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Recycling start-up Ridwell expands to Santa Monica

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Seattle-based recycling start-up Ridwell has expanded to include the city of Santa Monica following its successful roll out in seven other metro areas, many of which are up and down the West Coast..

Since its inception in 2017, Ridwell has grown to 80,000 members across seven cities in seven states, including Seattle, Portland, San Francisco Bay Area, Austin, Denver, Minneapolis and Atlanta.

By subscribing to their plan, Ridwell provides a pick up service for all manner of waste items that are not included in the Blue Bin list of recyclables (metal and aluminum cans and foil, some glass bottles and plastic containers, paper and cardboard).

Other items that most of us believe are recyclable are still put into these bins, but tragically they ultimately end up in landfills.

Ridwell prides itself on being to offer a scheme where they provide

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Ridwell

RECYCLE: The company recycles items that would otherwise be trash.

Anuj Gupta is new Department of Transportation director

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Former deputy city manager Anuj Gupta has been named the new director of the city's Department of Transportation (DOT).

Gupta had been serving in the role of interim director following the retirement of former Director Ed King retired in August. Gupta will manage a team of 472 employees and oversee a $110 million budget

"Anuj brings a wealth of experience to the table and proven track record of leadership and collaboration," City Manager David White said. "I am confident he can build upon the strong foundation of the department to cultivate innovative, accessible, safe and sustainable mobility options."

Gupta is a Santa Monica resident and has 15 years of public service experience at both the local and federal levels.

Before coming to Santa Monica he worked for the City of Los Angeles, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Obama White House.

"I am thrilled to lead the extraordinary team at the Department of Transportation into the future with a focus on safety, sustainability, innovation and

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Fred Segal opens on Montana Ave.



Scott Snowden

OPEN: The brand has returned to Santa Monica.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Iconic Los Angeles fashion brand Fred Segal is returning to Santa Monica with a new store at 1533 Montana Ave.

The retailer announced its new location on social media last week to the surprise and delight of many.

"We're always happy to have something interesting and fabulous on Montana and Fred Segal is a perfect fit for us," said Jane Walker with the Montana Avenue Merchant's Association. Walker, whose store Texture is several blocks West of the new Fred Segal, said people come to Montana looking for experiences that are a little bit different and more interesting than the everyday.

"We're very excited and very happy," she said. "I've been on the street 30 years and I like it when we get those types of stores because they're in keeping with what's here."

The new Montana location is a homecoming of sorts for the company.

Once Upon A Time, the brand had two iconic stores at 5th and Broadway. The company sold the first of the pair in 2012 and in 2014, that space officially closed making way for what became a large mixed use development with an underground Trader Joe's store. The facing property closed in 2016 after many years of vacancy, it eventually reopened as a Target.

The brand's namesake and original owner died in 2021 at Providence Saint John's Health Center. At the time he was remembered for changing the face of Los Angeles fashion and helping define a sense of "California Cool."

He opened his first store, specializing in denim, in 1961 in West Hollywood and the location eventually moved to Melrose Ave. Over time the brand expanded and it was sold multiple times before

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School board scopes out safety plan on Thursday

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Keeping students safe is always a priority within the Santa Monica-Malibu School District, with the subject coming up once again at this Thursday's Board of Education meeting.

Thursday's meeting will see a vote to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan for each district school, as mandated by state legislation. Each school's safety plan is part of the district's Emergency Operations Plan.

Each safety plan includes roles and responsibilities of faculty and staff members during an emergency, emergency procedures, evacuation locations and school maps. The plans also describe strategies for "ensuring a safe and orderly school conducive to learning," including "describing what (campuses) do to ensure a safe physical environment and to snare a safe, respectful and orderly school community."

Thursday's meeting will also read a resolution in support of Safe Schools Month, taking place throughout October. The resolution describes the district's commitment to safety, including the holding of regular emergency drills and continued work with "a broad spectrum of community partners" to "take any threats of violence seriously" and implement policies "that foster and support a positive school climate."

An addendum to the resolution states that the district urges the State of California and United States Congress "to provide strong leadership" to prevent gun violence in schools and elsewhere in school communities.

Also up for discussion Thursday will be new data on student achievement.

The Board will receive information about the Early Development Instrument [EDI], Climate Survey Results, preliminary Attendance, preliminary Suspension and preliminary Expulsion Rates.

According to staff, Advanced Placement Assessment Data, Cohort Graduation Rates, Attendance, Dropout rates and College and Career Readiness information will be provided to the board once it becomes available.

The public may attend the meeting in-person at the District Administrative Offices (1717 4th St.) or via Zoom webinar (meeting ID: 850 7412 0978; passcode: 912335; call-in number: 669-900-6833).

The Board of Education will call the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the boardroom at the District Offices and on Zoom, at which time the Board of Education will move to closed session regarding the items listed under Closed Session. The public meeting will reconvene at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom and via Zoom webinar.

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Project learning students continue successful path

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Student stories from the Santa Monica High School project-based learning (PBL) pathway were recently featured in the new book "Learning to Leave: How Real-World Training Transforms Education" by authors Elliot Washor and Scott Boldt.

Washor has been a mentor to many in the district, particularly at SMASH, and recently brought his book tour to The Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration.

Speaking to adult education students, Washor laid out his book under the themes of "new ways" to practice learning and equity, "new forms" to increase real-world learning capabilities, and "new measures" to grade students on that does away with what he calls "over-reliance on outdated standardized testing."

The (PBL) pathway is now in its 5th year under the direction of Jessica Rishe, who also oversees Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH). The program started as a way to give students 20% of their week to explore their curiosity and interest with partnership and mentorship programs in the greater Santa Monica and West Los Angeles communities. Students are able to take individual interest in a project, starting with informational interviews and shadow days in a wide range of occupations, followed by mentorships and internships on what students may want to continue studying after graduation.

"(Students) can be activated citizens right now in our adult world, and not (from) having school practice for the real world, but letting them be out in the community to make an impact right now outside the school walls," Rishe said.

In 9th grade, students can take on a service learning project as part of a freshman seminar, followed by taking the "Learning Through Interest" course in 10th and 11th grade. Thursdays at Samohi are allocated to allow these students to work in programs ranging from industrial design and engineering to photography and cinematography.

Several excerpts from the book are written by Samohi students within the PBL pathway, including 2023 graduate Micah Rishe, who was able to learn about the business side of the entertainment industry through a high school internship at Lionsgate Entertainment.

"I (spent) one day a week at Lionsgate doing script coverage, reviewing scripts and passing my feedback up the line, doing research, budgeting and inputting information into (spreadsheets), and sometimes sitting in on meetings," Rishe wrote. "It's incredibly cool to be there and very informative. I'm welcomed in the office and trusted with important tasks. I feel as though I understand the business side of the film and TV industry now."

The elder Rishe says that holding events like the book tour spark interest in the PBL pathway program, and act as a "piece of recruitment activity" for families.

