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Star-making ballet program expands for new year

THOMAS LEFFLER
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With a ballet legacy as powerful as the dance form itself, Westside School of Ballet enters its new academic year stronger than ever.

One of the oldest ballet schools in Southern California, Westside's program includes a studio in Santa Monica where the nation's top ballet pre-professionals are given the tools to pursue professional dance opportunities. For the 2023-24 academic year, Westside is offering a new free boys ballet program, and the school also partnered with Los Angeles Ballet in a new trainee program for advanced ballet students.

The boys-only program consists of three divisions, two introductory classes for ages 5-7 and ages 8-10, as well as a third division for intermediate and advanced male dancers with at least 4 years of previous ballet training. The program focuses on Allegro, Pirouettes, variations and pas de deux, and emphasizes qualities such as posture, alignment, proper execution and fundamentals.

"They're all hard-working and talented," said Adrian Blake Mitchell, associate executive director at Westside of Santa Monica. "It's special for the school … it's very rewarding to help facilitate (their growth), and we continue that legacy of training



Photo by Thomas Leffler

DARING TO DANCE: Instructors and young ballet dancers come to Westside Ballet to improve their craft. Key members of the crew include (L-R): Associate Executive Director Adrian Blake Mitchell, boys program superstar Dylan Weinstein, trainees Francisca and Isabel Bugacov, boys program dancer Evan Hull and Los Angeles Ballet Artistic Director Melissa Barak.

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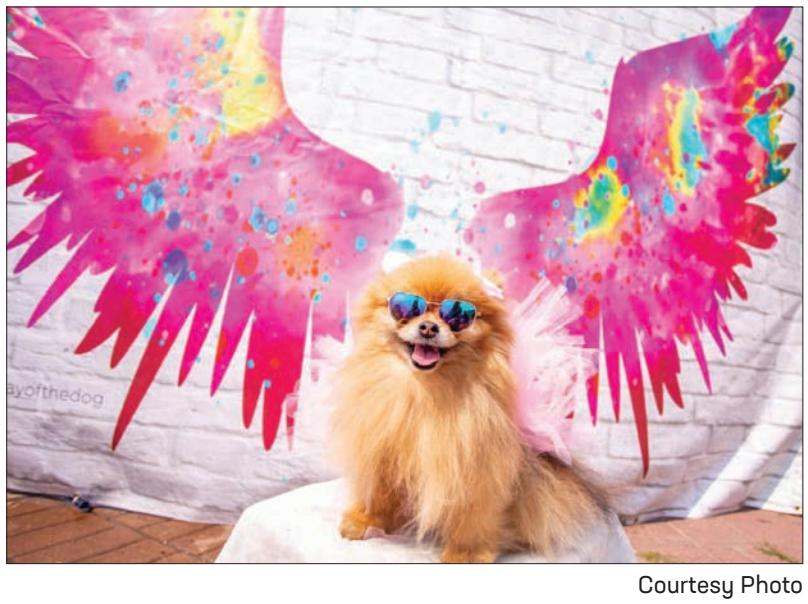
Slobbery spectacle set for Saturday

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A late contender for party of the summer has arrived on four legs.

On Saturday, thousands of humans and canines alike will hit Santa Monica for Day of the Dog, with the largest festival for furry friends in North America taking place from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Two full blocks of Main Street, between Ocean Park Boulevard and Strand Avenue, will be filled with slobbery smiles and wagging tails.

A fundraiser for the non-profit animal welfare organization Just Love Animals Society, the free festival comes to Santa Monica after successful stints in several cities.



Courtesy Photo

COOL CANINES: Photo opportunities for furry companions will be present at The Day of the Dog Festival, taking over Main Street on Saturday.

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Sale of downtown properties could result in 570 new housing units

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

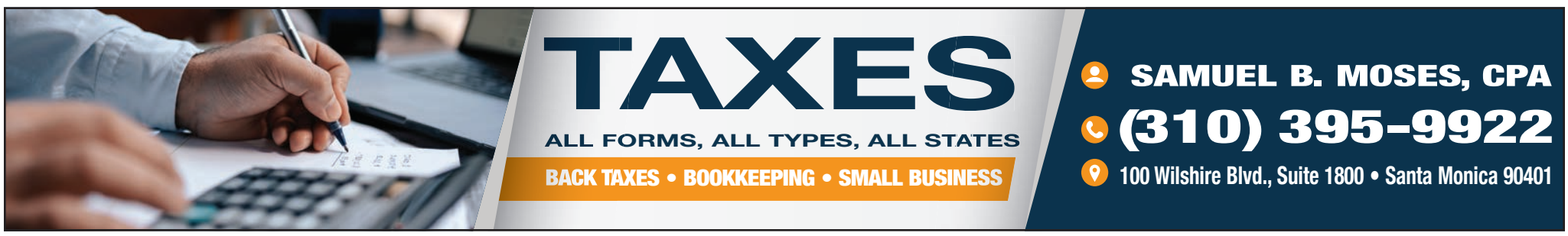
A massive new development is envisioned for Downtown Santa Monica with 570 housing units proposed for construction on what is now commercial property.

At their Tuesday meeting, Council will consider an exclusive negotiating agreement with a group of housing providers for a bundle of lots on 5th Street between Olympic and Colorado as part of a Surplus Land Act sale. If approved, the deal would replace two commercial office buildings and one parking lot with a large housing development that would include affordable and market rate units.

The potential sale is a result of the City declaring several parcels of land as "surplus" in October of last year including a building on 5th Street and an adjacent parking lot. The City land in question covers a now vacant office building at 1632 5th St. and the Expo Kiss & Ride lot that sits between the office building and 4th Street.

The Surplus Land Act requires municipalities to give priority to specific uses including affordable housing and as a result of the declaration, 11 organizations expressed interest in the property. Of those, nine required financial assistance from the city but only

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California judge halts district policy requiring parents be told if kids change pronouns

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Associated Press

A judge on Wednesday halted a Southern California school district from requiring parents to be notified if their children change their gender identification or pronouns at school.

San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Thomas S. Garza ruled after California Attorney General Rob Bonta sued the Chino Valley Unified School District for adopting a policy requiring schools to tell parents when their children change their pronouns or use a bathroom of a gender other than the one listed on their official paperwork.

"Today's decision by the San Bernardino Superior Court rightfully upholds the state rights of our LGBTQ+ students and protects kids from harm by immediately halting the board's forced outing policy," Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a statement.

Garza's order halts the district's policy while Bonta's lawsuit continues. Full details of the order were not immediately available.

During a court hearing Wednesday, Garza raised questions about why the policy came up in the first place and how it protected students.

The next court hearing on the issue was scheduled for Oct. 13.

Messages left for Chino Valley Unified were not immediately returned.

The district, which serves 27,000 students about 35 miles (55 kilometers) east of Los Angeles, is one of several that requires parents to be informed if their children are transgender. Two nearby districts have done the same, while at least two others in the state are bringing up similar measures this week.

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Bonta argues the policy will forcibly out transgender students in violation of their privacy rights and threaten their well-being. Chino Valley contends the policy seeks to involve parents so they can provide support their children need.

During Wednesday's hearing, Delbert Tran, a deputy attorney general for California, said students were already being affected by the policy and feared being themselves at school, and that risking the safety of one transgender student would be too many. "This policy needs to be addressed now," Tran told the court.

Attorneys for Chino Valley Unified argued that the policy would not affect students who were holding private conversations with teachers, but would bring parents into the conversation in situations where students were making decisions on campus such as changing their name, pronouns or using bathrooms or joining sports teams of a gender other than the one on their official paperwork.

The district also questioned whether elementary school students as young as 4 and 5 years old should be treated the same as high school teens involved in confidential counseling.

