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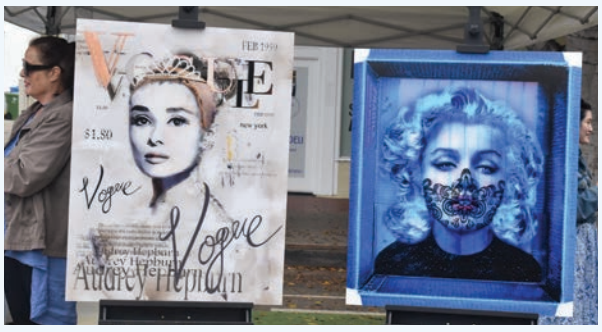
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Art array on display at Montana walk









Thomas Leffler

ART: Several blocks of Montana Avenue became the Santa Monica area's art epicenter this past weekend. On Saturday, visitors were mesmerized by visual works and various art activities at the annual Montana Avenue Art Walk. The 2023 edition of the walk shut down roads from 9th Street to 17th Street, with art vendors and entertainers taking over the space, including wares for sale from 150 visual artists. To accommodate the street shutdown, valet parking was provided, along with three dedicated rideshare dropoff locations. Activities were available for all ages, including music lessons and painting stations for children, as well as music performances and wine tasting opportunities for adults.

Samohi Vikings' streak halted in Bay League opener

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

After blitzing through the team's non-league schedule, the previously-undefeated Santa Monica Vikings football squad was handed a loss in its Bay League opener, dropping a home contest 27-0 against Palos Verdes. Both teams entered the contest 5-0, as the Vikings ripped off five consecutive victories to kick off 2023, clinching a winning record in non-league play for the first time since 2019.

The Vikings kept the game close in the first half, only allowing one Palos Verdes touchdown via a 35-yard connection from Sea Kings quarterback Ryan Rakowski

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Locals can get paid to leave their car at home

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Santa Monica residents have until the end of this week to sign up for a new program that will pay them to keep a car at home.

The "One Car Challenge" is offering 200 residents up to $599 if they live in a house with at least two cars and are willing to park one of them for five weeks.

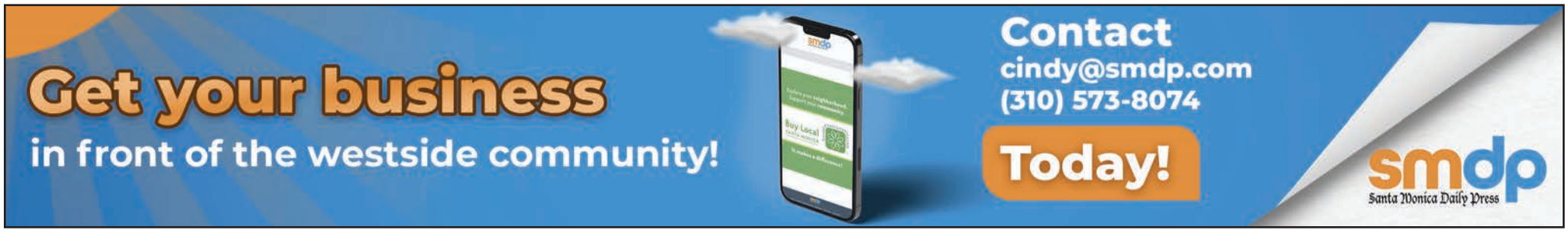
Chosen families will receive up

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TRANSIT: Participants will be paid to bike, walk, carpool or take a bus.



California's new mental health court rolls out to high expectations and uncertainty

JANIE HAR
Associated Press

An alternative mental health court program designed to fast-track people with untreated schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders into housing and medical care — potentially without their consent — kicked off in seven California counties on Monday.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom created the new civil court process, called "CARE Court," as part of a massive push to address the homelessness crisis in California. Lawmakers approved it despite deep misgivings over insufficient housing and services, saying they needed to try something new to help those suffering in public from apparent psychotic breaks.

Families of people diagnosed with severe mental illness rejoiced because the new law allows them to petition the court for treatment for their loved ones. Residents dismayed by the estimated 171,000 homeless people in California cheered at the possibility of getting them help and off the streets.

Critics blasted the new program as ineffective and punitive given that it could coerce people into treatment.

But as petitions roll in Monday, it's not clear who the program might help nor how effective it will be. That's because the eligibility criteria is narrow and limited largely to people with untreated schizophrenia and related disorders. Severe depression, bipolar disorder and addiction by itself do not qualify.