"I hope that lots of people read this and feel inspired to make changes in the way they're supporting learning," she said.

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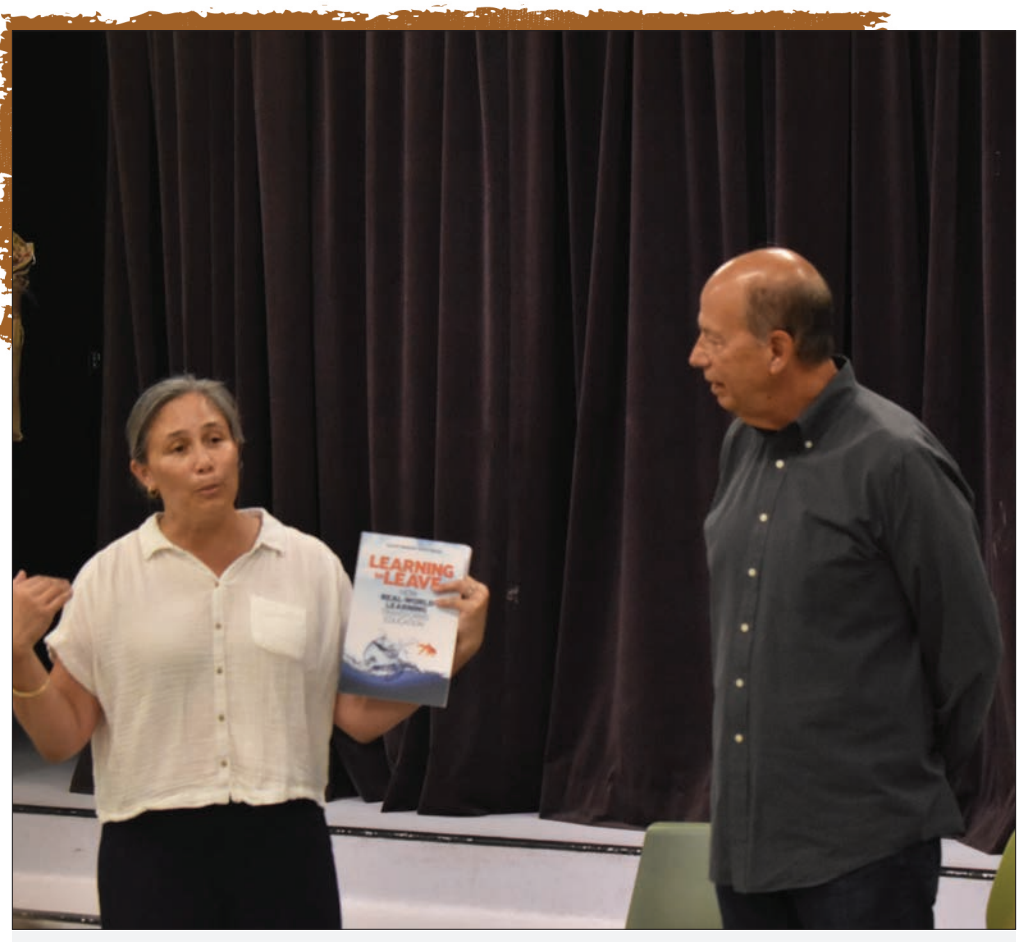


Photo by Thomas Leffler

PBL PATHWAY: Project Insight's Andrea Purcell and author Elliot Washor introduce the new book "Learning to Leave" at the SMASH Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration. The book features several excerpts from students in the Santa Monica High School PBL pathway program.

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Rite Aid seeks Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as it deals with lawsuits and losses

TOM MURPHY AND ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press

Rite Aid has filed for bankruptcy protection and plans to sell part of its business as it attempts to restructure while dealing with losses and opioid-related lawsuits.

The company said Rite Aid stores will continue to fill prescriptions, and customers will still be able to visit its locations or shop online while it goes through its voluntary Chapter 11 process. But that process also will allow it to speed up its plan to close underperforming stores.

The Rite Aid closed one of its Santa Monica locations at 1808 Wilshire Boulevard last year. At that time unsold merchandise was transferred to the nearby Rite Aid location at 1331 Wilshire, near the intersection of Wilshire and 14th Street which remains open.

Going through Chapter 11 will help "significantly reduce the company's debt" while helping to "resolve litigation claims in an equitable manner," Rite Aid late Sunday.

Rite Aid Corp. said in its federal bankruptcy filing that it runs more than 2,000 stores. Most of its locations are on the East and West Coasts.

The Philadelphia company, which is marking its 60th year in business, has posted annual losses for several years and has been cutting costs and closing stores as it dealt with long-standing financial challenges. It has said it expects a net loss of as much as $680 million in the current fiscal year, which will end next spring.

The company, like its rivals, also faces financial risk from lawsuits over opioid prescriptions. Rite Aid already has reached several settlements, including one announced last year with the state of West Virginia for up to $30 million.

In March, the U.S. Justice Department intervened in a whistleblower lawsuit brought by former employees under the False Claims Act. Federal officials said in a statement that the drugstore chain filled "at least hundreds of thousands" of illegal prescriptions for drugs including opioids.

Rite Aid called the government's claims "hyperbolic" in a subsequent motion to dismiss. The company said facts alleged in the case actually showed it exceeded regulatory requirements for diversion control.

Drugstores also have been dealing with several issues that frustrate customers. They've handled prescription drug shortages, and they have struggled to fill their stores with enough pharmacists and technicians to run the pharmacies. Rivals CVS and Walgreens both have dealt with walkouts by pharmacy employees concerned about their growing workloads and lack of help.

The stores also have had to weather tight prescription reimbursement and waning COVID-19 vaccine and testing business in recent quarters. Plus online competitors like the retail giant Amazon have hurt sales of consumer goods found outside the pharmacy areas of their stores.

Rite Aid's larger competitors like CVS and Walgreens, which each run several thousand more locations, have moved more aggressively into health care, opening clinics and adding other sources of revenue.

Deutsche Bank analyst George Hill said in an August note that Rite Aid operates on a much thinner profit margin than its competitors and while it can pay costs to service its debt, it won't be able to cover principal payments "based on the current trajectory of the business."

The company's filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey listed $8.6 billion in total debts and $7.6 billion in assets.

Rite Aid said Sunday that it had reached an agreement with some key creditors on a financial restructuring plan to cut its debt. The company also said it obtained $3.45 billion in fresh financing from some of its lenders, which will help support the company through the Chapter 11 process.

Rite Aid says it does not know yet which stores it will close, but it will transfer workers to other Rite Aid locations where possible.

Gabelli Funds portfolio manager Jeff Jonas expects the company to close several hundred locations. He noted that this could ease some pressure on drugstores struggling to find workers.