The national conversation over transgender rights has intensified as other states have sought to impose bans on gender-affirming care, bar transgender athletes from girls and women's sports, and require schools to "out" transgender and nonbinary students to their parents.

In California, parental notification policies cropped up after Republican state lawmaker Bill Essayli proposed a statewide bill on the issue, but it never received a hearing in Sacramento. He then worked with school board members and the California Family Council to draft the policy that was voted on in Chino Valley.

On Wednesday, Essayli said he hopes other school districts evaluating similar proposals will not be discouraged by the decision of a single judge.

"Today's ruling does not impact our fight to protect parental rights," Essayli said in a statement.

Many of the conversations about transgender students and LGBTQ+ curriculum are taking place in communities that elected more conservative school board members after the pandemic drove many parents who were angry about closures to political action. The districts are increasingly at odds with Gov. Gavin Newsom and fellow Democrats who dominate the state's political leadership.



Lawsuit contends Constitution's 'insurrection' clause bars Trump from running again for president

NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

A liberal group on Wednesday filed a lawsuit to bar former President Donald Trump from the primary ballot in Colorado, arguing he is ineligible to run for the White House again under a rarely used clause in the U.S. Constitution aimed at candidates who have supported an "insurrection."

The lawsuit, citing the 14th Amendment, is likely the initial step in a legal challenge that seems destined for the U.S. Supreme Court. The complaint was filed on behalf of six Republican and unaffiliated Colorado voters by the group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

It will jolt an already unsettled 2024 primary campaign that features the leading Republican candidate facing four separate criminal cases.

Liberal groups have demanded that states' top election officials bar Trump under the clause that prohibits those who "engaged in an insurrection or rebellion" against the Constitution from holding higher office. None has taken that step, looking for guidance from the courts on how to interpret a clause that has only been used a handful of times since the 1860s.

While a few fringe figures have filed thinly written lawsuits in a few states citing the clause, the litigation Wednesday was the first by an organization with significant legal resources. It may lead to similar challenges in other states, holding out the potential for conflicting rulings that would require the Supreme Court to settle.

Colorado's secretary of state, Democrat Jena Griswold, said in a statement that she hoped "this case will provide guidance to election officials on Trump's eligibility as a candidate for office."

The lawsuit contends the case is clear, given the attempt by then-President Trump to overturn his 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden and his support for the assault of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. The Republican has said he did nothing wrong in his actions.

The 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, helped ensure civil rights for freed slaves — and eventually for all people in the United States. But it also was used to prevent former Confederate officials from becoming members of Congress after the Civil War and taking over the government against which they had just rebelled.

The clause cited in the lawsuit allows Congress to lift the ban, which it did in 1872 as the political will to continue to bar former Confederates dwindled. The provision was almost never used after that.

CREW and law professors of both parties contend the amendment is clear and is a qualification for president, just as the Constitution's mandate that a candidate for the White House must be at least 35 years old and a natural born citizen.

But others note there is much unsettled about the provision and that a case involving this issue has not reached the justices in Washington.

The clause cites "presidential electors," but not presidents themselves, as being disqualified if they previously swore an oath to uphold the Constitution and then broke it. There is a debate among some experts about whether Trump's acts constitute an "insurrection" under the language of the amendment.

In its complaint, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington asked the court to expedite the matter so it can be resolved before the state's primary ballot is set on Jan. 5 2024. "We understand that there's great interest in states across this country about this question, and it needs to be resolved expeditiously so there's clarity," said Donald Sherman, CREW's chief counsel, told reporters in a teleconference.

A Trump spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the suit.

The 14th Amendment was used last year to bar from office a New Mexico county commissioner who entered the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. That was the first time it was used in 100 years. In 1919, Congress refused to seat a socialist, contending he gave aid and comfort to the country's enemies during World War I.

Another liberal group, Free Speech For People, unsuccessfully tried to use the provision to prevent Republican Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia and Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina from running for reelection last year.

The judge overseeing Greene's case ruled in her favor. Cawthorn's case became moot after he was defeated in his primary.

CREW said it expects to file more cases in other states and anticipates that other groups may do so as well. It picked Colorado, its leaders said, because the state allows ballot challenges to go directly to court and it assembled a prominent roster of plaintiffs, including a former Republican leader of both houses of the state legislature and a conservative columnist for the Denver Post.

There was another reason, noted Sherman — in 2015, a Guyana-born naturalized citizen lost his lawsuit to be included on the state's presidential primary ballot, failing to convince a federal magistrate that the constitution's requirement that he be a natural-born citizen was unfair.

A federal appeals judge upheld that ruling barring him from the ballot. The judge was Neil Gorsuch, now on the U.S. Supreme Court.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

L.A. Man Pleads Guilty Crime Spree in Which He Robbed 8 Businesses and Carjacked One Victim

A Los Angeles man pleaded guilty today to a federal criminal charge and admitted in court to committing a carjacking and eight armed robberies of gas stations and convenience stories in Los Angeles County during a four-day span in April of this year.

Namir Malik Ali Greene, 23, pleaded guilty to one count of Hobbs Act robbery.

According to his plea agreement, on the morning of April 4, Greene robbed a gas station in Marina del Rey. Greene made a purchase and remained inside of the store until all other customers left the business. After all the customers inside of the business left, Greene placed a brown paper bag on the counter and told the clerk, "Put everything in there."

Greene pointed what appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun, but what in fact was a BB gun, at the clerk while demanding the money. In fear, the clerk emptied the cash registered and placed $700 into the brown paper bag. Greene then fled the store.

In his plea agreement, Greene admitted to committing seven additional armed robberies from April 4 to April 8 of gas stations and convenience stores in Long Beach, Whittier, South Los Angeles, Pomona, and Culver City.

Greene further admitted to the April 15 carjacking the owner of a 2010 Honda Accord while armed with a BB gun. He has been in federal custody since April 18.

United States District Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett scheduled a November 29 sentencing hearing, at which time Greene will face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

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Malibu

City of Malibu and Heal the Bay Invite Community Members to Join the Statewide Effort to Keep Our Beaches and Oceans Clean

The City of Malibu is joining with Heal the Bay to host the 2023 Coastal Cleanup Day at Zuma Lagoon and Westward Beach on Saturday, September 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. This volunteer event is part of California Coastal Cleanup Day, and is open to everyone, including adults, children, community groups, and businesses.

California Coastal Cleanup Day was started in 1985, and has become one of the largest trash collection events in the world, with thousands of volunteers participating across the state.

"The people of Malibu are a responsible custodian of the area's natural resources for present and future generations," said Mayor Bruce Silverstein. "That is a quote from our city's Vision Statement, and I invite everyone in Malibu to join our city staff on Coastal Cleanup Day to help Malibu stay true to that Vision."

Westward Beach by the restroom building on Westward Beach Road (Map: www.MalibuCity.org/MalibuCleanupMap2023). Look for City of Malibu popup tents. To protect the environment and create a zero-waste beach cleanup, we request that volunteers bring a bucket or bag to collect beach trash, bring reusable garden gloves to pick up trash, walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation to the site, bring filled reusable water bottles, bring sun protection (sunscreen, hat, sunglasses), bring water and snacks (no single-use plastic bottles please).

To sign up, visit Tinyurl.com/MalibuBeachCleanup2023. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Anyone under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Students can earn three volunteer hours for this activity. Participants are asked to sign the online waiver at https://tinyurl.com/MalibuCACleanup2023Waiver and bring the email confirmation or a signed paper waiver.

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Main St. Day of the Dog Festival

SMDP'S WEEKLY GUIDE TO FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT GOINGS-ON IN & AROUND SANTA MONICA

Your weekend starts here with the Main St. Day of the Dog Festival, Bergamot Station Arts Center Fall Open House, food and drink highlights including Rosh Hashanah restaurant offerings, and much more!



