDAY | AUGUST 30

**MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE TOUR**

12 - 2 p.m. Marion Davies Guest House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Step back in time as Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people. Schedule subject to change with short notice, call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and closures.

**MAGIC BY THE SEA**

7 - 9 p.m. Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St. Get ready to unlock a full evening of magical entertainment via the "Nifty and Shifty" Comedy Magic show by the sea with John Rotellini and Dave Johnson. The intimate Court Room space hosts a formal close up show, a unique format rarely seen outside the Magic Castle in Hollywood. General admission $45, children ages 3-18 $35. To purchase, visit: https://illusionmagiclounge.com/show/dave-johnson-and-john-rotellini-magic-by-the-sea-aug-30-2024/.

**LOBBY LOUNGE LIVE**

7 - 10 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd. Guests are invited to immersive themselves in the ambiance of the Lobby Lounge as they enjoy handcrafted cocktails, delectable bites and the unparalleled talent of master pianist Jason Pelsey. As a special treat, six lucky attendees will have the opportunity to join Pelsey at the piano for an unforgettable musical experience (first come, first serve). For more information, visit: https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/events/lobby-lounge-live-piano/.

## SATURDAY | AUGUST 31

**BREATHWORK AND HANDBUILDING**

6 - 9 p.m. ARTime Barro, 302 Pico Blvd. Take a step into the creative unknown for a wellness workshop that will delve into the art of mindfulness and presence through breath work and handbuilding. The workshop allows you to mediate and sit in your breath, springing a clear mind while then diving deep into creativity. Instructed by Trish Lanae with Seraphic Healing. Tickets $85, to purchase visit: https://www.artimebarro.com/workshops/breathwork-santa-monica-32nt8.

**I GOTTA CROW**

8 - 9:30 p.m. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave., Unit F4. The Crow's favorite show curates elevated comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. Featuring James Mwuara, Mala Muñoz, Alex Hooper, Macey Isaacs and more. General admission $20, to purchase visit: https://jetbook.co/e/i-gotta-crowl0p5.

## SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

**SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET**

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Santa Monica Airport, next to Museum of Flying, 2800 Airport Ave. Noted as one of the top "flea markets" in America, this fun outdoor (and dog-friendly) market is full of dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more.

**HISTORY MUSEUM FREE ADMISSION DAY**

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th St. The first Sunday of every month, the Santa Monica History Museum offers free admission. Discover, explore and experience the museum through its permanent and interactive exhibits as well as dynamic special exhibitions.

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Summons (Citación Judicial) SUM 100Case No: 24SMCV03795NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): TATIANA LEONTYEVA; and DOES 1 TO 10YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): DAVID APPLEBY NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the cross-complaint. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al contrademandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en el formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de $10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.The name and address of the court is (El Nombre y dirección de la Corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Courthouse1725 Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90401The name, address, and telephone number of cross-complaint attorney, or cross-complaint without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):Gary Applyby, Esq., 10535 WIlshire Blvd.Suite 606 Los Angeles, CA 90024, 210-273-0192. Date (fecha) 08/07/2024 David W Slayton executive officer Clerk, by (Secretario), L. Kulkin Deputy (adjunto)

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## FILM

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and is still portraying the actress over 400 shows and 12 years later. Wanting to shoot Bette for the big screen, Sherr and Scherer realized the expenses involved with shooting a period piece, eventually transitioning into "Wicked Image" instead.

Other female trailblazers on the film circuit pointed her toward Broad Humor, feeling that the "good people behind it" would be supportive of her inclusion in the shorts program. Adding that she's "happy to go where there's good weather," Sherr hopes that another strong outing for the film will help her break into the "always very tough" Los Angeles scene.

"If good works leads me to the next place in my career, it makes me even more excited, so it feels really healthy that our good work is bringing us to the West Coast … (the) connections I make in Los Angeles for myself as a filmmaker is only going to grow my career going forward, instead of just staying in one place," Sherr said.