> "All those people will get new jobs immediately"
> - Jeff Jonas

"All those people will get new jobs immediately," he said. "You hate to say that someone's bankruptcy is a positive, but it kind of is."

Rite Aid also said Sunday that it reached a deal to sell its small pharmacy benefits manager, Elixir, to MedImpact Healthcare Systems. Elixir runs prescription drug coverage and a specialty pharmacy among other services.

Rite Aid said MedImpact will serve as the "stalking horse bidder" in a court-supervised sale process.

The company also said that Jeffrey Stein, who heads a financial advisory firm, was named CEO, replacing interim leader Elizabeth Burr. She had replaced Heyward Donigan, who left in January.

Rite Aid said Stein has experience working with companies that are undergoing financial restructuring.

A few years ago, Rite Aid propped up its share price with a 1-for-20 reverse stock split that took more than a billion shares off the market. But the share price has slid for most of this year and tumbled back below $1 in

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **65.5**

WEDNESDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
Up in size from Mon-Tue — more NW swell mix looking likely with some modest SW swell in the mix to help shape up the combo breaks west of Dume. Early morning tide push pairs up with the more favorable conditions of the day.

THURSDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
A day to watch — Old NW swell mix is fun on its own. New, stronger long period WNW swell building through the end of the day. Long period SW/SSW swell also builds, sets up nice peaks off the combo of swells.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)	High/Low
2023/10/18	Wed	12:15 AM	3.51		H
2023/10/18	Wed	04:39 AM	2.39		L
2023/10/18	Wed	11:11 AM	5.76		H
2023/10/18	Wed	6:50 PM	0.25		L
2023/10/19	Thu	01:31 AM	3.17		H
2023/10/19	Thu	04:58 AM	2.74		L
2023/10/19	Thu	11:51 AM	5.57		H
2023/10/19	Thu	7:58 PM	0.38		L
2023/10/20	Fri	12:49 PM	5.28		H
2023/10/20	Fri	9:26 PM	0.39		L
2023/10/21	Sat	2:17 PM	5.01		H
2023/10/21	Sat	10:49 PM	0.20		L
2023/10/22	Sun	06:30 AM	3.80		H
2023/10/22	Sun	10:16 AM	3.42		L
2023/10/22	Sun	4:05 PM	4.96		H
2023/10/22	Sun	11:48 PM	-0.02		L
2023/10/23	Mon	06:50 AM	4.24		H
2023/10/23	Mon	11:48 AM	2.79		L

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2 27 31 44 64
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 49 M

MEGA MILLIONS — Draw Date: 10/13
6 18 44 46 68
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 69 M

SuperLotto Plus — Draw Date: 10/14
2 10 13 32 38
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 18 M

Fantasy 5 — Draw Date: 10/16
4 5 27 31 39

Daily 3 — Draw Date: 10/16
EVENING: 8 5 2
Draw Date: 10/16
MIDDAY: 9 0 5

Daily Derby — Draw Date: 10/16
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2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Downtown

Holiday job fair

Santa Monica Place will host a center-wide holiday job fair for job seekers interested in a variety of employment opportunities on October 19 from 12 - 6 p.m. Participating stores and restaurants will have a table displayed at their storefronts to meet candidates, accept applications and conduct interviews as desired. Please visit the Concierge Desk in Center Plaza for a list of participating retailers, where to apply and for more information regarding Santa Monica Place's job fair.

Santa Monica Place is located at 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica, at Broadway and Third Street Promenade.

For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

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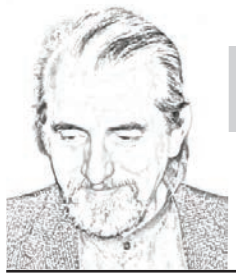
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OPINION **CURIOUS CITY**

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CIOP, SMCA: OCEAN PARK ROCKS!



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CIVIC: The building has been home to legendary music shows over the years.

CONCERTS! BUT FIRST – C I O P !!

Our venerable Church In Ocean Park is having their re-opening celebration Saturday, 4 p.m., 235 Hill Street. About four years ago, just as they were preparing to re-open after COVID, the roof collapsed. And of course revealed other structural deficiencies in the 100-year-old building. They still need help, but are good to go for services and sanctuary meetings again. The CIOP has always been a community leader for important social issues, and Rev. Janet Gollery McKeithen has heroically carried on that tradition, from the '40s, through some very trying challenges. But now - come celebrate! Send collective peace vibrations halfway around the world.

I HAD WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A GOOD IDEA FOR A COLUMN

98 % done. I had a lot to say about the horrifying conflict in Israel right now. A voice was in my head when I called a friend to check some facts, and he said, and I quote: no, no, no, no, no, not now. That's probably why I called him.

It may never see the light of day. But I'm not about to disappoint both of my faithful readers by not having something in on a Wednesday, so I am resurrecting the recent column about all the bands who performed at our Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, now given a reprieve from the wrecking ball. A lot of people were interested in that list, which invoked a lot of good memories. I've inserted some of the ones I have found since then.

1959: Dave Brubeck Quartet
1960: **Frank Sinatra**
1962: **Pete Seeger**
1963: **Frank Sinatra**
1964: J**ames Brown, The Beach Boys, The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, The Supremes, Lesley Gore, Billy J. Kramer & The Dakotas, Gerry & The Pacemakers, Jan & Dean** (2)... **Bob Dylan**
1965: **Chuck Berry, Big Mama Thornton, Skip James, Mississippi Fred McDowell, Chambers Brothers ... Bob Dylan** (6)
1967: **The Yardbirds, Iron Butterfly, Moby Grape, Captain Beefheart & His Magic Band ... Spirit, Linda Ronstadt, Strawberry Alarm Clock ... Grateful Dead, Robert Hunter ... Buffalo Springfield, Blue Cheer, Sonny Terry/Brownie McGhee**
1968: **Cream, Steppenwolf, the electric prunes, Penny Nichols ...** The Turtles, Eric Burdon & the Animals ... **Buffalo Springfield, Blue Cheer, Brownie McGhee**
1969: **Creedence Clearwater Revival, Sir Douglas Quintet ...** Jethro Tull... **Tim Buckley... THe Who, James Cotton Blues Band... Kingston Trio**
1970: Grateful Dead, Cold Blood ... Neil Young ... **Creedence Clearwater Revival, Sir Douglas Quintet ... Pink Floyd ...** Trafffic ... **Van Morrison, John Lee Hooker** ... Mountain, Zephyr... **Frank Zappa/The Mothers Of Invention, The Persuasions ... Johnny Winter, Savoy Brown ...** The Kinks ... **Deep Pur[;e... Elton John, Odetta ... Derek & the Dominos**
1971: **The Bee Gees, The Staple Singers ...** Mountain ... **John Lee Hooker, Canned Heat ... Procol Harum, Fanny, Spencer Davis Group ... Allman Brothers Band ... Pete Seeger**
1972: Traffic ... **King Crimson, Fairport Convention, The Blues Project ...** The