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DOGS: Main Street is hosting the celebration this weekend.

REI Marina del Rey Grand Opening Celebration: Giveaways will be available each day while supplies last. Community members who join the morning festivities will enjoy free Verve coffee and receive an exclusive camp mug with a donation to local non-profit and an outdoor social every afternoon from 1 - 5p.m. with music, non-profits and outdoor brands. Sept. 8-10 @ Boardwalk MDR, 4635 Admiralty Way https://www.rei.com/newsroom/article/rei-co-op-to-hold-grand-opening-celebration-in-marina-del-rey-on-september-8-10

"Spy Kids" Movie Night on the Promenade (FREE): "Grab your picnic baskets and bring the whole family - including pups - and get ready for a night at the movies." Friday, Sept 8, Seating starts @ 6:30 p.m. & movie starts @ 7:30 p.m. on 1200 Block of Third Street Promenade (between Arizona & Wilshire) https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-fridays-on-third-street-promenade-spy-kids-98-tickets-698518667137

Endless Summer C.A.M.P. (Community | Art | Music | Picnic) at Tongva Park (FREE): This final weekend of events celebrates community, arts and culture. Bring a picnic and join as artists from across Santa Monica and the LA region share their culture through interactive music, performances, and hands-on crafts. Special performances by local youth will be featured. Open to all. Saturday, Sept 9, 11a.m. - 2p.m. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4w5twznp80094shwzf7avn835r/202308261100

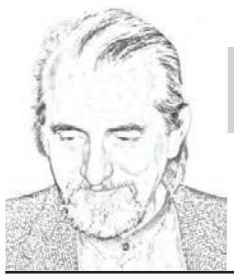
Sharing an Open Main St Festival (FREE): Main St is closed to vehicles all weekend to transform into a pedestrian plaza. Programming includes "Day of the Dog" (more on that below), a "Kids Kroner" by the Pump Station, plenty of live music, beer gardens, pickleball in the street, a climbing wall, and much more. Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 9 & 10, 12 - 7 p.m. on Main St. Between Strand & Hill Streets https://www.mainstreetsm.com/

"Day of the Dog" Festival (FREE): "The largest pet festival in North America is a celebration of the extraordinary bond between humans and canines." Expect a Pool Party with DJ and Canine Cabanas, Dog Races, Foam Party for Pups, Doggy Brunch, Super-Hero Photo Booth, Yoga with Adoptable Puppies, a variety of pet vendors, & more. Saturday, Sept. 9, 12 – 5p.m. on Main St. between Ocean Park Blvd. & Strand St. (during Main St. Festival street closure). https://www.thedayofthedog.com/

Bergamot Station Arts Center Fall Open House (FREE): Expect a variety of gallery exhibitions, artist talks & exhibitions, food & entertainment (including standup comedy), and kids' activities. Saturday, Sept 9, 1 – 10p.m. @ 2525 Michigan Ave. https://bergamotstation.com/open-houses

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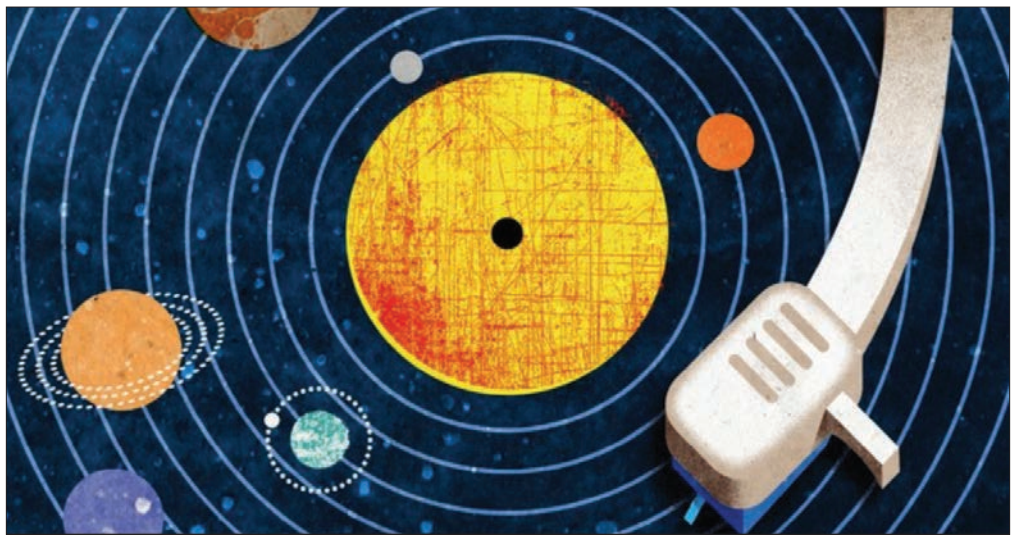
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The planets (no Hal...)



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HOLST: Tuesday at the Hollywood Bowl.

VENUES

What does every show I've ever recommended, every show we all have seen in our lives, have in common?

A venue. You've got to have a place to play, act, dance, where people can come and witness and enjoy. No venue, no performance. We sure got that taught to us during COVID.

When I moved to the LA area in 1980 Santa Monica had a lot more venues. Now, very few. Do you think it would be a good idea to have a professional promoter book the 3,000 seat Santa Monica Civic, along with Barnum Hall and the outdoor Greek Theatre at Samohi?

I sure think so. It's going to be a tough haul, to bring it back to life, but I can tell you this: if we sell it off or tear it down, that ain't never going to happen. Keep hope alive. Keep the Civic until we can come up with a rescue plan. There is no other venue in the world with its history.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:.

"A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE '' – I know, it's barely September, but time to hand out the 2023 Santa Monica Theater Awards. Sure, the Ruskin Group could come up with another blockbuster by the end of the year, and "Library Girl," also at the Ruskin, is a threat every month to blow your literary mind, but – Arthur Miller. A stunning piece of writing and storytelling, and unforgettable character sketches, plumbing the human condition and soul, from that brilliant author's mind. On the subject of immigrants in America, and how they fit into the fabric. In a very human, personal way. Scene by scene, sentence by sentence, we are left hanging on where he will next take us, and it is often revelatory. But not without the proper delivery, and award #2 goes to the actors here, top to bottom, but especially the four principles, who made you feel you were watching your neighbors, despite the setting and the time. When the Ruskin folks got Ray Abruzzo ("The Sopranos") for the lead, they probably set off fireworks. He is a force of nature. Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SMO, $20-30.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – from their website: "Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it were, it couldn't possibly be this good. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. - Santa Monica Daily Press" And they still show up every Monday night here, for 12 years. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

Tonight! - BACH, MENDELSOHN, LA PHIL – OK, maybe Bach isn't at the top of my list but dang he was good and every genius composer after had to give him ups, and Felix M's "Italian" is just gorgeous in part, so are you telling me you can get anything even close for six bucks? Thurs 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $6-134.

"QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES" – This Theatricum production encompassing Henry VI Part I, II, III, and Richard III, is stitched together in a way that becomes a bit confusing, and as far as it "centers on the women and children of this UK civil war saga," well, a whole lot of them wound up dead. The acting is, as always, top notch, but – nearly three hours seemed just a bit long despite the fantastic sword fights. Sat 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

LIBRARY GIRL - "El Martillo Press + FlowerSong Press" – Who knows? Maybe this month's LG will be the one that snatches away the made-up Santa Monica Theater

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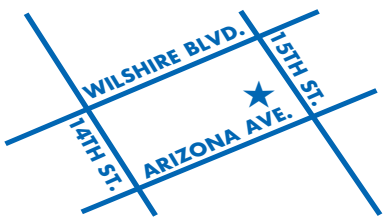
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great young dancers who represent male dancers in companies around the world."