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"It's hopefully going to help some people who need some help, and it is probably not going to make a huge dent in what you observe in the community," said San Francisco Superior Court Judge Michael Begert, who will supervise the court.

Here are things to know about the new system:

WHAT IS "CARE" COURT AND WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, said in a news briefing last week that the program is aimed at catching people before their condition worsens.

Family members and first responders are among those who can now file a petition on behalf of an adult they believe "is unlikely to survive safely" without supervision and whose condition is rapidly deteriorating. They also can file if an adult needs services and support to prevent relapse or deterioration that would likely result in "grave disability or serious harm" to themselves or others.

To be eligible, the person needs a diagnosis on the schizophrenia spectrum or other qualifying disorders. People with severe depression or bipolar disorder do not qualify. A person does not have to be homeless to be eligible.

A special civil court in each county will review each petition with the county behavioral health agency evaluating eligibility. The individual will be appointed a lawyer and a support person of their choice.

If the court determines the individual meets eligibility criteria, they will be asked to work with the county on a voluntary plan that includes housing, medication, counseling and other social services. The agreement would be in effect for up to a year with the possibility of extending it for another year.

If all parties cannot agree to a voluntary plan, the statute says the court will order they work on a plan.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PERSON DOES NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Civil rights advocates have raised fears that the new process will result in vulnerable people being forced into treatment.

A person who does not successfully complete a plan could be subject to conservatorship and involuntary treatment, said Tal Klement, a deputy public defender in San Francisco who is among critics of the new process.

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CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SEPTEMBER 24

SMPD officers arrested Luis Diaz, a 24-year-old male from Los Angeles for riding a bike while under influence. At approximately 5:20 p.m., officers observed an individual riding a bike against traffic on the sidewalk. Upon approach, officers noticed a strong smell of alcohol along with the subject's bloodshot eyes. Diaz repeatedly ignored or refused to comply with the officer's instructions. He was ultimately arrested and booked for riding a bike while under the influence along with additional vehicle code and municipal code violations. Diaz was issued a citation and released from police custody with a future court appearance scheduled for November 3, 2023.

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But the statute also allows the court to dismiss the proceedings if the individual declines to participate or to follow the agreement. Judge Begert, in San Francisco, said he cannot compel someone to engage; the best he can do is start building a relationship with the person.

Veronica Kelley, Orange County behavioral health director, said the county's judges understand building rapport with eligible candidates takes time and have agreed to grant her team extra time to reach voluntary agreements, despite the statute's deadlines.

ARE THERE ENOUGH HOMES, TREATMENT BEDS AND SUPPORT?

The state has allocated money for emergency shelters but critics say there is a constant shortage of case managers, appropriate in-patient treatment facilities and supportive housing.

San Francisco officials said in a statement that about 10% of more than 2,500 beds are open for new people. The treatment beds range from detox to step-down care for people leaving long-term care.

Opponents of the program say the state should have invested in more housing and existing services rather than establishing a new court system.

"The issue is not that these resources are available and people aren't using them," said Samuel Jain, senior policy attorney at Disability Rights California. "It's that these voluntary community-based services are under-resourced and not accessible."

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CARE?

The National Alliance on Mental Illness in California, a grassroots organization supporting people with a mental illness and their families, pushed for the new mental health program. Some family members have long wanted a way to order their loved ones into treatment, the organization said.

Jessica Cruz, the group's CEO, encourages people not to give up if their family member does not qualify because other resources may be available.

> "For us, it is just really about making sure that our loved ones have the best life that they could possibly have"
>
> - Jessica Cruz

"For us, it is just really about making sure that our loved ones have the best life that they could possibly have," she said. "Living on the streets and dying on the streets is not the way for anybody to live."

WHICH COUNTIES ARE ACCEPTING PETITIONS?

San Francisco, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Glenn counties launched the new program Monday. Los Angeles County will begin its program Dec. 1.

The state estimates roughly 1,800 to 3,100 people could be eligible in the first seven counties. Los Angeles could bump up estimates to 3,600 to 6,200, although uptake could take time.

The rest of the state has until December 2024 to establish mental health courts.

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to $119.80 each week for five weeks (up to $599 total per household), a free TAP card with $50 of stored value and Metro Bike Share credits worth 5-10 free rides per household.

The Challenge is part of a larger $1.3-million LA Metro Travel Rewards Research Pilot Project funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration in partnership with Duke University's Center for Advanced Hindsight. County officials said if it proves successful in Santa Monica, they hope to expand the promotion to other parts of Los Angeles.