The Broad Humor Film Festival concludes on Sunday with two more shorts programs followed by an awards ceremony. To purchase tickets and view the entire selection catalog, visit broadhumorfilmfest.com.



Courtesy Photo

**MOVIE:** Making a name for herself portraying Bette Davis in a one-woman show, Jessica Sherr comes to Santa Monica with her film "Wicked Image" this weekend.

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## NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 4

skillfully, even those decades past his age. Directed here by Mike Reilly, the first NY production starred Rob Rifkin and Sarah Jessica Parker. Lead Rob Morrow first performed it years ago, as the youngest son, now he plays the aging Holocaust-survivor patriarch of a family book publishing business, not doing well and about to be taken over by a large foreign firm. His children want him to bend his principles and publish a best-seller, but he is intent on a six-book examination of Nazi medical experiments. It's almost like two plays, first the family dynamics with his three very different shareholding children, and in the second part comes Marcia Cross as a psychiatric social worker, and a different territory opens up. Thurs, Fri, Sat 8p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $25-40..

WILD THINGS ARE HAPPENING: THE ART OF MAURICE SENDAK" – Now you can see them much bigger than a page in a book. This is the first complete retrospective of his art since his death in 2012, and includes his work in many areas of the arts. Ends Sunday! Run! 8/29 - 9/1, Skirball Museum, admission price? Parking fee - call for info and hours.

"FOOL IN LOVE" FESTIVAL – My radar was up for this, but I confirmed it at the Livenation site. They are going to need a huge turnout to pay for these acts. The website cautions they are not responsible for any cancellations, and no refunds. So: Diana Ross, Al Green, Santana, Gladys Knight, Los Lobos, Smokey Robinson, George Clinton & Funkadelic Parliament, Chaka Khan, Kool & The Gang, Nile Rodgers & Chic, Commodores, Eric Burdon, Dionne Warwick, Lionel Richie, Isleys, O'Jays, Jacksons, Pointer Sisters and more, more, more, a lot of them perhaps resurrected by one original member but, for example, I can tell you that Eric Burdon can still kill it, and many of them may feel they have something to prove and will give it their all – an extravaganza at a great price. Sat, Hollywood Park at SoFi Stadium, $100-225.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): Dudamel & Yunchan Lim, Hollywood Bowl, 8/29; Theatricum Botanicum - "A Midsummer Night's Dream" 8/29, 9/8, 23 - "Tartuffe -Born Again" 8/30, 9/9, 15, 22, 10/5 - "The Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx/Latine Vote" 8/31, 9/7, 14, 16, 22, 29, 10/3 - "Wendy's Peter Pan" 9/1, 8, 14, 21, 28, 10/4 - "The Winter's Tale" 9/7, 15, 30; "The Substance of Fire," Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/29, 30, 31, 9/1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15; "Fool in Love" Festival, Hollywood Park, 8/31; Jazzmeia Horn, Jazz Bakery, 9/7; Library Girl, Ruskin Theatre, 9/8; McCabe's Americana in the Park, Los Straightjackets, Mariachi Los Catrines, Gandara Park, 9/8; Ringo Starr, Greek Theatre, 9/8; Kristin Korb Celebrates the Eurythmics, with Peter Erskine, Sam First, 9/11; Adrian Legg, McCabe's, 9/13; Sturgill Simpson, Greek Theatre, 9/14; McCabe's Americana in the Park, Rick Shea & Tony Gilkyson, Mustangs of the West, Gandara Park, 9/15; The Meditations, Venice West, 9/18; LA Opera "Madama Butterfly" live broadcast, Santa Monica Pier; Central Avenue Jazz Festival, 9/21.