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> - Adrian Blake Mitchell, associate executive director at Westside of Santa Monica

Mitchell leads the boys division and lends his considerable experience for new generations to glean from. The first Black graduate in the 284-year history of St. Petersburg, Russia's legendary Vaganova Academy, Mitchell then became the first Black man to join a major Russian ballet company in 2015 with the Mikhailovsky Theater. In early 2022, Mitchell and his wife fled from St. Petersburg after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and he initially joined up with Westside through his open-access ballet workshop Dance to Dreams. He then extended his role to associate director to lead community outreach efforts and facilitate programs like the boys' ballet.

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The boys' program lineage at Westside has been impressive, with the latest crop of burgeoning ballet stars ready to make their mark. At just 16 years of age, Santa Monica resident Dylan Weinstein has already separated himself from most peers, receiving a top placement at the Youth America Grand Prix, the world's largest international student ballet competition. Weinstein was one of four male cast members to receive the honor, and is now in his final days in Santa Monica after receiving a full scholarship to American Ballet Theater (ABT)'s Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School in New York City.

"I was first interested because my sister did ballet, and then I came to Westside, and they told me my feet could point," Weinstein said. "Then I (said) 'I'll keep doing this, it's fun,' and I (enjoyed) it. I just started to love it more and more."

What started as a couple of classes per week eventually turned to six days per week of tough training, as he was one of Mitchell's chosen pupils that the instructor saw professional potential in. Weinstein and fellow Santa Monica resident Sawyer Jordan were standouts in Westside's 2023 Spring Showcase, where they performed Balanchine's "Emeralds Pas de Trios" from "Jewels," staged by former New York City Ballet principal Nilas Martins. The two also shined during Westside's 2023 production of "The Nutcracker," performing a Russian dance that featured high jumps and ballet technique.

Weinstein was able to pass an early graduation test at Santa Monica High School after his sophomore year, and credits Samohi teachers and counselors for being supportive of his professional pursuit. Finishing up his time on the west coast, he has been preparing for the "hard transition" to ABT, saying goodbye to friends and buying items for his dormitory. Mitchell and the Westside team have been aiding the star pupil with physical strength required for the demanding program, as well as the mental toughness.

"There's a lot of competition," Mitchell said of the next level. "You have more responsibility to think about yourself and make sure that you're training on your own. You don't necessarily have a teacher that's known you since you were 8 years old to help mold you. It's a lot more cutthroat. (We're) trying to teach him self-sufficiency."

Much of the same training mechanisms can also be applied to the trainee program, led by Mitchell and Melissa Barak, a Westside alum and current Artistic Director for Los Angeles Ballet. Barak is a protege of Westside's co-founder, the late Yvonne Mounsey, and adds another trove of experience for young dancers to learn from. As a choreographer, she has created original works for the likes of New York City Ballet and Richmond Ballet.

"I love teaching, I love finding potential in dancers and trying to pull more out of them," Barak said of the trainee program. "I'm very detail-oriented, so I like to hone in and make sure everyone is doing things correctly. It's a joy to be able to really help grow and assist in a dancer's growth. Whether they become a dancer professionally or just they are another person in the world, they really developed a sense of discipline and work ethic, and what it is to really dedicate yourself to something."

Barak allows students to "explore their artistic side," including trainees and identical twins Francisca and Isabel Bugacov. The multi-talented twins joined Weinstein and Jordan in the "Emeralds Pas de Trois" performance, and the 16-year-old Venice residents are also skilled pianists and violists, adding to their artistic repertoire they hone in on at Westside.

"It isn't only about the technique (with ballet); it is about the artistry and the style you pair with that technique," Francisca said.

Those that have the skill and drive to dive into the trainee program can submit a resume and video audition on the Los Angeles Ballet website, losangelesballet.org. More information on the boys' program can be found at Westside Ballet's website, westsideballet.com.





Photo by Anne Slattery

BALLET PERFORMANCE: Westside Ballet boys program star Dylan Weinstein (top) was made for the stage, and will soon be taking his talents to American Ballet Theater in New York City.

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DOGS

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The pack leaders are event producers Jordan Illingworth and Lonnie Powell, who used their former nightclub expertise to spice up the typical dog trade show.

> We are the largest cultural movement celebrating the modern day family
> - Lonnie Powell

The event is beating the last of the summer heat with a pool 80 feet in length, just one of over a dozen dog-friendly activities. The party doesn't end in the pool, as there will also be a foam party as well as a ball pit for playtime. Chef Caroline Artiss of Migos Dog Food will be on-hand for canine brunch with a cowboy-chic theme.

To take memories of the day back home, multiple photo booth opportunities will be present, including a superhero-themed booth with capes, masks and a wind machine.

"We are the largest cultural movement celebrating the modern day family," Powell said. "With pet ownership up over 40% since the pandemic, and over five million dog owners in Los Angeles County alone, there couldn't be a better place for us to debut in California than Santa Monica. It's iconic."

The human-canine bond will be on full display during one of the day's headliners, the running of the "bulls," also known as French Bulldogs. The small but mighty stature of the French Bulldog may only be matched by that of the Dachshund, with Day of the Dog holding Wiener Dog Races as well as Corgi Races. Each of the events are available for on-site registration.

In total, over 70 exhibitors will be showcasing the latest in dog products and trends.

"Every year we just add more and more entertainment and attractions … it just has an energy here," Powell said.

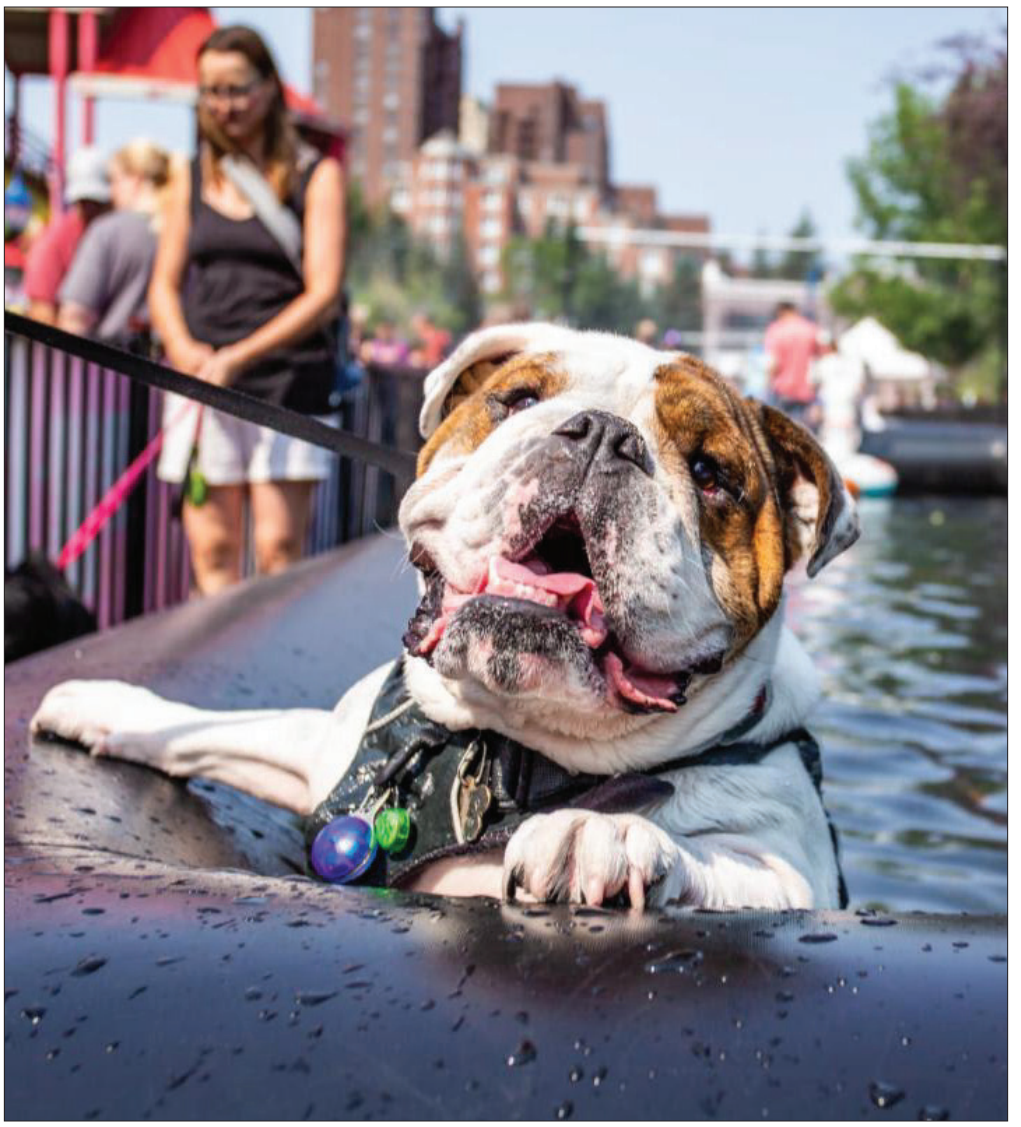
Illingworth and Powell started Just Love Animals Society, and eventually the festival, in honor of their first Great Dane, Floyd. The duo educates dog lovers on holistic health remedies as well as safe and ethical adoptions. Local rescues and nonprofits will have dogs available for adoption at Day of the Dog, though none will be going home that day due to the vetting process.

