Strange berry attracts sharks during TV pitch

“A small, Santa Monica-based fruit company called Nature’s Wild Berry that grows, processes and markets ledidi berries has secured financing from two of the multimillionaire investors that appear on the reality television series Shark Tank.

Co-founders Juliano Bonanni and Hank Watt have pioneered a process to freeze-dry the berries, preserving their potent properties. Also known as synsepalum dulcificum or "miracle berries," they contain a glycoprotein molecule that coats taste receptors on the tongue and when you chew them for 30 seconds, they convert sour, tart or fermented tastes to sweet flavors for the next 20 to 40 minutes.

Our tagline is ‘sweetness without a sweetener’ because every sweetener out there is an additive by definition,” Watt says. “You have to make sure that it coats your tongue first and we can think of it like an anti-additive because of that. And we don’t really call it a sweetener because it’s not an additive.”

In 2013, Watt became friends with Bonanni – then the owner of a vegan restaurant in Santa Monica – who was experimenting with ledidi berries and needed a test subject of sorts. “They sounded way too crazy for me. They sounded like something straight out of Jack and the Beanstalk, but I had to try it,” Watts says.

“He made me the healthiest

After Florida bans Amanda Gorman poem, New Roads school rallies in support

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Students at New Roads School are rallying around one of their famous Alumni after a poem by Amanda Gorman was banned from a Florida School.

The school hosted an all-school meeting on Friday morning with students in each grade reciting part of the work as part of a larger effort to incorporate the controversy into the schools larger educational philosophy.

Gorman, who at 17 became the country’s National Youth Poet Laureate, said she wrote the poem "The Hill We Climb," so “all young people could see themselves in
Rudy, Booty and Fall From Grace

The last sixteen years for Rudy Giuliani seem to have been pretty dismal. Currently he’s facing a $10 million sexual assault, harassment, and wage theft law suit from a former employee, Noelle Dunphy. In a 70 page document Dunphy accuses Giuliani, among other things, of “alcohol-drenched rants that included sexist, racist, and antisemitic remarks,” many of which were allegedly recorded. (Rudy has flatly denied all charges but what’s he going to say, “My bad?”)

It’s hard to believe now but in 2007 Rudy was leading the pack for the 2008 GOP Presidential nomination. His overwhelming popularity stemmed from 9/11 when, as mayor of New York, Rudy took charge and provided desperately needed comfort to all Americans with his energy, sympathy and leadership and people loved him for it.

Rudy’s descent might have started with a memo left in the inboxes of his campaign team. It was written by Bret Seaborne, a key Giuliani strategist. If the memo had been ignored, Rudy might have become our 44th President. The memo advised rejecting the early primaries and waiting until Florida and “Super Tuesday” to blow his opponents out of the water.

Unfortunately Super Tuesday in 2008 occurred during Mardi Gras and on the day of the New York Giants Super Bowl victory parade. And voting was hampered in several states by a tornado outbreak that killed 57 people. Devastated, Giuliani finished third in the Florida primary and even worse in other states sinking his ship. The following day he abruptly ended his campaign and endorsed John McCain.

In 2018 Rudy might have made an even bigger mistake when he became Trump’s top lawyer. In that capacity, and four days after the 2020 election, Rudy held a disastrous press conference in front of the garage door and parking lot of the Four Seasons Total Landscaping in Philadelphia located next to a seedy adult bookstore and a crematorium. Early that morning Trump had tweeted “Press conference at Four Seasons.” Realizing the huge snafu, Trump added the word “BIG” and tweeted “Big Press Conference at Four Seasons.”

When Giuliani arrived he looked shocked and rambled for 37 minutes. Though it could have been worse as at another press conference eleven days later, black hair dye rolled down both sides of Rudy’s face! Ken Frydman, Giuliani’s press secretary, was apparently aware of Rudy’s lies in Georgia on behalf of Trump that left him extremely nervous. Allegedly Frydman somberly confided to the team, “Rudy knows he lied. Right now he just wants to die a free man.” If true, pretty heavy.

Back to Dunphy’s $10 million suit. The attractive 43-year old began working for Rudy in 2019 as his Director of Business Development. But according to her filing Rudy began abusing her almost immediately. “He made it clear that satisfying his sexual demands — which came virtually anytime, anywhere — was an absolute requirement of her employment.”

Rudy promised Noelle a $1 million annual salary but her pay would have to be deferred and her employment kept “secret” until Rudy’s divorce proceedings were finished. The reason given was because his “crazy” ex-wife and her lawyers were watching his cash flow. (In two years Dunphy received a grand total of $12,000 cash, or a mere $1,988,000 short of Rudy’s promise.)

Giuliani allegedly used the job to develop a quid pro quo sexual relationship with Ms. Dunphy. He was later recorded telling her, “I’ve wanted you from the day I interviewed you.”

“Live your life and forget your age.”
- Norman Vincent Peale

RUDY: Rudy needs Kleenex and a good lawyer!
Expect big crowds for the summer travel season — and big prices, too

DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

The unofficial start of the summer travel season is here, with airlines hoping to avoid the chaos of last year and travelers scrounging for ways to save a few bucks on pricey airfares and hotel rooms.