While the program originates with Metro, it's being rolled out as a partnership with the City after Santa Monica expressed a desire to be part of the pilot program.

"The 'One Car Challenge' is a groundbreaking pilot program set to kick off in November, to incentivize 200 Santa Monica residents to rely on only one car per household," said a statement provided by Big Blue Bus. "This initiative is a part of Santa Monica's ongoing efforts to reduce traffic congestion, promote eco-friendly transportation alternatives, and contribute to a more sustainable future."

In announcing the program, Metro said the concept of paying people to reduce car usage has been effective in other places.

The City of Seattle implemented a similar promotion from 2000-2002.

Participants reduced their drive-alone car miles by 27 percent replacing a solo car trip with a combination of carpool, bicycle, transit and walking. The total number of miles traveled by participants remained the same showing that people were able to maintain all of their previous activities, just with fewer car trips.

According to the Seattle study, families were able to save much of the cash from the stipend as they only spent about $10 per week on the alternative transit options. The experiment had a lasting impact on those families with about a quarter selling their second vehicle and in a follow up six months later, 80 percent of participants had maintained some level of reduced car usage.

For the Santa Monica program, participants must have two or more cars per household, and be at least 21 years of age.

The Program will last for 12 weeks starting in November. During the program, participants will receive check-in surveys once a week by email and text to track travel behaviors.

Some participants will be placed on a waitlist for seven weeks before they are officially enrolled in the 12-week program. During the waiting period, participants will be required to complete at least three of these weekly surveys to participate in the program at the end of the waiting period.

Sign up by October 6, at bit.ly/Metro1CC

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JAMS STEM Building Project

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This Project is subject to the March 2, 2017, Project Labor Agreement by and between the District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (PLA). A copy of the PLA is included in "ATTACHMENT 3 – District's Lease Leaseback Contract" of the issued RFQ/P.

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The RFQ/P can be found on the SecureBids website at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/LLBRFQP2410SMSJAMS. Electronic Responses must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023 via the SecureBids website, https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/LLBRFQP2410SMSJAMS.

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Roosevelt ES TK/K Classrooms and Library Building Project

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to receiver Luke Gayton. Despite the offense stalling out on several drives, the Vikings defense held strong, including forcing a fumble while trapped deep in the red zone.

Palos Verdes was able to open up its offense in the second half, as Rakowski threw for three more touchdown passes. The freshman was the benchmark of efficiency in the contest, completing all 13 of his pass attempts for 269 yards and four scores. Vikings quarterback Wyatt Brown attempted to keep the offense afloat amidst the second-half barrage, but the home team was kept out of the endzone.

Brown completed 18 of his 29 pass attempts for 183 yards, and had two of his attempts intercepted. Due to a relentless Sea Kings defensive line, the Vikings run game was unable to assist Brown, as senior running back Caden Mccallum was held to 22 yards on 8 carries.

Despite the loss, the Vikings are still on track for a winning season, outscoring non-league opponents 152-57 during the squad's five-game win streak. After a close 28-21 victory over Calabasas to start the streak, the Vikings won by respective margins of 16, 17, 25 and 28 against El Segundo, West Torrance, Sylmar and Hueneme.

Through six games, Brown has already outpaced his freshman campaign, throwing for 1,322 yards and 11 touchdowns on a 69.4 completion percentage. Brown's favorite target has been senior Griffin Seals, who has already recorded more receptions (42) and yards (621) than his junior year output. Seals also has 6 receiving touchdowns thus far.

The passing game has been accompanied by Mccallum at running back, as the senior has averaged over 100 yards per contest. Despite Friday's down performance, Mccallum has rushed for 664 yards and 9 scores on the season, adding 125 yards and another score receiving.

Attempting to reach the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs after last year's 2-8 campaign, the Vikings' path to the postseason continues Friday night at Peninsula in Rolling Hills Estates, kicking off at 7 p.m. The Vikings return home on Oct. 13 to face Mira Costa, then finish the regular season with games against Redondo Union and Culver City.

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SAMOHI FOOTBALL: (top) Santa Monica quarterback Wyatt Brown (#7) attempts to take off against the Palos Verdes defense and (bottom) the crowd supports the team.

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Fundraiser fuels needed levity in life-threatening situations



A cancer diagnosis can throw anyone's life into disarray, impacting their own life and the journeys of those around them. The life-threatening medical issue takes a toll on both physical and mental health, requiring a strong support system and a mechanism to release bottled-up emotions.