Powell says that the vetting process should also be self-examined, and that expanding a family to four legs should require some consideration.

"The biggest thing people don't realize is pick a breed for your lifestyle … just know your dynamics," Powell said. "Know where you're at, how much time you have to exercise your pup, (know) you have the time to give your dog what it needs to thrive."

The responsibility factor extends to Day of the Dog, Powell says, encouraging responsible pet ownership and leaving dogs home if they are not good in crowds or in heat. According to AccuWeather, temperatures are forecast in the 80s on Saturday afternoon.

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POOL PARTY: The canine celebration of the year, The Day of the Dog festival, will feature an 80-foot pool for playtime, along with a bevy of other activities.

City of Santa Monica

Santa Monica's Equity Plan Kickoff Event

The City of Santa Monica needs your help setting priorities for its citywide equity plan.



September 23, 2023,
11 a.m. to 2 p.m

1450 Second St. | Virtual option available



Featuring:
- Info Session on $500 Community Engagement Grants
- Panel Discussion
- Free Lunch
- Small Group Sessions

RSVP required. Email socialjustice@smgov.net or call (424) 299-6748 to reserve your spot.

TOWN

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& Lemonade!" Saturday, Sept. 9, 6p.m., 1133 7th St. www.wilmont.org

The Hebrew Hillbilly Benefit Show at the Santa Monica Playhouse: Singer/Songwriter/Performer Shelley Fisher grew up Jewish in Memphis at the end of segregation and this "relevant and slightly irreverent show reminds us that we are more alike than we are different." Saturday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. 1211 4th St. https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/the-hebrew-hillbilly-benefit.html

"Ghost Land" Premiers @ City Garage Theatre: Andriy Bondarenko's new play is about the war in Ukraine. Expect a Champagne preview on Friday, Sept. 8 @ 8:00p.m., an opening night celebration on Saturday, Sept. 9 with a Ukrainian-themed buffet & a Q&A after the first Sunday show on Sept. 10 @ 4:00p.m. 26th Street Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave., Building T1

FREE LACMA Sunday: The free day is a celebration of "LACMA × Snapchat: Monumental Perspectives," featuring 13 augmented reality monuments with all-ages art workshops, live DJ sets, and the chance to experience the augmented reality monuments in person. Sunday, Sept. 10. https://www.lacma.org/event/open-house-celebration-monumental-perspectives

Americana in the Park 2023 (FREE): "Bring a picnic, blanket, and beach chairs for this end-of-summer series that explores Americana styles from its roots to modern forms." Sept 10 features blues/jazz singer Mara Kaye & New Orleans style soul with Dr SoundGood featuring Doug Legacy along with multiple food trucks. Every Sunday in Sept., 4 - 7p.m. @ Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart St. https://santamonica.gov/events/4fa59kwprfa0t1g2zr92x6tzwz/202309031600

SMC to Honor Constitution Day with Two FREE Talks by Popular Legal Scholars: Audience Q&A follows talk with USC Law Professor Jody Armour Tuesday, Sept. 12 @ 6:30p.m. and UC Berkeley School of Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky Thursday, Sept. 14 @ 11:15a.m. smc.edu/events

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

LA Magazine Lists Michelin-Starred Citrin as One of the Best Happy Hours in LA: "Early birds can indulge in egg caviar and lobster bolognese, where Josiah Citrin's kitchen is serving beautifully executed dishes for $22 or less. The Mélisse burger runs $15, and beverages range from $7.50 for a glass of beer to $11 for a cocktail. Available for walk-ins at the bar only." Tuesday through Saturday, 5:30 - 7 p.m. @ 1104 Wilshire Blvd. https://lamag.com/food/los-angeles-restaurant-bar-menus-happy-hour-deals

KTLA Profiles LouLou's French-Californian Cuisine: LAunscripted show did this video report on the new downtown SaMo hot spot. 395 Santa Monica Place #300 https://ktla.com/la-unscripted/loulou-santa-monica-offeres-french-californian-cuisine/

LA Magazine Profiles Isla - Crudo e Nudo's Creators' Latest Venture: "The concept of robatayaki, or Japanese fireside cooking, is on full display at this Main St. eatery." https://www.lamag.com/lafood/isla-japanese-restaurant-santa-monica/

Rosh Hashanah Food Options: The Jewish New Year begins on Friday, Sept. 15 and multiple local restaurants have you covered if you need some menu help:

Huckleberry: Offering a full menu of options, including Whole Mary's Organic Apple Honey Glazed Chicken with herbed pearl couscous, housemade Apple Sauce to go with Organic Potato Pancakes, a crunchy, Organic Kale Salad with roasted beets, apples, celery, herbs & white wine vinaigrette and Honey Glazed Baked Apples with walnut oat crumble for dessert. They've got Milo + Olive Challah too! Orders include heat & serve instructions. 1014 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.huckleberrycafe.com/cateringandevents

Wexler's: Pre-order a traditional holiday brisket, farmer's market big salad, matzo ball soup, noodle kugel with walnut crumble, roasted heirloom carrots with honey & rosemary, challah, and honey cake to feed 4-6 people. 616 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.wexlersdeli.com/high-holidays

Birdie G's is cooking up special dishes like a Whole Roasted Chicken with black lime & fenugreek, Prime Corned Beef Tri-Tip with smoked tomato remoulade, and Apple-Sunchoke Cake with hazelnut & caramel sauce, Southern Kugel with chow-chow, pecan & sage brown butter. Everything feeds about 4-6 people and comes with simple heat & serve instructions. https://www.birdiegsla.com

The Gourmandise School: If you're feeling ambitious, join chef Benedetta Guetta, author of Cooking alla Giudia, on Sept. 12th for a class where you'll learn to make honey challah, Lebanese mahshi, couscous, tzimmes, and apple roses. 395 Santa Monica Place. https://thegourmandiseschool.com

LOOKING AHEAD: The Other Art Fair @ Barker Hangar (Sept. 21 - 24); Pier Locals Night Returns (Sept. 21); Free Opera on the Pier (Sept. 23); Montana Avenue Art Walk (Sept. 30)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com.