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GAS PRICES IN SANTA MONICA

76	1776 Cloverfield Blvd	$6
SHELL	1802 Cloverfield Blvd	$6
CHEVRON	1819 Cloverfield Blvd	$7.20
MOBIL	731 Santa Monica Blvd	$6.69
LINCOLN BLVD CAR WASH	1624 Lincoln Blvd	$6.39
WORLD	1801 Lincoln Blvd	$5.79
SHELL	1866 Lincoln Blvd	$5.99
SPEEDWAY EXPRESS	2555 Lincoln Blvd	$5.69
CHEVRON	1732 Lincoln Blvd	$5.79
ARCO	332 Pico Blvd	$5.59
SINCLAIR	1944 Pico Blvd	$5.94
76	2601 Wilshire Blvd	$7

*Prices paying in cash

SMDP and GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 21.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $5.76/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 1.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 26.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 6.8 cents in the last week and stands at $4.41 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $4.79/g yesterday while the most expensive was $7.19/g, a difference of $2.40/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.89/g while the highest was $7.19/g, a difference of $3.30/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 11.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.55/g today. The national average is down 29.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 30.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Studio Talent Group Founder Phil Brock To Be Inducted Into Personal Managers Hall Of Fame

Studio Talent Group's Phil Brock is among eight prominent show business managers announced as the latest inductees to the Personal Managers Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony, presented by the National Conference of Personal Managers, is scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 25, 2023, at the prestigious Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

With a background in teaching and coaching athletics, Brock turned from acting to talent management in 1994, and founded Studio Talent Group on February 1, 1995, after managing with another firm. From its beginning as a small, highly personal management firm, STG's roster soon grew exponentially by word of mouth. Brock and his staff have proudly represented Golden Globe, Emmy, Tony, Spirit, and Theatre World award-winners, as well as up-and-coming actors filled with talent and potential. As the company grew, Brock and the STG team holistically nurtured all aspects of their clients' careers, from training to marketing.

STG actors over the years have appeared and often starred in much-loved commercials, TV series, films, and theatre. Their work has won numerous awards and legions of fans. Brock's style involves genuinely getting to know and understand his actors. "It hasn't always been easy," says Brock. "There are times, as in any business, when you wonder if all the success comes at too high a price of personal time and effort. But then you recall the incredible talent and extraordinary people whose lives have touched you in this unpredictable and fascinating business, and you realize why you do what you do."

Brock encourages his clients to reach out beyond their acting careers and help others in their own communities, and he sets an example with his own life. He has served as President of the Talent Managers Association and has been an instructor at the famed Strasberg Institute. Brock is a long-time member of SAG-AFTRA, the Television Academy, and AEA. He is a board member of the Salvation Army, Kiwanis, Elks, Lions Club, and the Boys & Girls Club Council. A second-generation Santa Monican, he served for 14 years as member and chair of Santa Monica's Recreation & Parks Commission and four years as a Santa Monica Arts Commissioner. In 2020 he was elected by a landslide vote to the Santa Monica City Council. He is slated to be sworn in as Mayor of the city in early December.

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DOT

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outstanding customer service," Gupta said. "One of the many reasons my family and I love Santa Monica is that we can navigate this amazing community by taking a Big Blue Bus, walking or biking instead of always getting in a car — and I look forward to accelerating our city's work to make these modes safer and more accessible. DOT will continue advancing transformative projects and services that provide an unparalleled array of mobility options in the city, shaping a future that is more equitable and sustainable for all."

In appointing Gupta to the interim position, David White praised his work in the city.

"I'm confident that Anuj's proven leadership within our organization will serve him well in this role," said White. "His exceptional policy and legislative affairs experience, including successfully advocating for transportation- and mobility-related legislation and funding, will be an asset to the department as the City continues its innovative transportation and mobility work," he said.

The City's DOT combines Big Blue Bus planning, operations and maintenance, traffic engineering, multi-modal transportation planning, programming and design, shared mobility and micromobility regulation, transportation permitting and parking operations and management under one administration.

The salary for the position is $252,792.

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Microsoft spent two years trying to buy Santa Monica based Activision Blizzard. For Xbox CEO, that was the easy part

MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

After two years co-piloting the biggest acquisition in video game history past an onslaught of challenges, Xbox CEO Phil Spencer now moves on to his next quest: making Microsoft's takeover of Santa Monica's Activision Blizzard worth the hassle.

Microsoft, which owns the Xbox gaming system, closed its $69 billion deal to buy game-maker Activision Blizzard on Friday after fending off global opposition from antitrust regulators and rivals.

It marks a career-defining moment for Spencer, who first joined Microsoft as an intern in 1988 and has helmed Xbox since 2014. After years of lagging behind rival Sony's PlayStation, acquiring Activision's collection of popular game titles gives Microsoft a rare chance to catch up.

"His job really just starts today," said analyst Gil Luria, technology strategist at D.A. Davidson, after the deal's closure. "All he's been doing is preparing for today where he actually gets to integrate the business."

And it marks the end of an era for Activision Blizzard CEO Bobby Kotick, who's led the Southern California maker of Call of Duty and other blockbuster franchises since 1991 after helping to buy it from bankruptcy. Kotick said he's assisting with the transition until the end of the year.

Activision Blizzard was still reeling from worker protests, lawsuits and government investigations over allegations of workplace harassment against women and unequal pay when Microsoft privately reached out about buying the company in 2021.

When the companies announced a planned merger in January 2022, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella made clear it would be "critical for Activision Blizzard to drive forward" on its commitments to improve its workplace culture.

That was just the start of Microsoft's challenges in bringing home the deal. After negotiations with Spencer faltered, top rival Sony brought its concerns about losing access to the Call of Duty franchise to regulators around the world. The strongest opposition came from U.S. antitrust enforcers emboldened by President Joe Biden's administration to take a tougher look at big tech deals, as well as their counterparts in the United Kingdom who finally relented in approving the deal Friday only after Microsoft agreed to make concessions.

"Microsoft didn't have a choice. If they wanted to be long-term competitive with Sony and the PlayStation platform, they need to have a much more robust content offering," Luria said.

But, "in retrospect, they should have read the writing on the wall in terms of the difficulty of closing the deal," Luria said. "They needed to do the deal to stay competitive, but knowing what they know now, they might have done it differently."

A key moment came in June, when a federal judge weighed the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's attempt to block the merger while it awaited further review. In an unusual move for a CEO that telegraphed the deal's importance, Spencer spent the better part of two weeks at the defendant table of a San Francisco courtroom conferring with Microsoft's lawyers. The judge eventually dismissed the FTC's request, though the agency is still seeking to unwind the deal.

Microsoft's success in integrating Activision's business is "not guaranteed, especially as its track record with acquisitions has been a mixed bag," said George Jijiashvili, senior principal analyst at research and advisory firm Omdia. Last year, Microsoft spent $7.5 billion to acquire ZeniMax Media, the parent company of video game publisher Bethesda Softworks, maker of Elder Scrolls and Fallout.