To create a positive release mechanism, one local comedian has done the seemingly impossible, providing a zone of comedic levity within the storm of a cancer-impacted life. Santa Monica resident Nicole Blaine recently teamed up with the American Cancer Society (ACS) and RadNet to offer "Storyectomy," comedic and storytelling classes that culminate in a final showcase and fundraiser for the ACS. For six weeks, those dealing with or affected by cancer met to learn the ropes of the genre, as Blaine teaches storytelling structure at The Crow within the Bergamot Station Arts Center. The final performance of the current Storyectomy students will take place Friday night at The Crow, with showcases at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

"It's (about) awareness," Blaine said. "We need to talk about it, we need to do it, we need to put it in a format where people can digest it. And then, you know, (you) can become the hero of (your) story."

Each person selected for the classes are in different stages of dealing with cancer. There are "thrivers," those currently undergoing treatment, "survivors" who have been given a clean bill of health, caregivers and medical professionals all learning how to "normalize" the cancer experience through comedy. Opening The Crow during the pandemic, Blaine concocted the plan with a representative of the ACS after a show featuring comedian Alex Hooper, who made "spectacular" jokes based around his chemotherapy.

Now running Storyectomy classes once every few months, the classes act as a unique support group where experiences are shared and meaningful connections are made. A previous Storyectomy class has followed each others' journeys since the final performance, keeping a text messaging group chat alive to help one another.

"There was a woman that was very, very sick and very, very depressed in the last session," Blaine said. "And she was (saying), 'I don't even know if I can do this, I don't know if I'm gonna be able to get out of bed every day.' By week two, she was (saying), 'this is why I'm getting out of bed every day.' And she wouldn't have signed up for a support group, that was (polarizing) to her, but somehow ... everyone has to kind of find where is your support, where is your community ... this is a really different way to get that support."

The embrace of the comic community was something that paved the way for Blaine's success. Growing up in Santa Monica, Blaine was forced to return to the city after one year of college due to her parents' drug addiction, taking care of her brother alongside her future husband, Mickey. Though the time was "disturbing," a pivotal lifeline during that period was broadcasts of "Friends" on Thursday evenings.

"For half an hour, we would laugh, and there was no sadness," she said. "It was (an escape). I had always wanted to be a performer and make people laugh, but it was at that time when I felt comedy was a real escape from a lot of pain."

Her love for "Friends" extended to the program's star, Jennifer Aniston, who Blaine had an "obsession" with. As a fellow actress, Blaine's later encounter with the star ended with the advice to collaborate with Mickey in writing a one-woman show.

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Blaine was unsure of what to perform for the show, until she was suggested writing about her precarious family life.

Her parents eventually sobered up, but the pain from that experience remained, and the eventual performances of the one-woman show acted as healing from the situation.

"When you can share your own point of view with someone, and they can fully see it in an artistic way, you reshape how they can see something," she said.

Friday's performances of Storyectomy will be reshaping how audiences and performers alike see cancer, and Blaine notes she is glad to partner with the ACS, commending the organization for services like rideshares and around-the-clock experts to speak to over the phone. Joining performers for the showcases will be comedians Hooper, Robin Tran, Dan Telfer and Jerry Rocha. Those attending the fundraiser are encouraged to give as much, or as little, as they can to the ACS. Applications for future Storyectomy classes can be found at www.crowcomedy.com.

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Lincoln MS 500's Building Modernization Project

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Contractors that intend to submit a Response to the RFQ/P must prequalify with the District by submitting the District's Prequalification Questionnaire through QualityBidders located at the following link: https://www.qualitybidders.com/, on or before October 24, 2023; hold a Class B Contractors License that is current, valid, and in good standing with the California Contractor's State License Board, and meet the minimum project requirements noted within the RFQ/P. Contractors that have prequalified within a year of the deadline for the submittal of Proposals set forth in the schedule in the RFQ/P do not need to submit the Prequalification Questionnaire.

The RFQ/P can be found on the SecureBids website at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/LLBRFQP2409SMSLincoln. Electronic Responses must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023 via the SecureBids website, https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/LLBRFQP2409SMSLincoln.

The successful contractor(s) shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if awarded a contract for the Project(s). The successful contractor(s) and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project(s) not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to Labor Code sections 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or on the Internet at: http://www.dir.ca.gov. Contractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 .