HOUSING

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four offered to develop the entire property. AMCAL and Cypress Equity were the only two organizations who wanted to develop the entire site without government subsidy but Cypress Equity was eliminated from contention after reducing their purchase offer to account for building a minimum amount of affordable housing units on the property.

AMCAL envisions purchase of the entire block of property, including the City's parcels and a privately owned building located at 1640 5th Street (the Daily Press currently rents office space in the privately owned building).

"Preliminary design concepts contemplate approximately 570 housing units (the final unit count is subject to additional feasibility analysis and negotiations) on the assemblage site, with the market rate housing component developed by Lincoln Properties and the affordable housing component developed by AMCAL," said the staff report.

Entering into an exclusive agreement doesn't guarantee a sale but it does preclude negotiations with any other developers while the two sides conduct due diligence on the sale.

The developer would be required to present designs to the city before any sale becomes final.

"Before a design is finalized, the development concept would be presented for community and stakeholder input for a period consistent with the City's affordable housing notification and engagement process for affordable housing projects," said the staff report.

That process would require several public meetings and in the meantime, the developer will be required to pay for some of the City's costs associated with the process.

Terms of the sale are not yet public.

"Once the community outreach and design process are completed, and all the requirements of the ENA have been met, staff would return to Council to present the final proposed development design and financial terms for Council's consideration and approval with the request for the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a Development and Disposition Agreement for the sale of the Property," said the staff report.

Council will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12 in City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m.

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MUSIC

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Performance of the Year Award I gave last week to the Ruskin Theatre Group's "A View from the Bridge." As I said then, LG is always a threat to go over the top, and this edition seems ripe for greatness. Matt Sedillo, David A Romero, Sonia Gutiérrez, Iris De Anda, Ceasar K. Avelar, Margaret Elysia Garcia, Fernando Salinas – get a good night's sleep, we're ready for you. Library Girl founder Susan Hayden calls it "historic," potentially "incendiary," and "a night to remember." Don't say I didn't tell ya. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20 (includes dessert and free parking).

"A PERFECT GANESH" – Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum is celebrating its 50th year - amazing! - and while their forte is Shakespeare they always throw in one other unusual play per season, to make us think. This Terrence McNally play finds humor within the self-searching American abroad. Two friends travel to India with heavy baggage, reeling from loss and personal demons.. Sun 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-60.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great decadent fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

HOLST "THE PLANETS," PHILIP GLASS, LA PHIL – Were you at the Bowl a couple of weeks ago to take Hal's last ride, with the screening of "2001" with live soundtrack from the Phil? It was fantastic, and I wasn't even high (except maybe a contact high from all the other Bowlers). Now, travel the rest of our solar system with Holst, and explore inner space with Philip Glass's "Violin Concerto No. 1." demonstrating by the mid-'80s he had advanced his minimalist bleeps into the ranks of great 20th century composers. You will also get to hear a commissioned piece that comes in at "0.5 mins." Don't sneeze or we'll all miss it. Tues 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $6-134 (much less than Jeff Bozo would charge you for a space ride, and a lot less danger).

Next Thurs - SAMANTHA FISH — the hip Teragram Ballroom in downtown LA is booking a slew of female performers this month, and few of any gender ID sling a meaner axe than Ms. Fish, while singing rock and blues in an appropriately threatening manner. Next Thurs, Teragram Ballroom, LA, $32.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: SAMANTHA FISH, Teragram Ballroom, 9/14; "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," Theatricum Botanicum, 9/14, 21; "A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 9/15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24; MICHAEL FRANTI & SPEARHEAD, LUPE FIASCO, , Greek Theatre, 9/15; "A PERFECT GANESH," 9/16, 24, 30; VAN MORRISON, TAJ MAHAL, Greek Theatre, 9/17, 19; "QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR OF THE ROSES," Theatricum Botanicum, 9/17, 24; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 9/17, 24; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 9/18, 25; "MACBETH," Theatricum Botanicum, 9/17, 23; GERALD CLAYTON, ELENA PINDERHUGHES, Jazz Bakery/Zipper Hall, 9/17; RONNIE MACK'S BARN DANCE, McCabe's, 9/17; JOHN LEGEND with Orchestra, Gospel Choir, Hollywood Bowl, 9/23; JASON BONHAM'S LED ZEPPELIN EVENING, Greek Theatre, 9/23; JETHRO TULL, Greek Theatre, 9/27; JACKSHIT, McCabe's, 9/30; LA PHIL GALA Celebrating FRANK GEHRY, Disney Hall, 10/5; STRAVINSKY, SHOSTAKOVICH, DUDAMEL, Disney Hall, 10/6, 7, 8; STING, JOE STRUMMER, Hollywood Bowl, 10/7; KURT ELLING, CHARLIE HUNTER, Teragram Ballroom, 10/7; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 10/8; BRANDI CARLILE & Friends, Hollywood Bowl, 10/14; THE BAD PLUS, MARC RIBOT, Teragram Ballroom, 10/20; WILL FERRELL'S BEST NIGHT OF YOUR LIFE 2, Greek Theatre, 10/21.

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 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com (the real mr music...)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 7)