Microsoft's two key game launches this year from its Bethesda merger, Redfall and Starfield, have "been met with mixed reactions at best," Jijiashvili said. "However, with globally popular game franchises such as Call of Duty now under its wing, the company is strategically much better positioned."

Another challenge for Microsoft will be overcoming the workforce challenges that dogged Activision before the takeover.

As of late last year, Activision Blizzard had 13,000 employees, about 72% in North America, according to a regulatory filing. Microsoft has already pledged it will stay neutral if the nearly 10,000 workers in the U.S. and Canada seek to organize into a labor union, part of a 2022 agreement with the Communications Workers of America meant to address U.S. political concerns about the merger's effects.

"It is a new day for workers at Activision Blizzard," said CWA President Claude Cummings Jr. in a statement Friday.

"Over two years ago, workers at Activision Blizzard's studios captured the country's attention through walkouts and other protests over discrimination, sexual harassment, pay inequity, and other issues they were facing on the job," Cummings Jr. said. "Their efforts to form unions were met with illegal retaliation and attempts to delay and block union elections. Now these workers are free to join our union through a fair process, without interference from management."

In a Friday welcome email to Activision employees, Spencer said he wanted to "reiterate that we hold ourselves to a high bar in delivering the most inclusive and welcoming experiences for players, creators, and employees."

Homecoming ceremony spotlights Samohi's best















Photo by Thomas Leffler

SAMOHI HOMECOMING: The halftime break of the Santa Monica High School Vikings' football contest was taken over Oct. 13, as many of the school's top students took part in a special Homecoming ceremony. During the ceremony, seniors Joshua Tang and Kara Best were named Samohi Homecoming King and Queen, crowned to a raucous applause by their peers. Before the crowning, Samohi students and Vikings fans were treated to performances by the pep squad and cheerleaders, as well as a sighting by the paint-covered "Greenies" hype team. Each class at Samohi was represented by special art pieces that encapsulate their respective points in the timeline, such as "Goodnight Seniors" inspired by the children's book "Goodnight Moon."

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FRED SEGAL

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landing under current owners Global Icons.

Fred Segal now has 10 locations including international outposts in Switzerland and Kuala Lumpur.

Assistant General Manager Noah Zietz said they were "super stoked" to return to Santa Monica with a store that uses the same multi-brand concept and provides a platform to new and emerging designers.

"Yeah, I just feel like Santa Monica has always been like one of those iconic spots specifically for Fred Siegel," he said. "I think so many people just kind of grew up going there and just always kind of had the two hand in hand, you know, Santa Monica, Fred Segal."

Zietz said the move to Montana from Downtown makes a lot of sense as the store has a lot in common with existing Montana retailers.

"We do have the boutiquey feel and I think Montana is really just like a great representation of that," he said. "I think all of the little boutiques here and just kind of being a part of that, like a smaller community and just kind of being more with the people."

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RITE AID

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August. The stock last traded at roughly 65 cents.

Earlier this month, Rite Aid notified the New York Stock Exchange that it was not in compliance with listing standards. During a grace period, the company's stock continues to be listed and traded.

Walgreens attempted to buy Rite Aid for about $9.4 billion in a deal announced in 2015. But the larger drugstore chain scaled back its ambition a couple years later and bought only a chunk of Rite Aid, around 1,900 stores, to get the deal past antitrust regulators.

In 2018, Rite Aid shares plunged after the company called off a separate merger with the grocer Albertsons, which is currently trying to merge with another grocer, Kroger.

Murphy reported from Indianapolis. Kurtenbach reported from Bangkok. AP Business Writer Josh Funk also contributed to this report from Omaha, Nebraska.

RIDWELL

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small and medium-sized collection bins and bags to collect items like multi-layer plastic, batteries, lightbulbs, electronics and Styrofoam.

The company said they hope these items will gain traction as recyclable in the same way organics have in recent years.

"Our members receive a Ridwell bin and clearly marked bags for collecting their used items and then these bins and overflow bags are picked up every two weeks and replacement bags are left behind," says Ryan Metzger, CEO, co-founder at Ridwell. "We focus on items not generally accepted curbside plus there's also a featured category that rotates every two weeks. It might be eyeglasses one week and bike tires a few weeks later."'

Metzger said the items in each category are consolidated together in a warehouse and safely stored before being transported to the relevant partner company for recycling. "And you can see where they're going and who the partner is, that's a really important part of it. You can see in the app and on the website and that's the process. It's from bags to bin, to warehouse to facility," Metzger says.

Ridwell subscribers have the choice from three packages: the Classic, the Plastic Plus and the Unlimited plan, starting from $14 per month and going up to $24 per month respectively. Moreover, each plan comes with a number of add ons, charged per bag, for a collection of one-off items that aren't included on the selected subscription plan.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans recycle less than 10% of the plastics that they've used. However, this isn't purely down to laziness, many plastics simply cannot be effectively recycled. Even the more suitable plastics are only recycled at a rate of 20-30%, while the rest typically goes to incinerators or landfills, where the carbon-rich material can take up to 1,000 years to decompose.

Multi-layer plastics pick up is available in both the Plastic Plus and the Unlimited plans, but Styrofoam, because it's among the environment's worst enemies and is so mindboggingly difficult and therefore expensive to recycle, is only available on the Unlimited plan. However, a one-off Styrofoam collection is available on both the Classic and Plastic Plus plans. The key here is to combine resources in your community.

According to the company, the concept has collectively kept 14 million pounds of trash out of landfills and Ridwell itself has grown to more than 200 employees, including drivers, warehouse workers and tech developers who work on things like the website and smartphone app.

In the Santa Monica area, a company called CleanEarth takes the lightbulbs, a company called Trex takes the plastic film and finally, Foam Zone takes on the challenge of turning Styrofoam into something useful.

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GILBERT'S EL INDIO RESTAURANT

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Here in Santa Monica, competition is fierce within the Mexican cuisine arena, but one eatery stands head and shoulders above the others and that's Gilbert's El Indio Restaurant. A long-standing feature within the city, this is a family owned business that was started nearly 50 years ago by Gilberto and Carmen Rodriguez.

"We want our customers to feel welcome and enjoy a delicious meal and create memories," manager Elizabeth Chavela Safron said. "Our restaurant provides a place for friends and family to gather."