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS

LEASE LEASEBACK (LLB) RFQ/P #24.11.SMS

FOR PRELIMINARY AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Grant ES Classroom Building Project

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) issues a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) to invite the submission of statement of qualifications and proposals (Response(s)) from contractors to perform preliminary (preconstruction) services and construction services for the District's Grant ES Classroom Building Project pursuant to the lease-leaseback delivery method. (Ed. Code, § 17406.) The Projects construction cost is estimated to be between $20M and $25M. The Grant ES Classroom Building Project consists of construction of a new classroom building, demolition of 7 modular buildings and construction of a new playground area. The new classroom building is approximately 11,000 SF including 6 classrooms on the ground floor and an enclosed space above.

This Project is subject to the March 2, 2017, Project Labor Agreement by and between the District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (PLA). A copy of the PLA is included in "ATTACHMENT 3 – District's Lease Leaseback Contract" of the issued RFQ/P.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 3)

Your heart speaks through many expressions, family, food, friends, good times and serious commitments to the work you do in the world. You'll not be content to rely on your talent, rather you'll keep learning and leveraging your skills. More highlights: Exceptional timing will augment your finances. Love and big events intertwine. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 3, 33 and 5.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This secret of leadership will apply: Don't go searching for meaning; decide what it means and build up from there. The principle will help you lead your own mind today and other minds later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're sensitive to life's changes, especially the ones that don't seem to follow a pattern. Establish your own patterns wherever possible. Ordered action will produce a calm state of mind from which more order will be born.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your natural competitiveness will be triggered, fueling an improvement mission. It will take weeks of work, but with a bit of persistence you will acquire the skills you need to get what you want.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The one who is working more to make a situation functional isn't necessarily the one who cares more or loves more. It's the one with a better sense of duty, responsibility and capability. You'll gain strength through action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Let others drive for a while. Whether in conversation or projects, romance or actual driving, you'll find that letting go of the wheel allows you the perspective you need to get a deeper understanding of the correct next moves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The world says "want this" because others have something to gain from controlling your appetites. Listen to your own needs and wants because it won't be the same "this" and it won't be costly to you either.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The sounds made by dangerous creatures often match their nature — roars, growls, hisses and the like. But in your more civilized world, the dangerous ones use sweet tones and say just what you want to hear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll make work seem fun and others want to do it, too. But there's a lot that should be done by you and only you. You don't want to get to the end and realize your vision has been compromised by committee.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A lesson can be read and understood and still not learned. The best way to learn is practice. Simulations will help, and so will diving into the real stuff whether or not you're entirely ready.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). From the outside, things that work seem to be efficiently built, buttoned up, following orders of command that make sense. But in reality, almost everything is built in a mess and performs in some wonky way that serves the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't take the blame for things you didn't do. It's fine to let it go and move on, but don't attempt to manage their feelings. If you assume too much responsibility, you'll rob others of the chance to step up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It wouldn't be smart to abandon the plan, though you may decide to approach it differently — namely with a smile. Try not to rush anything that has to do with people. Friendly, lingering and meandering connections will bring you joy.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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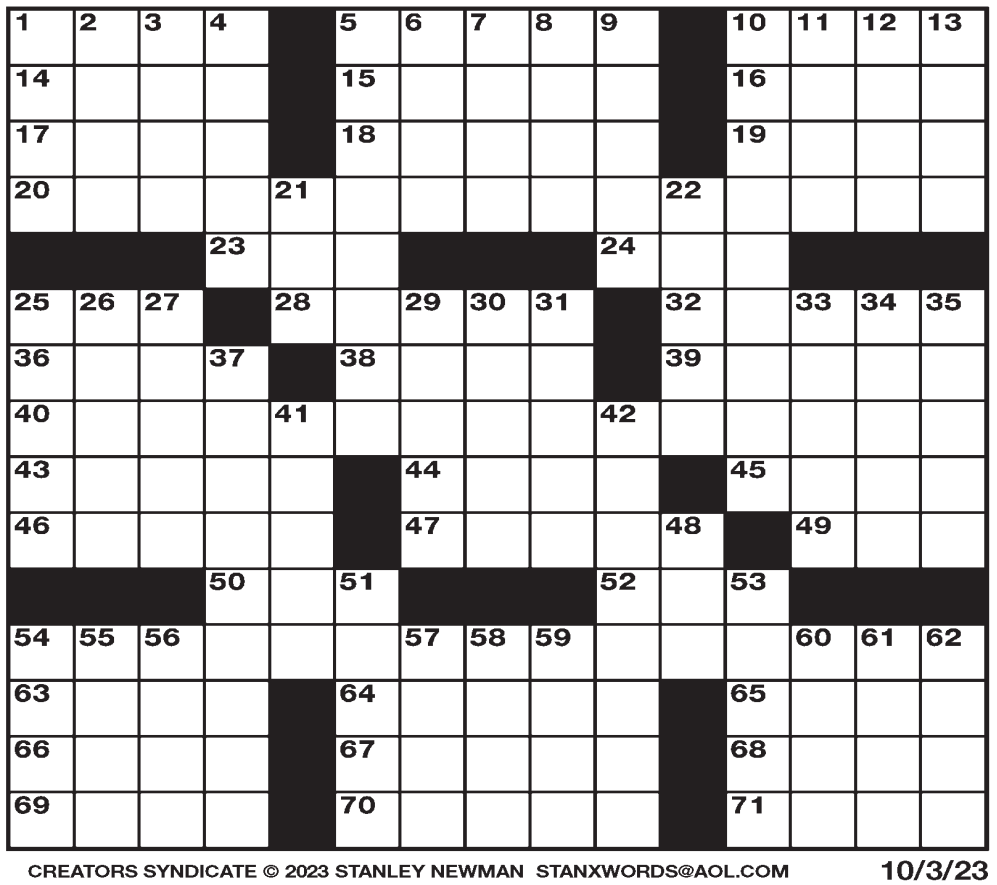
EASY AS . . . by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Dalmatian's marking
5 Brag about winning
10 24-hr. cash sources
14 Fancily furnished
15 External
16 Informal refusal
17 Wartime comrade
18 Houston baseballer
19 Fast-food order for home
20 One-__ (teacher's quaint workplace)
23 Portion of corn
24 Once around a track
25 "I should say __!"
28 Objectives
32 Smooths, as wood
36 Unsuccessful film
38 Large quantity
39 Boy Scout group
40 Two-__ (cola purchase, perhaps)
43 Escape from
44 Prohibited thing
45 Noticed
46 Ancient artifact
47 Happen afterward
49 Banned insecticide: Abbr.
50 Cannon or rifle
52 Keep the status __
54 Three-__ (fine dining locales)
63 Stubborn equine
64 Malice
65 Wrench or pliers
66 Woodwind instrument
67 Seer's deck
68 Rabbit relative
69 Acquires
70 Rungs of a ladder
71 Lose fur