Your solar return brings a deal and some frivolity. An investigation shows you a new and profound purpose. You will attract committed people because you are one. More highlights: As far as lifestyle goes, you now have everything you need to build your castle, steadily, one brick at a time. Solid friends and the sweetest affection make the work lighter. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 40, 12 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The idea that lived in the back of your mind has been pushed to the top. Now it's all you can see. If you haven't yet, it's the perfect day to just get started on it. There's power in opening moves, however small they may be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In this new and improved place, you have the tools and mindset to effectively navigate difficult moments. More importantly, today you'll get the chance to teach what you know from having faced adversity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of trying to control people and symptoms, get to the heart of it. Likely, a boundary was crossed, or respect failed to be paid in the right direction. Acknowledge mistakes and tensions dissolve.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll touch on the power of your intellect when you learn something that lights you up. To solve a problem is a pleasure that starts in the brain and invigorates the entire body, promoting overall well-being.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being perfectly suited to make a critical evaluation of what's going on, you will not sit back and believe what's presented. You seek evidence and avoid blindly accepting the face value. You could save others from bad decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who obsess over invite lists and seating charts recognize the truth of the matter: One individual can change everything. Social dynamics are a recipe, and one change is all it takes to make an entirely new dish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's usually a nicer way to say things, and it's not typically the first way that comes to mind, but you're a clever diplomat who can come up with alternatives, compliments, diversions and more to grease the social wheels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The first idea may be the best one, but come up with more anyway, if only for the exercise. The more creative you are, the stronger your creativity will be. Soon you'll rely on it for money and fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe love is invisible, but it animates in the world so obviously that you know it when you see it. In fact, you don't even have to have your eyes open. Today you will feel love in the air, as sure as if it were a breeze.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Often building things requires addition, but not today. You'll be building a relationship and the bond will get stronger because of what you subtract — likely a formality or expectation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your style is singular, your approach quirky. You don't fear the influence of others. You know who you are. Once disarmed, people are so amenable to your suggestions it is they who should fear your influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While it's natural to gravitate to people with whom you share obvious similarities, you improve and broaden yourself by getting to know the ones you don't understand.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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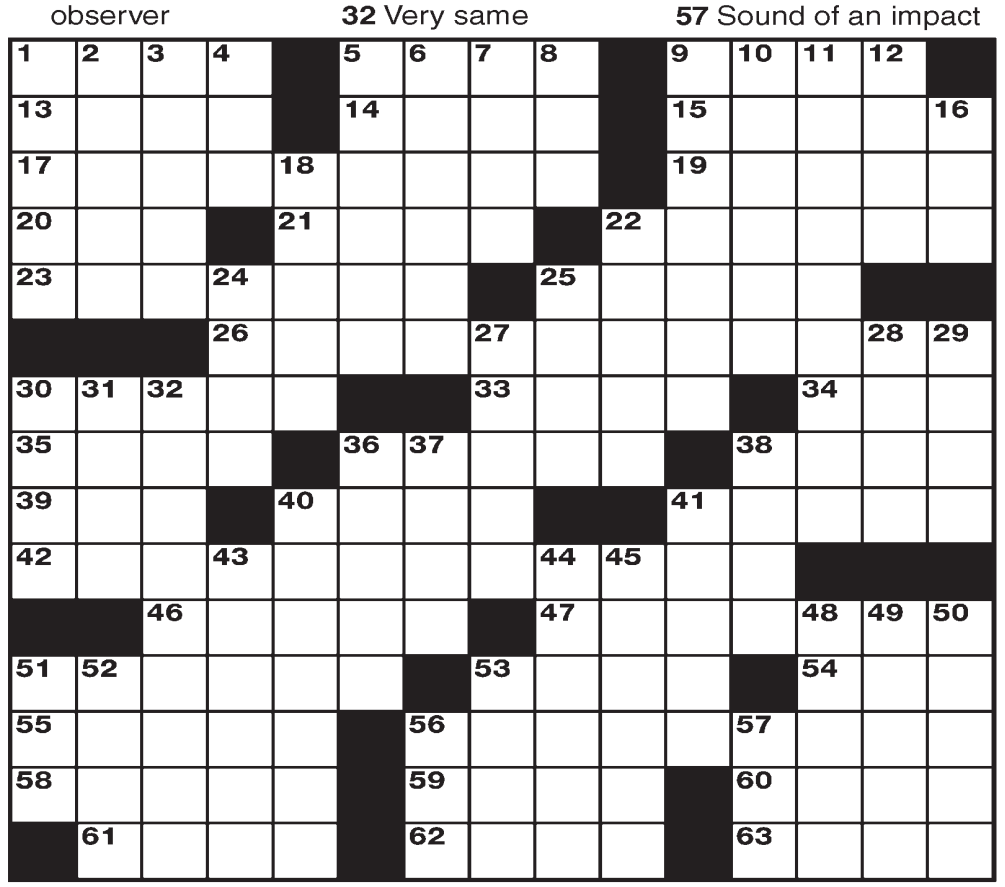
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5 Starchy pizza topping
9 Former Security Council member
13 Six-sided state
14 Old Testament prophet
15 *Frasier* brother
17 With 36 and 56 Across, so-so
19 Signified
20 Half of *dos*
21 Florentine farewell
22 Stitches loosely
23 How some temps are paid
25 Enemy of accuracy
26 So-so
30 Take along
33 Mine, in part
34 Southeast Asian language
35 Ore galore
36 See 17 Across
38 Former baseball commissioner
39 Lute cousin
40 Lute-shaped fruit
41 Landing places
42 So-so
46 Gas bill measure
47 Amin, for instance
51 Climb (up), in a way
53 Oscar actress Penélope
54 Pinch hitter's success
55 Scout's mission
56 See 17 Across
58 Certain Middle Easterner
59 Long-legged bipeds
60 Kick in
61 Paperless journal
62 The MTV Generation
63 Confused state

DOWN

1 First light
2 Make up for
3 Bayou beast
4 Sound for silence
5 More madcap
6 Participatory acceptance
7 "Over the Rainbow" observer
8 Metric prefix
9 Removes the cowl from, perhaps
10 Ritual rest
11 Shade close to steel
12 "Born again" name
16 What drs. often cross
18 Creamy concoction
22 Ballet rail
24 Beach formation
25 High: Fr.
27 Op-art design
28 Portrayer of a 7 Down fellow traveler
29 Very long spans
30 Indistinct view
31 TiVo alternative
32 Very same
36 Group's humble acknowledgment
37 Former Chicago mayor Emanuel
38 Ceramist's device
40 Euro cent preceder
41 Word in many mall names
43 "That definitely isn't happening"
44 Indistinct sound
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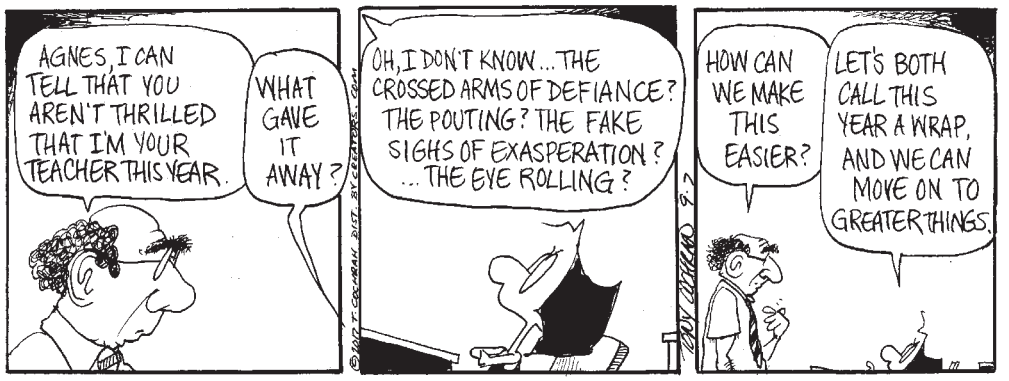