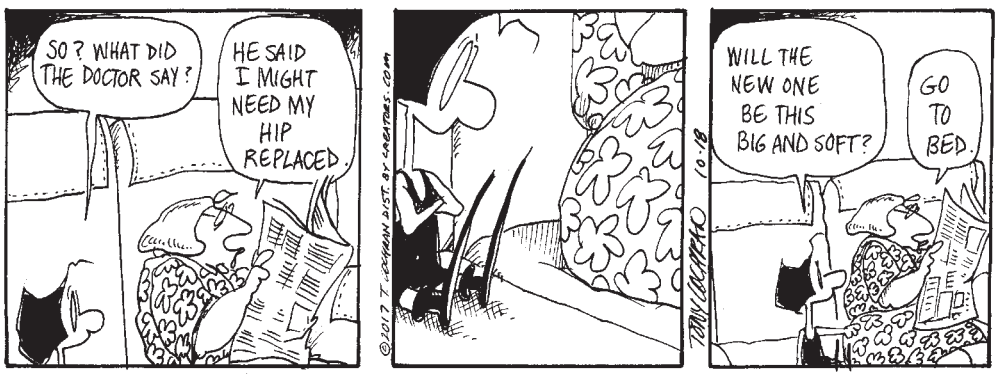
Contributing to the community features heavily in the mantra of this Mexican restaurant. All nine Rodriguez children spent their childhoods working here, from washing dishes to eventually taking management roles; many still live in the Santa Monica area. Gilbert's maintains consistently high scores on review websites like Yelp, GrubHub and Google and if you've been fortunate enough to feast here, that'll come as no surprise.

Almost every review mentions the warm, welcoming atmosphere inside and outside everyone is greeted from the moment they walk through the doors. That and the food, of course, made from fresh ingredients with generation's worth of expertise; it's no wonder then that an abundance of delicious flavors will fill your mouth with every bite.



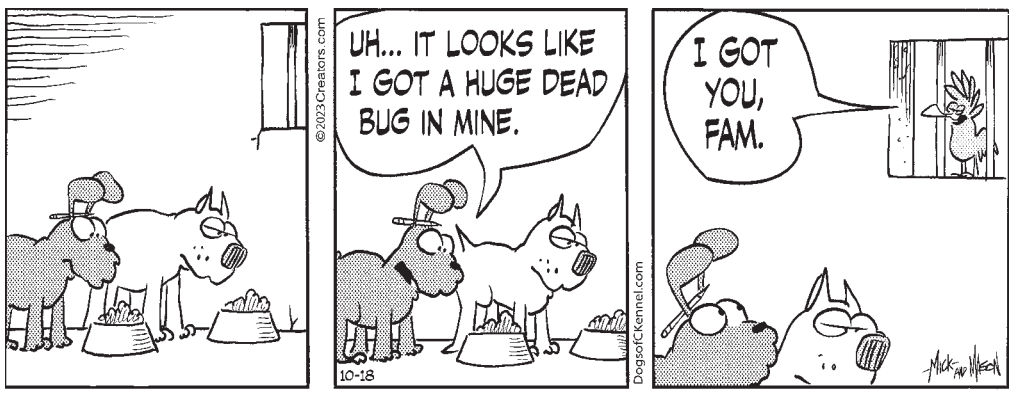
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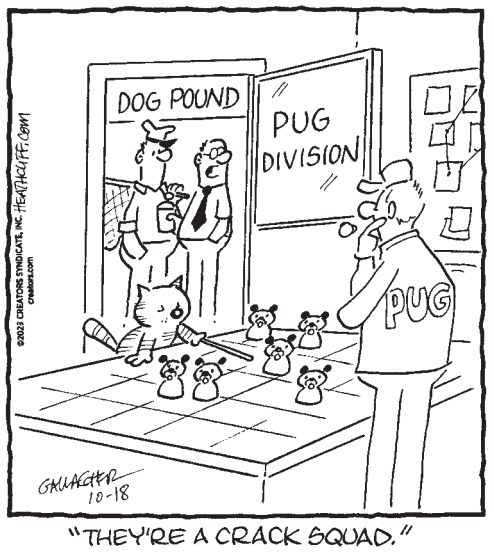
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"THEY'RE A CRACK SQUAD."

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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6001

The amazing rainforest

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Algae	Ferns	Leech	Quiet
Ants	Fig	Lizard	Smell
Aril	Fish	Lush	Snails
Bark	Fresh	Mist	Soil
Bats	Fruit	Moss	Sunlight
Beauty	Germinate	Moth	Taste
Bird	Glades	Mulch	Tawny frogmouth
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be happy because you decided to be happy and you stuck with it. If you think that's the oversimplified version, you might be right. Even so, it will work for you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't work more hours; work more focused. The work will expand to the amount of time you have, so give yourself a limit and embrace a little stress. Small pressures help you do quality work quickly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been so disciplined in one area of your life that another area might slip. Give yourself the breaks and relaxation that will help you stay balanced. This is a marathon, not a sprint.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're attracted to those who are skilled in your area of interest. Your attitude of reverence is not only flattering to your subject, it also helps you to learn. The magic is in the details.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You often remind yourself of the many ways in which you are rich. Seek people and causes that you want to be generous toward. Sharing reinforces your belief in an abundant universe and will multiply your fortunes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You find yourself doing what your friends are doing regardless of your original intention. Recognizing the strong influence of friendship, you choose these relationships as though your personality and lifestyle depended on it — it just might!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Math is the language of the cosmos; emotion is the language of your personal universe. You'll sense how people are feeling even when they try to hide it. Your talent for connection, shared joy and healing will make a difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't see the burdens someone carries inside, but you sense their weight and will be moved to help. You also won't see the boomerang of your kindness on its return mission, but you can trust it's coming back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're inclined to talk about how you're feeling, a risk that not everyone will be willing to take. Acknowledge yourself for the courage it takes to put your emotions on the line. Your vulnerability allows for a connection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You gave yourself rules and stuck to them. That was right for a certain time, but now you're in a new era. Revisit the boundaries to make sure they are still appropriate. You want to feel supported and secure, not boxed in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The more fun you have, the more serious work will get done. Life requires improvisation. Being loose, creative and agreeable will help you solve problems as a group, which will be most efficient.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll tame an uncontrolled space, manage an unwieldy situation or alleviate uncomfortable tension in a relationship. In short, you handle things well, and because of this, you'll be paid to handle more.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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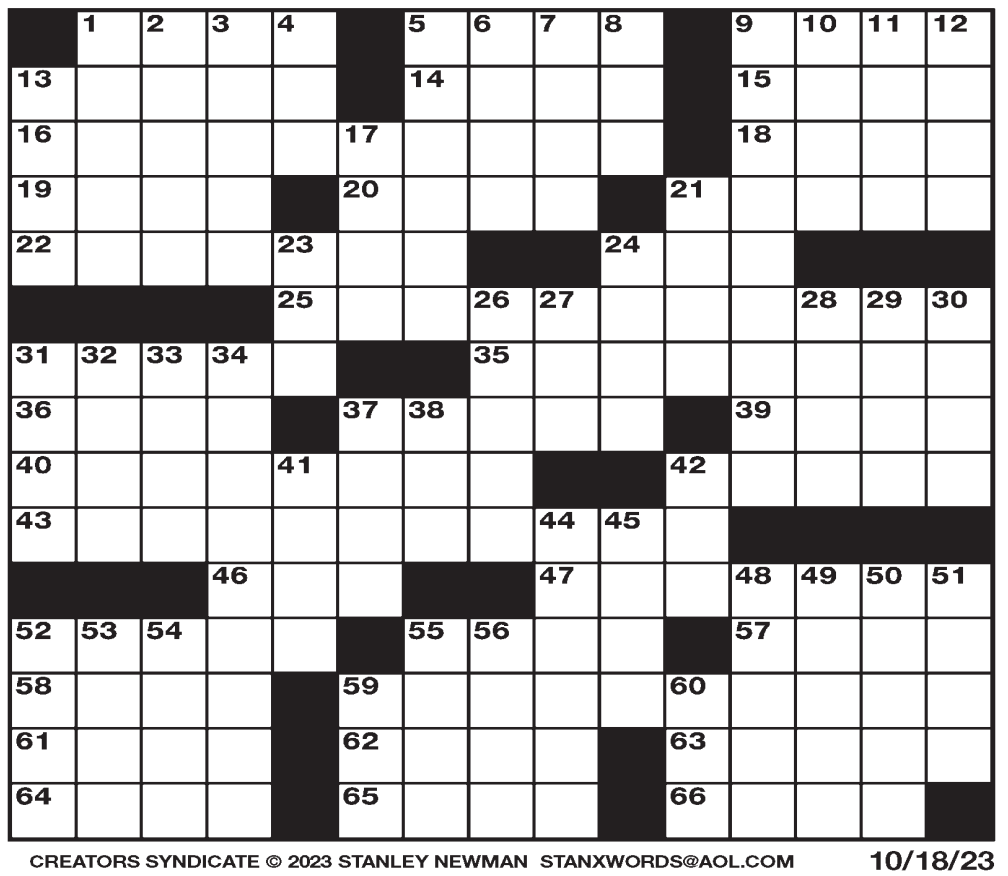
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ACROSS