DOWN

1 Practice boxing
2 Casual shirt
3 Norway's capital
4 Kitchen spice
5 Traverse
6 Fancily furnished
7 *Beetle Bailey* dog
8 Prefix meaning "flying"
9 Fairy tale meanie
10 Carburetors, for instance
11 "Wherefore art __ Romeo?"
12 Beer steins
13 Sneaker or loafer
21 Droop
22 Is compelled
25 Super Bowl athlete, for short
26 Greek salad tidbit
27 Add up
29 Without assistance
30 Deceived
31 Graceful long-necked birds
33 Made mention of
34 Parceled (out)
35 Paid out
37 Purebred dogs' ancestries
41 Happen again
42 Bunches of flowers
48 3 Down's continent: Abbr.
51 Homes for hawks
53 Swearing-in ceremonies
54 Urban air pollution
55 Toothpaste holder
56 Frequently
57 Minor quarrel
58 Become weary
59 On the summit of
60 Ancient ark builder
61 Ripped
62 Snow vehicle

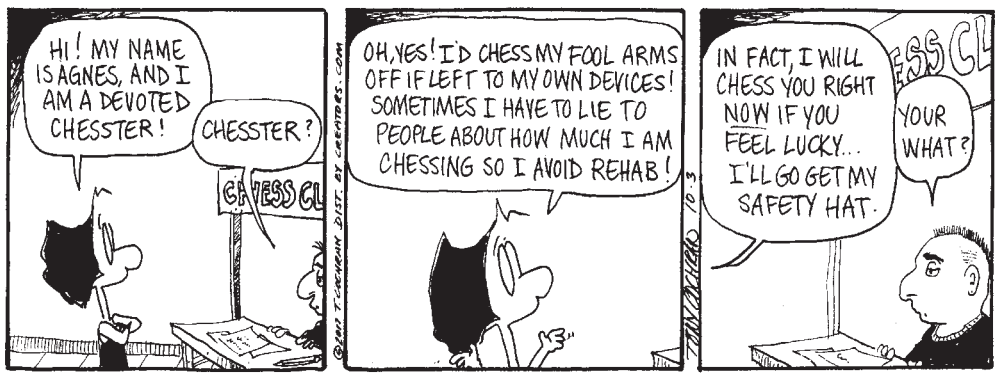


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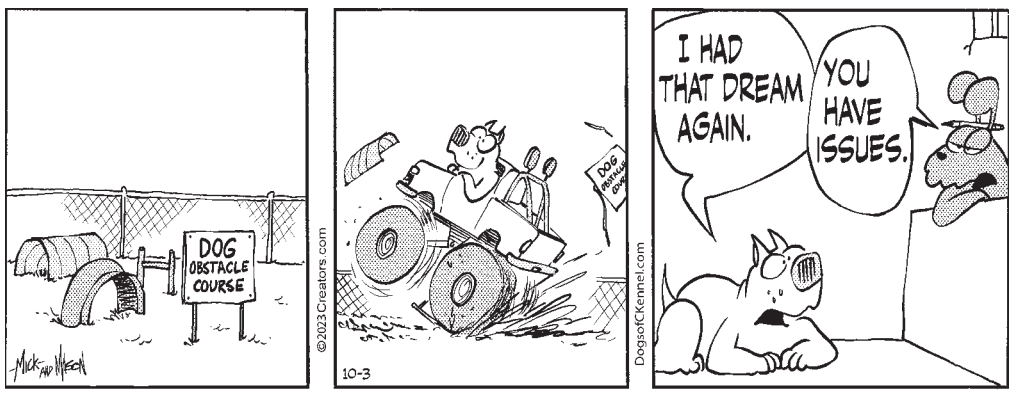
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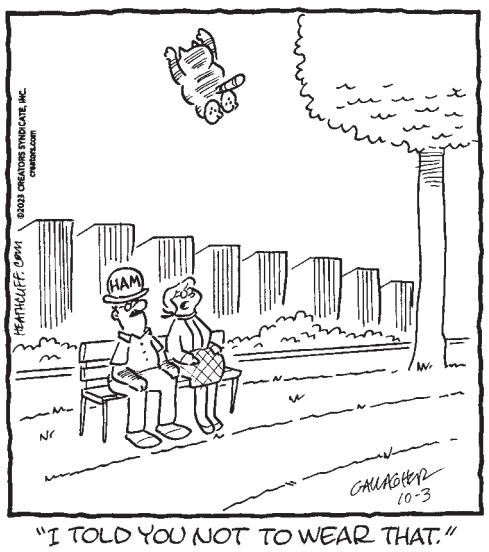
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By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"I TOLD YOU NOT TO WEAR THAT."

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

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Tropical holiday

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P O O L H A Y M A N E L I A U
O G I R U I A A L P H A Z Y K
D L S A S E W C C S S T I N U
C L L L A T H E R T O N U E R
A V E A A A G D A A I D F E U
A T T I R O I N G H R O I G A
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El Arish
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TUESDAY | OCTOBER 3

THE NO CHASERS
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 p.m. Two drink minimum. The No Chasers are hailed as one of the greatest cover groups around SoCal. Harvelle's Santa Monica, 1432 4th St. $10

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB
Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons at the library, from crafting the perfect character to participating in a short campaign. Materials provided. No registration necessary. For ages 10-18. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue 4:30 - 6 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING
6:00pm Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission. City Hall 1685 Main Street

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 4

BANNED BOOKS TRIVIA BOWL
Celebrate Banned Books Week and flex your literary knowledge with a pub-style trivia contest! Compete individually or as a team to win prizes and raise awareness about book bans. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m.

KARAOKE NIGHT PARTY AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Sing a song, sing it loud and sing it strong at Tavern on Main's Karaoke Night Party, every Monday and Wednesday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St,

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 5

JOB HUNTING WITH CHRYSALIS
Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

JESS FULLER 'ALCHEMY' EP RELEASE FT. SUN ZU
Don't miss Jess Fuller's release show for her very first EP "Alchemy" featuring up and coming local rapper Sun Zu. 8 p.m. Townhouse Venice, 52 Windward Ave. $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.

HOUSING COMMISSION
The Housing Commission regularly meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6 P.M. at City Hall

TRADES INTERN INFORMATIONAL MEETING
In-person informational meeting about the Trades Intern program will take place in the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Ave Park. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 7 - 8 p.m.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 6

TAYLORS VERSION : A SWIFTIE DANCE PARTY
This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, 11:15 p.m. $17.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 7

EAST PICO WALK AUDIT
Walk audits allow participants to experience the corridor and document their experiences, both good and bad, to provide invaluable insights, and offer a unique perspective that's often overlooked in traditional data collection. By joining, you'll be aiding the team in identifying areas of concern and ensuring a safer community for all. 9:30 a.m. Register online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepACSyasMAz7ko7oFFX6uMCl7pe7XpsmFISgVPaephd5wNPg/viewform

SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT
Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with free performances by world-class artists. Anna Homler with Jorge Martin and Jeff Schwartz. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 8

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT
The improvised murder mystery night where the audience is the detective. The Crow, Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m. $15. https://jetbook.co/e/murder-mystery-night-g6je

ON DECK COMEDY
With a roster of popular comedians in the city, On Deck Comedy has earned a loyal fan base who can't get enough of its hilarious performances and lively vibe. Townhouse Venice, 52 Windward Ave, 7:30 - 10 p.m. $20. https://townhousevenice.ticketsauce.com/e/on-deck-comedy-2/tickets.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **63.0**

TUESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Waves likely a little smaller as SSE and NW swell mix eases. Early morning looks like best chance with light winds and favorable tide push. Stay tuned.
WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Getting tiny with weak SSE swell fading and only a touch of longer-period forerunners underneath. Doable first thing in the AM and again later in the day but likely pretty flat around the midday high tide for a lot of spots.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. West wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 78. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2023/10/03	Tue	05:40 AM	2.27	L
2023/10/03	Tue	12:06 PM	5.78	H
2023/10/03	Tue	7:33 PM	0.34	L
2023/10/04	Wed	02:24 AM	3.35	H
2023/10/04	Wed	06:08 AM	2.84	L
2023/10/04	Wed	12:51 PM	5.33	H
2023/10/04	Wed	8:54 PM	0.63	L
2023/10/05	Thu	1:54 PM	4.86	H
2023/10/05	Thu	10:35 PM	0.70	L
2023/10/06	Fri	07:13 AM	3.71	H
2023/10/06	Fri	09:43 AM	3.65	L
2023/10/06	Fri	3:34 PM	4.56	H
2023/10/06	Fri	11:51 PM	0.58	L
2023/10/07	Sat	07:30 AM	4.00	H
2023/10/07	Sat	11:53 AM	3.33	L
2023/10/07	Sat	5:09 PM	4.57	H
2023/10/08	Sun	12:43 AM	0.45	L

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Power#: 22
Jackpot: 1.04 M

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Draw Date: 9/29
18 40 47 55 64
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 300 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 9/30
7 10 11 18 39
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/1
3 7 17 23 24

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/1
EVENING: 4 9 4
Draw Date: 10/1
MIDDAY: 4 2 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/1
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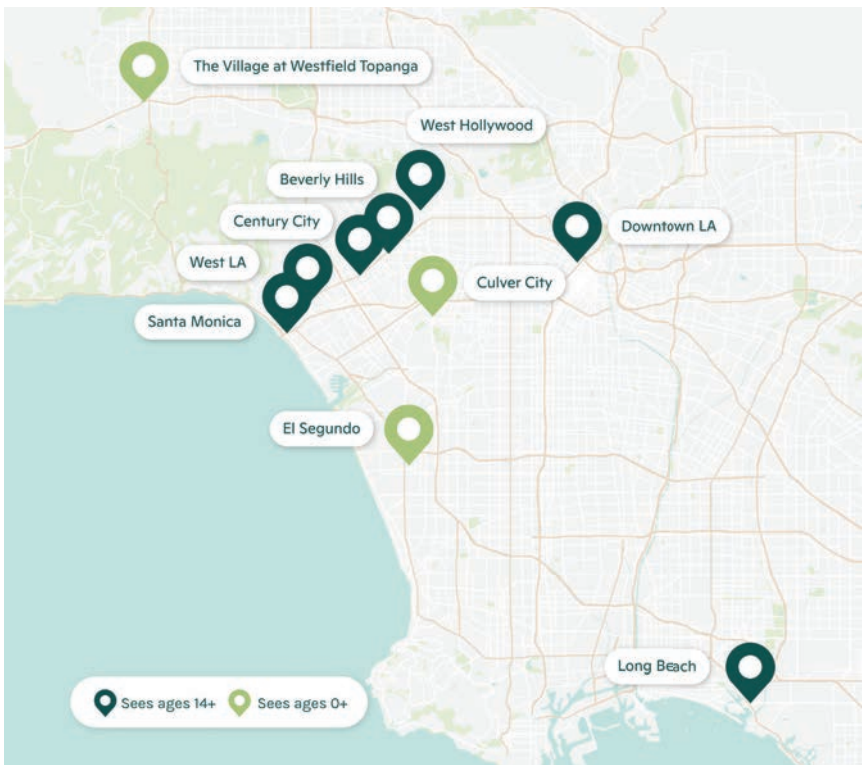
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