Some travelers say they will settle for fewer trips than they hoped to take, or they will drive instead of fly. Others are finding different money-saving sacrifices.

Stephanie Hanrahan thought she’d save money by planning ahead for her daughter’s birthday trip to Disney World in Florida. Instead, it ended up costing the same as the Dallas-area family’s trip for four to California last summer, so now her husband and son are staying home.

“We just had to grit our teeth,” said Hanrahan, a writer and speaker who also runs a nonprofit, as she and daughter Campbell waited for their flight last week at Dallas Love Field.

The number of people going through U.S. airports hit pandemic-era highs last weekend, and those records are almost certain to be broken over the Memorial Day holiday.

AAA predicts that 37 million Americans will drive at least 50 miles (80 kilometers) from home this weekend, an increase of more than 2 million from Memorial Day last year but still below pre-pandemic numbers in 2019.

The Transportation Security Administration expects to see 10 million travelers between Friday and Monday, a 14% increase over the holiday in 2022 and slightly more than in 2019.

With more travel comes more expense. The average rate for a U.S. hotel room last week was $157 a night, up from $150 in the same week last year, according to hotel data provider STR. And the average daily rate for other short-term rentals such as Airbnb and VRbo rose to $316 last month, up 14% from a year ago, according to AirDNA, which tracks that market.

1.5 million and the average price per night is $150 higher than in 2019.

For travel industry executives, the big question is how long consumers can keep paying for airline tickets and accommodations while they try to deal with stubborn high inflation, news about layoffs and bank failures, and fear of a recession.

Industry executives say consumers are favoring the experience of travel over other types of spending, but some analysts see cracks in the strong demand for travel that began in early spring.

Bank of America analysts say data from their credit and debit card customers showed a slowdown in spending in April, as card use fell below year-before levels for the first time since February 2021. They say spending on home and luxury goods, which rebounded relatively early from the pandemic, dipped this spring, while the

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monitor alcohol service to the public.

“Our goal is to improve safety in communities,” said ABC Director Eric Hirta. “In addition to the work ABC agents will be doing over the holiday weekend, we can all do our part in keeping everyone safe by planning to take alternative transportation or designate a sober driver to get home safely following celebrations involving alcohol.”

ABC agents will be out working in communities to help increase public safety. ABC licensees also can help keep communities safe by checking IDs and ensuring customers are not over-served.

CLICK IT OR TICKET

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is reminding drivers to be aware of traffic safety during the holiday weekend.

This year’s Click It or Ticket campaign is from May 22 - June 4. During this time, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department will have additional officers on patrol actively looking for drivers and passengers who are not wearing a seatbelt. This includes vehicles where children are not secured in child safety seats.

“Wearing a seat belt should be an automatic for all drivers and passengers,” Sgt. Michael Lennig said. “It’s the safe thing to do, especially when it comes to securing children in child safety seats.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 12,000 people killed in crashes throughout the country in 2021 were not wearing seat belts. In California, 756 people killed in crashes in 2020 were not wearing seat belts, or nearly 20 percent of all traffic deaths statewide.

California law requires a child to be secured in a safety or booster seat until they are at least 8 years old or at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall. Children under the age of 2 must ride in a rear-facing seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall.

FLeET WEEK

Seattle also includes Fleet Week with some military themed events in Venice. The Marine Band San Diego’s Brass Band will perform on Saturday. With all the music being arranged and written by the members of the ensemble, this group brings a taste of the “Big Easy” to any crowd with its traditional New Orleans brass music all the way to the holiday music heard around the world today. They will perform from 6 - 7 p.m. at Washington Square in Venice (Washington Blvd and Ocean Front Walk).

The Navy Band Southeast provides a taste of New Orleans with the 32nd Street Brass Band on May 27. The 32nd Street Brass Band performs upbeat music for homecoming ship arrivals and community events. They will be performing in Washington Square (Washington Blvd and Ocean Front Walk) from 7:30 – 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Los Angeles Councilwoman Traci Park is also inviting residents to place flags at 8 a.m. LA National Cemetery 950 Sepulveda Blvd.

LOCAL IMPACT

The Santa Monica Police Department said they are ready for whatever happens.

“We are preparing for increased crowds like the ones we have had in the past,” said Lt. Erik Ackluk. “As the kickoff to summer, we expect lots of visitors in town, especially to the Pier and beach and will increase our staffing accordingly. In addition to extra officers on patrol, our Motor Officers will be doing extra traffic control and safety enforcement, particularly for DUIs and motorcycle and pedestrian safety.”

She said SMPD always reminds residents and visitors to remove or hide valuables from their parked car to prevent theft.

“Additionally, we shouldn’t have to keep reminding people of this, but we are seeing significant numbers of DUI drivers, including those driving while high,” she said. “If we find someone driving under the influence in Santa Monica, they will be arrested.”

BUS SCHEDULE

On Monday, May 29, Santa Monica will move to a holiday schedule.