1 Exercise system from India
5 Hockey score
9 Rodeo throw
13 Brother of Moses
14 Ancient Andean
15 "In my opinion . . ."
16 Forest walkways
18 Scrapbooker's adhesive
19 One-person performance
20 "Green" emotion
21 Get __ of (grab)
22 "For openers, . . ."
24 Pantry pest
25 Police detective's possible perpetrators
31 *Psycho* motel owner
35 Trustworthy
36 Racetrack shape
37 Japanese poetic form
39 Gas for store signs
40 Grapefruit parts
42 Doled (out)
43 Distance walked in a nursery rhyme
46 Homer Simpson neighbor
47 New York's __ Falls
52 Japanese martial-arts warrior
55 Formula for table salt
57 Revered role model
58 Creme-filled cookie
59 Ambiance of a seaside pier
61 Overly hasty
62 Tulsa native, familiarly
63 More than sufficiently
64 Common-interest org.
65 Basketball officials
66 Moistens

DOWN

1 Popular Web portal
2 Face-to-face tests
3 "Waiting for" play guy
4 No particular person
5 Large fairy-tale characters
6 Being broadcast
7 Sore from exertion
8 __ Vegas, NV
9 Freeway area for slower vehicles
10 Scandinavian capital
11 Revolution rider Revere
12 Observed closely
13 Mgr.'s aide
17 Andean nation
21 __-lock brakes
23 Donkey
24 Free speech advocacy org.
26 Light-bending crystal
27 Cartoon scream
28 "A likely story!"
29 Plumlike fruit
30 Watch over
31 Pear variety
32 Assert firmly
33 Crunchy tortilla treat
34 "Rocket Man" singer
37 Chopped some weeds
38 Additionally
41 Build-it-yourself chain
42 "Do __ favor . . ."
44 Foot fractions
45 "Pad" flower in a pond
48 "I wanna have it!"
49 Well-skilled
50 Dice throws
51 Friendly nation
52 Romance novelist Roberts
53 Nest egg plans: Abbr.
54 Legendary loch
55 Reebok competitor
56 "Get real!"
59 In favor of
60 Tool with teeth



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CURIOUS CITY

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J. Geils Band, Edgar Winter ... Humble Pie, Sweathog ... **Captain Beefheart & His Magic Band, Little Feat ... Procol Harum, Eagles (2) ...** Dave Mason, Cold Blood, J.D. Souther ... **The Doors ... mahavishnu orchestra ...** The Kinks ... **Ella Fitzgerald, Tommy Flanagan, Count Basie, Oscar Peterson ...** The J. Geils Band, Peter Frampton ... **David Bowie (2) ... mahavishnu orchestra, The Section**

1973: Steve Miller Band, Paul Butterfield's Better Days, Jesse Davis ... **Stevie Wonder ...** The J. Geils Band ... **T. Rex, Albert Hammond ... Little Feat, Focus ...** Steely Dan ... **Steely Dan, The Allman Brothers Band**

1974: Poco, Peter Frampton, Maggie Bell ... Genesis ... **Aerosmith, Mott the Hoople ...** Jefferson Starship ... **Mott the Hoople, Aerosmith ...** Todd Rundgren/Utopia ... ELO, Elvin Bishop ... **Bruce Springsteen ... Frank Zappa, Tom Waits** (2) ... Robin Trower. Golden Earring, Spooky Tooth ... Blue Oyster Cult, Nazareth ... Black Sabbath ... Rory Gallagher, Status Quo ... **Frank Zappa ...** Golden Earring ... The Kinks ... **mahavishnu orchestra ...** Dickey Betts, J.J. Cale ... Donovan ... **Waylon Jennings, Commander Cody & His Lost Planet Airmen ...** Marshall Tucker Band, Little Feat

1975: **Queen, Mahogany Rush ...** Leslie West, John Mayal ... Spirit ... Procol Harum ... Strawbs, Pablo Cruise ... **Bonnie Raitt, Tom Waits ...** Harry Chapin ... Rainbow ... **Fleetwood Mac**

1976: **Queen** (4) ... Thin Lizzy, Journey ... Steve Miller Band ... Hall & Oates ... Boston ... Patti Smith ... Country Joe & The Fish, Jackson Browne, Graham Nash, Robert Hunter ... Lou Reed ... **Sparks, Flo & Eddie, Van Halen ...** Bob Seeger & Silver Bullet Band, Jackie Lomax

1977: Bay City Rollers... Kansas ... The Kinks ... Billy Joel ... Cheap Trick, The Runaways ... Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers, Nektar ... Black Sabbath ... Todd Rundgren ... **David Bowie, Iggy Pop, Blondie ...** Larry Coryell, Alphonse Mouzon, Earl Klugh ... **Jimmy Buffett ...** Iggy Pop ... **Be Bop Deluxe, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers** (2) ... Rush, UFO (2)