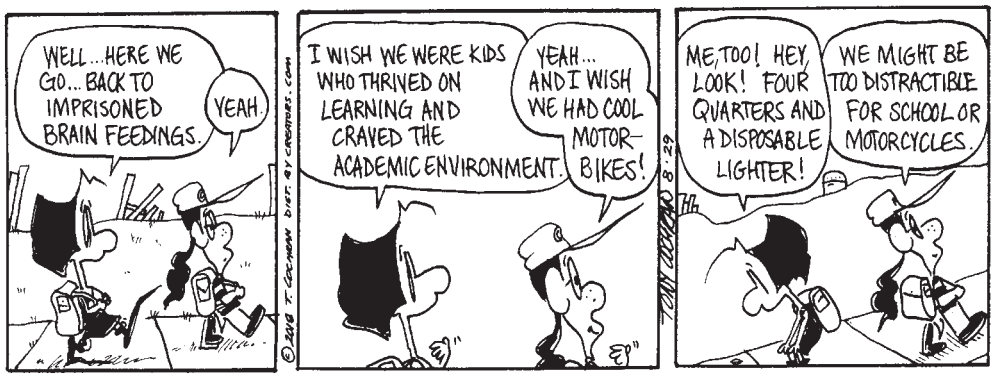
Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or hate mail to: therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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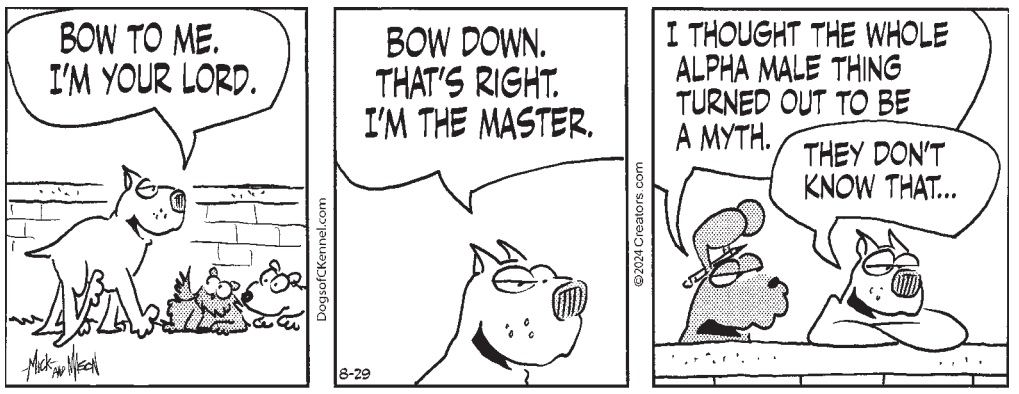
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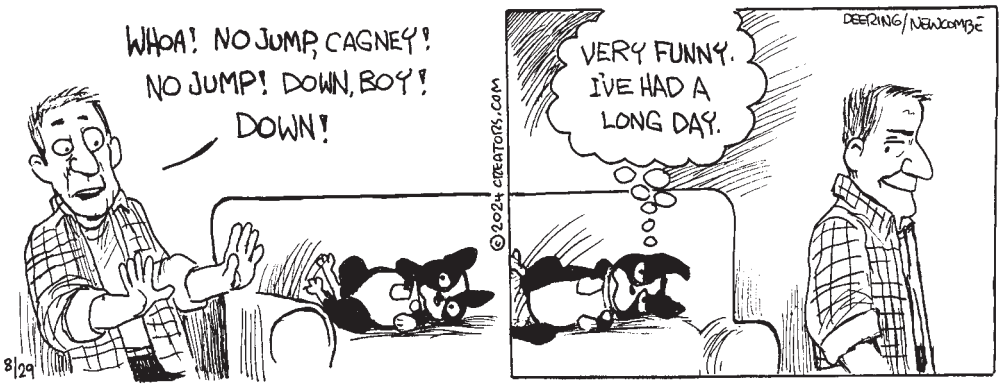