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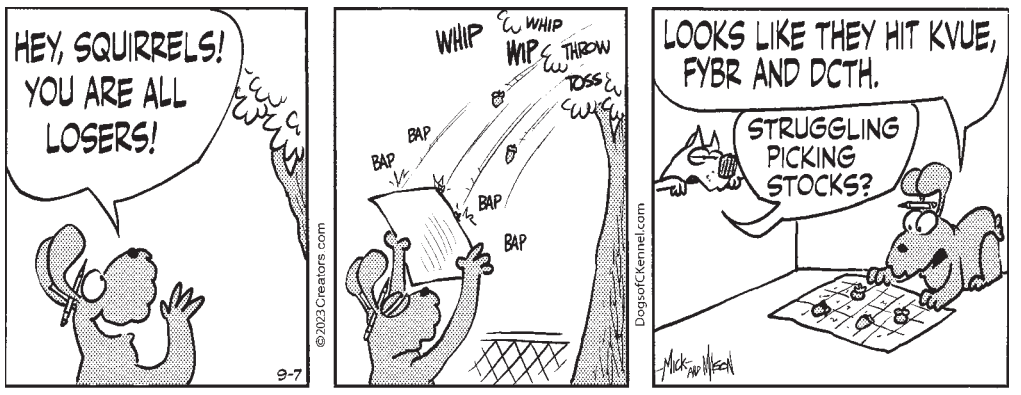
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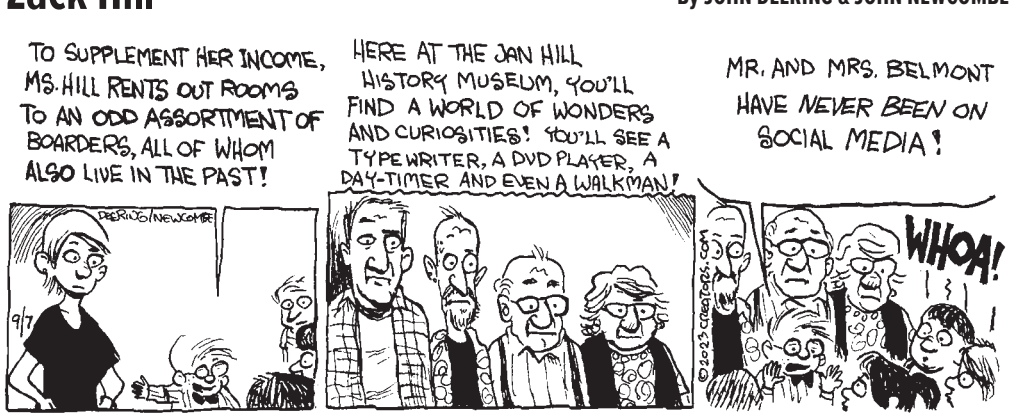
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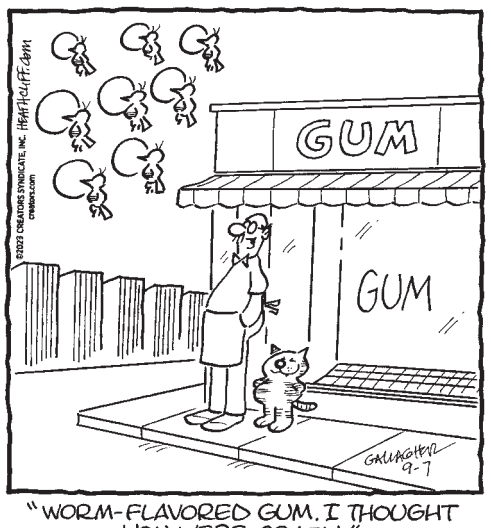
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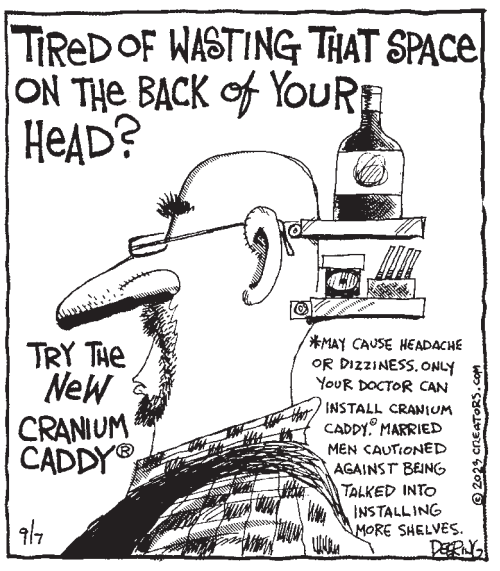
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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D W H A L T N U O C A T C H T
N E O P P O N E N T R O P S N
A H C U O T S S I M L A O G I
H I L A M A T E U R S S Y N A
O P O C K E T S R U B R N I T
Y C O M P E T I T I V E O L P
R R P K F A U T D W E T I W A
L E T O L O P F O M B E S O C
O L P T E A M R A O V E S B K
M T A P O L H G C S B O E N I
L P T B I T A C U E T F S I C
A A S O T K E V G U R F E P K
P S E I L E S S O R C A L N R
T S R O O D N I L E A G U E A
E P L A Y E R S F O U L R T M

Aced	Foul	Miss	Rules
Amateur	Game	Netball	Session
Bocce	Goal	Opponent	Skipper
Boot	Golf	Oval	Sport
Captain	Hand	Palm	Team
Catch	Indoors	Pass	Tee off
Chalk	Kick	Players	Ten pin bowling
Competitive	Lacrosse	Pockets	
Count	League	Polo	Throw
Cue	Loser	Pool	Touch
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Fast	Mark	Rest	

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THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 7

TECH & TASKS
Need a little help? Visit our Tech & Tasks program to receive one-on-one assistance from our volunteer tutors and build your skills. Staff and volunteers can assist with reading, writing, and technology related tasks. Drop-in between 2-4pm every Thursday to get help with completing online forms and applications, resume writing, device help, improving reading skills, email, downloading eBooks, and much more. Main Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

NOMA MEETING
September is National Preparedness Month, and Lindsay Call, SM's Chief Resilence Officer, will be reviewing the city's current emergency plans for storm, quake and fire disasters at the North of Montana Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting Thursday, September 7. A discussion of the problems facing our downtown businesses and an update on the status of the landmarked Civic Auditorium will also be on the docket. The Zoom meeting begins at 7 pm and can be accessed at smnoma.org and all are invited.

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 8

MOVIE FRIDAYS
Spy Kids. Doors open at 6:30, the movie will start at 7:30 Other things to know: No advance registration is required and all ages are welcome Picnicking is allowed (and encouraged!) but alcoholic beverages are prohibited Dogs are welcome Tall chairs are not allowed. Feel free to bring low chairs and pillows/blankets 1200 block of the Promenade.

THE BROBOTS
Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Online ticket sales end at 7 p.m., tickets available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. THE BROBOTS "A Tribute to Rock N Roll" are a high-energy Rock N Roll party band from Venice Beach. Harvelle's, 1432 4th Street. General Admission is $10. https://santamonica.harvelles.com/shows/229644

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 9

MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE
Grab a complimentary cup of coffee and see what the buzz is all about. Might be the bees and butterflies, might just be the chatter about our new project, the 19th Street Community Farm and Wellness Center, coming soon to the Pico Neighborhood. This event is free and open to the public. 9 - 11 a.m. Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDER CLUB: EMOTIONS
Luce Puppets presents "Aesop's Fables," stories to explore and identify emotions with your child. For ages 2-5. Limited space; registration required. To register, email: library@santamonica.gov. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 10

AMERICANA IN THE PARK 2023
Bring a picnic, blanket, and beach chairs for this end-of-summer series that explores Americana styles from its roots to modern forms. In addition to two Southern California acts featured at each concert, there will also be food trucks and a McCabe's Guitar Pop-Up Shop. Sunday, September 10 - Opener: blues/jazz singer Mara Kaye. Intermission: New Orleans Traditional Jazz Band. Headliner: New Orleans style soul with Dr SoundGood featuring Doug Legacy. Food Trucks will be on site. 4 - 7 p.m. Gandara Park 1819 Stewart St.

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 11

NEW! BABY TIME
Introduce your child to story with interactive books, bounces, and more! Free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. Program runs from 10:30 - 10:50 a.m. For ages 0-17 months. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME
Join organizers for an engaging and fun weekly series with stories, songs and rhymes, which travels to different library locations every week! For ages 2-5. Free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. Program is from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month starting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM
Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **69.3**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft Waist to chest	Old S swell backing down as some partially shadowed SW/SSW swell blends in. Could be a few corners off the mix of southerly swells.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Not as large as the recent run of S swells but more shapely for the beachbreaks as fun SSW swell tops out, mixing with some S swell leftovers. Tides will favor spots with decent inside sand throughout the day, staying above 3'.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. North northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/09/07	Thu	07:10 AM	3.42	H
2023/09/07	Thu	09:32 AM	3.35	L
2023/09/07	Thu	4:20 PM	4.99	H
2023/09/08	Fri	12:31 AM	0.52	L
2023/09/08	Fri	08:03 AM	3.78	H
2023/09/08	Fri	11:48 AM	3.32	L
2023/09/08	Fri	5:40 PM	5.06	H
2023/09/09	Sat	01:25 AM	0.26	L
2023/09/09	Sat	08:29 AM	4.03	H
2023/09/09	Sat	12:54 PM	3.03	L
2023/09/09	Sat	6:42 PM	5.27	H
2023/09/10	Sun	02:05 AM	0.08	L
2023/09/10	Sun	08:49 AM	4.20	H
2023/09/10	Sun	1:36 PM	2.68	L
2023/09/10	Sun	7:29 PM	5.50	H
2023/09/11	Mon	02:36 AM	0.01	L
2023/09/11	Mon	09:08 AM	4.33	H
2023/09/11	Mon	2:09 PM	2.33	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/4
1 26 32 46 51
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 461 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/5
3 43 50 51 65
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 122 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 9/2
4 17 28 34 38
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 15 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/5
1 8 19 21 30

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/5
EVENING: 7 1 0
Draw Date: 9/5
MIDDAY: 5 3 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/5
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
Race Time: 1:48.85

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