1978: **Ramones, The Runaways ...** Aerosmith (2) ... **Elvis Costello, Mink deVille, Nick Lowe ...** Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers (2) ... Eric Clapton (2)

1979: Ian Hunter, Mick Ronson ... Tim Curry ... Judas Priest ... **The Clash, Bo Diddley, The Dils ...** Jethro Tull ... **Bob Dylan** (4) ... The Babys, The Beat

1980: **The Clash, Lee Dorsey, Mikey Dread ...** Gary Numan ... The Jam ... The Eagles (3) ... The Pretenders ... **Devo ... Frank Zappa ... Iggy Pop, Gang of Four ... Frank Zappa**

1981: **The Boomtown Rats, The Blasters ...** The Tubes ... The Pretenders ... Oingo Boingo ... **U2, Suburban Lawns ... Frank Zappa**

1982: **Ray Charles ...** Mike Oldfield ... Sparks, Gun Club ... **Country Joe & The Fish, Jackson Brown, Graham Nash, Odetta, Kate Wolf, Holly Near, Wavy Gravy, Robert Hunter ...** Joan Jett & The Blackhearts ... "Weird Al" Yankovic, Missing Persons ... **Prince ...** Mötley Crüe, The Miss Nude Heavy Metal Contest (cancelled)

1983: **Black Flag, Misfits ...** Dio ... Dio ... Motley Crue (2) ... Ratt, Steeler ... Night Ranger, Rough Cut

1984: Saxon ... **The Clash, Los Lobos ...** Siouxsie & The Banshees

1985: The Damned, 45 Grave ... The Cult ... **Prince**

1986: The Jesus & Mary Chain, Butthole Surfers ... Loudness ... Megadeth ... Blue Oyster Cult ... mahavishnu orchestra

1987: Megadeth, Overkill, Necros ... Alice Cooper ... Anthrax, Metal Church, Testament

1988: Guns N' Roses, Great White, Armored Saint

1989: Buzzcocks, Bad Religion, The Nymphs

1990: Joe Satriani (2) ... Soundgarden, Danzig (2)

1992: **The Beach Boys**

1993: The Offspring, Bad Religion, big drill car ... Sonic Youth, Screaming Trees ... **Rage Against the Machine, House of Pain ...** Dinosaur Jr., Redd Kross ... Cypress Hill, House of Pain

1994: Dinosaur Jr. ... Phish, Dave Matthews Band ... Korn, House of Pain, Biohazard ... Suicidal Tendencies ... Bad Religion

1995: Melvins, White Zombie (2)

1997: **Marilyn Manson**

1998: Jackson Browne ... **Emmylou Harris, Little Feat, Jackson Browne (2) ...** Portishead ... **Jackson Browne, Warren Zevon, David Lindley**

1999: **Queens of the Stone Age, Bad Religion —**

2000: **Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt, Joan Baez, Jackson Browne, The Byrds, Warren Zevon, Graham Nash, David Crosby, David Lindley, Randy Meisner, Chris Hillman**

2007: Rilo Kiley, The Bird and The Bee

2008: **Bob Dylan ... Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt, Joan Baez ...** My Bloody Valentine

2011: Black Flag, Social Distortion, Adolescents, Bad Religion, Youth Brigade, TSOL, The Vandals, The Dickies, Descendents ... Bad Religion, Youth Brigade, TSOL.

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GET IT DAILY...



WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 18

COMPUTER CLASS - LIBRARY APPS & MORE

Learn how to access ebooks, stream audiobooks, videos, and music, and read Consumer Reports and the NY Times Online, all for free with your Library card. Bring your tablet or smartphone. For all levels. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with HOUSING issues. Third Wednesday of the month 4:30 - 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park- Park Center. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp. 2200 Virginia Ave.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE: A SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with this museum exhibition (6:00 p.m.); a screening (7:00 p.m.) of the 1991 CityTV documentary, Pride and Prejudice, that explored and honored Santa Monica's LGBTQ+ community; and a panel discussion (7:30 p.m.) with the documentary's subjects Judy Abdo, Terri de la Peña, Torie Osborn, and Sheila Kuehl. Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th St. 6 - 8 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 19

JOB HUNTING HELP WITH CHRYSALIS

Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3 - 5 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. October's selection is A Thousand Steps by T. Jefferson Parker. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 6 - 7 p.m.

LOCALS NIGHT AT SANTA MONICA PIER

You really won't want to miss out on this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind with friends and loved ones all while celebrating Santa Monica's cheer. 200 Santa Monica Pier 3 - 10 p.m.

THE GETTY VILLA EXHIBITION TOUR

Get an insider's look at our featured exhibition(s) during this 30-minute tour. Tours are first come, first served. Please arrive at the Tour Meeting Place up to 15 minutes before the start of the tour to secure your spot. Getty Villa, 17985 Pacific Coast Highway. https://tickets.getty.edu/Online/default.asp

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 20

FEAR OF HEIGHTS

Odyssey Theatre Ensemble presents the West Coast premiere of a hilarious and heartwarming story about an Irish American kid's phobias, family life and the meaning of success. Odyssey Theatre, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, $30, boxoffice@odysseytheatre.com, (310) 477-2055

DISCOVERIES FROM THE TAR PITS

Drop by to learn some of the lesser known stories of the Tar Pits, including active research and recent discoveries. Topics change daily. La Brea Tar Pits and Museum, 5801 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, (213) 763-6300, https://tarpits.org/calendar/discoveries-tar-pits-0

THE CULVER STEPS 'MOVIES AT THE STEPS' — MATILDA

Each movie will begin at sunset and will be shown outdoors (weather permitting) at the center's iconic steps; attendees are encouraged to bring blankets to sit on. Complimentary one-hour parking at The Culver Steps as well as complimentary popcorn and water (while supplies last) will be provided. THE CULVER STEPS, 9300 Culver Boulevard, Culver City.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 21

OUT OF THE DARKNESS GREATER LOS ANGELES SANTA MONICA WALK

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we care about and love. Come and participate in the walk or our many activities. Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, 9 -10 a.m. https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

Coinciding with the Open Streets Festival.. Ask a gardener a question that's been "bugging" you, or just enjoy the unique habitat. 2318 Main Street, 12 - 2 p.m.

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join a community-led discussion of award-winning current and classic fiction, held via Zoom. Contact library@santamonica.gov for the link. October's selection is 10 Minutes, 38 Seconds in This Strange World by Elif Shafak. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDER: SHAPES

Explore shapes and the possibilities of bubbles with Bubblemania! For ages 2-5. Limited space; registration required. To register, email: library@santamonica.gov. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET

Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

GOURDS AND GHOULS

Oh my gourd is this going to be a fun day. Art Activities for kids, pumpkin pancakes on the griddle, and decorating the garden in preparation for Halloween. Ishihara Park, 2909 Exposition Blvd. 9 - 11 a.m.

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