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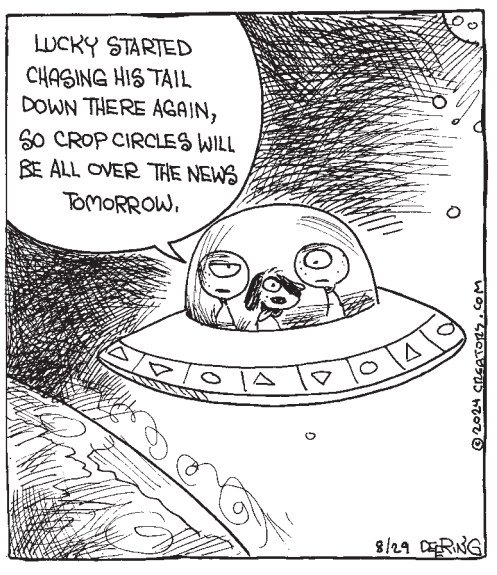

## Heathcliff

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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 12 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.**

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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 29)

Love in many forms makes this a year of connection and purpose. You'll bring a sweet and healing energy to relationships. You will move people with your gift for acknowledging life's truths courageously seeking the heart of the matter. More highlights: A location and/or vocational shift. Air travel and unusual investments with surprising results. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 13, 3, 30 and 17.

## HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't have to change your whole life to do the thing you want to do or be who you want to be. When you do the action in some small way, you're already embodying the role. Think in terms of verbs. When you dance, you're a dancer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll think better without visual distraction. Simplify your surroundings to create a clearer, more focused environment. This will enhance your productivity and bring peace to your space. It will also impress the surprise visitor of the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you consider information to be neutral, you'll have an easier time of knowing what to do with it. Besides being a good strategy, it's also the truth. The very essence of facts is that they simply are, and all connotations and judgments are add-ons.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a day to stay lighthearted, as pondering the deeper matters will be better on a day when what's deeper matters. Right now it's all on the surface, waiting to be recognized and appreciated for how it reflects the light.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Try to remember that the judge inside is not an impartial ruler, nor is it an omniscient force, clued into what will actually make us happy. Opening to other perspectives is opening to other potential sources of joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The beauty that appears to be out in the world is actually happening in a small network of electric impulses sparking inside you. Don't diminish your role. To love and celebrate beauty is, in some ways, to create it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Change is exciting. The very hope of it will bring a beginning burst of progress. When obstacles test your commitment and determination, it only strengthens your resolve. Push through. You're unstoppable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes happiness occurs to you more like an attitude than a feeling. You slip into a smile regardless of whether the scene seems to call for it, and reasons to smile will then alight to your realm like a flutter of friendly butterflies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like figuring out what makes people happy, and if it's not too much of an ask, you're glad to deliver on it and you don't need anything in return. But if someone is a habitual taker and never gives back, it's wise to take note.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You like to respond to texts as soon as possible, but the rules change for someone who is too powerful in your mind. It's uncomfortable, this imbalance. So you may opt to restore some equilibrium by playing it cool and taking your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "No regrets" is a motto you'll apply multiple ways. You won't do anything you might regret. You'll also give yourself plenty of grace with whatever you do end up choosing because once it's done, the winning move is to see it as good and build from there.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Stick to what you love, and if it's not here yet, wait for it. Skip anything you merely like because it's better to have a space there for what you love to drop into. Your tastes are rapidly changing. What you like now, you might not like tomorrow. But if you love it, it will remain.

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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.

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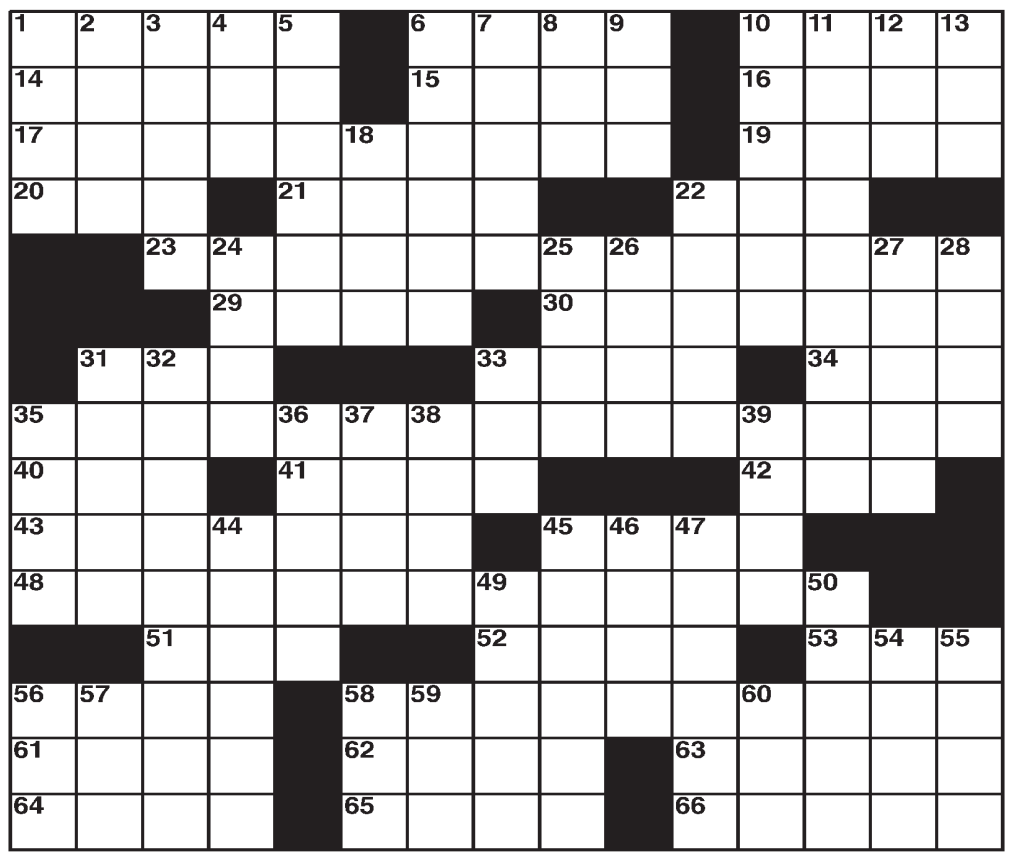
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**ACROSS**

**1** Popular finger food
**6** Many financial execs.
**10** Antique, in the past
**14** Crest competitor
**15** After-slip comment
**16** Ponder, with "on"
**17** They beat Delicious in 2022/23 Washington production
**19** Sugar source
**20** Word on the Mideast capital list
**21** Gold album org.
**22** Shuttle, often
**23** Caucus organizers, typically
**29** Some youngsters
**30** Of electricity
**31** Ante- kin
**33** Pull with force
**34** Maj. links event
**35** Observe with delight
**40** Unanticipated
**41** Suit slit
**42** __ *favor*
**43** Kind of fryer
**45** *StarTrek: TNG* advisor
**48** History, e.g.
**51** Drop's opposite
**52** Touchdown stats
**53** Former GE unit
**56** Tread-bare
**58** Bowling lane essential
**61** Zodiac beast
**62** Land in water
**63** Not so hot
**64** Stoli alternative
**65** It's northeast of Santa Fe
**66** Did nothing

**DOWN**

**1** Formal garb of long ago
**2** Word on the Mideast nation list
**3** Get friendly (with)
**4** Mimicking
**5** Mall pizza franchise
**6** Insureds' outlays
**7** Of global extremes
**8** Mimic
**9** Sound from a 43-Across
**10** Mystical practices
**11** Type of terrier
**12** Book room, perhaps
**13** Flock member
**18** Feel for
**22** Inconvenient to carry
**24** Not-large bills
**25** At any point
**26** '90s Senate VIP
**27** Extreme exactitude
**28** Look at closely or quickly
**31** Pitching great Martínez
**32** In a drastic departure from the usual
**33** Extend outward
**35** Steams up
**36** Archie Bunker or Homer Simpson
**37** Vocal outburst
**38** Not-large bills
**39** Massive
**44** Nothing, so to speak
**45** Library search option
**46** Hindmost
**47** Early stages
**49** Plastic wrap, for short
**50** Boil over
**54** Bed with bars
**55** Venerable yarn-haired redhead
**56** Projectile pellets
**57** Arctic diver
**58** Small amount
**59** Preceder of rule or result
**60** Leaves in a pantry



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## BOOKS

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extremely pleased when you walk into this Barnes & Noble," Brock said.

For building owner and Promenade realty royalty Wally Marks, it means another bookstore opening spearheaded by his family at 1318, after father Wally and himself brought Midnight Special Bookstore to the space in the 1990s. Marks thanked everyone who aided in the project, such as staff from City Planning and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., as well as contractors who succeeded in a "tough site to work in."

Someone who remembered the previous Promenade B&N location was author Olivie Blake, who penned New York Times bestseller "The Atlas Six" while living in Santa Monica, and credited trips to the bookstore with her husband as the ultimate inspiration.

"One day, we were walking through ... and I said, someday I want my books to be here in the science fiction and fantasy sections ... and now I'm here," Blake said.

Blake was part of the welcoming committee for the new store, signing books throughout the morning. Joining her for signings throughout the day were Brady Smith (known for his book endeavors as well as trying to purchase Dennis Reynolds' "Amphibious Exploring Vehicle" in a famous "It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia" scene), Victoria Aveyard and Marie Lu.

Once inside, customers were hooked to the store's warm lighting and vast selections, with the location formatting books by authors A-Z in the fiction and romance genres. The top floor also holds the Young Adult, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, thriller and poetry catalogs; as well as the "New and Noteworthy" section and a local summer reading list curated by DTSM staff. Picks from DTSM's list include Elle Kennedy's "The Summer Girl" and Nicola Harrison's "Hotel Laguna."

The middle of the store holds a staircase to a downstairs that manager Sarah Abel called "a little bit of a labyrinth." The unique layout holds a tremendous amount of treasures outside of books, ranging from DVDs and vinyl records to board games and children's toys.

"I have never worked in a store like this before, and I think it's so fun and so cool to be able to really be our own community bookstore," Abel said.

Previously a manager at B&N's Burbank location, Abel took the Santa Monica gig in order to help the company's expansion in California. She noted that the downstairs focus on children's activities and games is a poignant one, meant to inspire generations to come.

"We want them to read, we want them to be engaged ... I feel like every generation has a Barnes & Noble story ... that's what we want here, is for kids to come in, and then when they come back in their 20s and 30s and 40s, (to) then bring their kids in," Abel added.

Santa Monica officials have been focused on bringing in traffic of all ages to the Promenade, with B&N the latest step in revitalization efforts for the shopping center. Just in recent weeks, B&N joins Candles on Tap, Yogurtland and Miniso as businesses taking up Promenade space, a trend Vice Mayor Lana Negrete called a "comeback" for the site.

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"We want businesses like this, Negrete said. "I have a 14 and 16-year-old who love to read, they used to love hanging out at Barnes & Noble and have missed it. It's really cool to hear when I drop them off at school, all the kids talking (about) Barnes & Noble opening. I thought that was really neat. I'm glad to have them actually holding a physical book and having a cool space to be when they're out."

City Councilmember Oscar de la Torre added that B&N is "one example of how we're turning the corner" and stressed that the city is committed to making sure the Promenade is a "safer experience" for residents and visitors alike.

Regardless of the business implications, Abel said her main job is to expand the horizons of curious readers, which is what keeps her passionate years into her B&N position.

"Helping the right person find the right book, there's no better feeling than that ... watching somebody walk out with just a really good book and knowing that will impact them, and (that) our conversation has impacted me," Abel said. "That's such a high I never (get) tired of."

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