Facility Closures include City Hall, The Transit Store, offices at Memorial Park, offices at Virginia Avenue Park, The Cove Skatepark, PAL Youth Center, City Yards Operation Center and Santa Monica Public Library. Several services will run on a weekend schedule including the Blue Bus.
AMANDA GORMAN
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a historical moment; and that she’s received countless letters and videos from children who were inspired to write their own poems.

She became an international sensation at Biden’s inauguration, where she was the youngest poet to read at the ceremony since Robert Frost was invited to John F. Kennedy’s in 1961.

In “The Hill We Climb,” Gorman references everything from Biblical scripture to “Hamilton,” and at times echoes the oratory of Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. With urgency and assertion she begins by asking, “Where can we find light/In this never-ending shade?” and used her own poetry and life story as an answer.

She said she planned to share a message of hope for Biden’s inauguration without ignoring “the evidence of discord and division.” She had completed a little more than half of the poem before Jan. 6 and the siege of the U.S. Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump.

The poem was challenged by the parent of two students at Florida’s Bob Graham Education Center in Miami Lakes, along with several books.

Gorman attended New Roads and she has credited the work of her third grade teacher, alongside the longtime support of her mother, for helping to expose her to poetry.

Luthern Williams, Head of New Roads School, said the banning of books is antithetical to the very philosophy of the school.

“One of the foundations of our education is to develop critical, informed, compassionate citizens because we think that’s fundamental to democracy,” he said. “And we think that democracy doesn’t work unless children are educated and they understand various perspectives. And one of the means by which that happens is through books. And so books open up the world for children to be able to understand themselves, to understand others and understand how to function within a democracy.”

He said they have already incorporated lessons about censorship into various courses and that Gorman’s work is also an existing part of their curriculum but the banning prompted a strong response.

“Because we believe that the education should always be meaningful, relevant and connected,” he said. “And we believe that kids need to be able to make sense of what’s going on in the world.”

In addition to the reading, he said the school is having a bake sale to donate proceeds to the Florida Freedom to Read project which is an organization focused on encouraging reading statewide.

In a Facebook post Gorman vowed to fight back.

“‘I’m gutted,’” she wrote. “Robbing children of the chance to find their voices in literature is a violation of their right to free thought and free speech.”

While Gorman’s work was banned for elementary school students, the poem and books are still available in the media center for middle-school-aged children, Ana Rhodes, a spokesperson for the Miami-Dade school district, said in a statement.

While book bans are not new, they are happening much more frequently, especially in Florida — where Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has championed policies that allow the censorship of books some have deemed inappropriate for children in schools, causing national uproar.

DeSantis, who entered the 2024 presidential race Wednesday, has leaned heavily into cultural crisis or the classified documents case or the obstruction of justice case in Georgia — for obvious reasons.

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“it will be interesting to learn how these kittens will use the landscape once they get older and disperse, particularly if they decide to stay in the Simi Hills or cross freeways to enter larger natural areas,” said Jeff Sikich, the lead field biologist of the NPS mountain lion study. “It’s encouraging to see reproduction in our small population of mountain lions, especially after all the mortalities we have documented in the last year.”

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Each visit to a den by a biologist occurs while the mother is away hunting for food, feeding, or resting. A biologist will track her movements via telemetry while others on the team approach the den area. Once the den is found, the researchers will conduct a general health assessment of the kittens a short distance away and place them back when finished. This typically takes less than an hour.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica Mountains

All-female Litter of Mountain Lion Kittens Discovered in Simi Hills

According to National Park Service (NPS) biologists, mountain lion P-77 recently gave birth to three female kittens in the Simi Hills, a small area of habitat between the larger Santa Monica and Santa Susana Mountain ranges. All three kittens are now known as P-113, P-114, and P-115.

Biologists located the kittens in a dense patch of poison oak nestled among large boulders on May 18. All three kittens appeared healthy and were determined to be 24 days old based on when P-77 first arrived at the site.

P-77 is estimated to be around 5-6 years old. She was first captured in the Simi Hills in November 2019, and biologists say she has established her adult home range in this smaller habitat patch between the 101 and 118 freeways.

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KITTENS: A litter of mountain lion kittens was found in the local mountains recently.

Laughing Matters

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you.” The lawsuit also states on occasion Giuliani held her by her hair and forced her to perform fellatio.

Often Giuliani demanded that Dunphy work naked, in a bikini, or in short shorts with an American flag on them that he bought for her. (Szaboebbait but patriarchic?) When they were apart, they communicated via Zoom and Rudy almost always asked her to remove her clothes on camera.

The lawsuit also alleges Rudy was selling presidential pardons for $2 million that he would split with Trump. But if Noelle knew anyone interested they couldn’t use the normal process of going through the Office of the Pardon Attorney, for obvious reasons. I probably should have written about more urgent subjects like the debt ceiling crisis or the classified documents case or the obstruction of justice case in Georgia or even will Lebron retire next year? But I couldn’t resist bungling Rudy. So PLEASE watch a 43-second video by Googling “Carly Aquilino Four Seasons Fiasco” and get ready to laugh!

Jack wishes everyone a Happy Memorial Day in honor of all our vets and their families for their much appreciated sacrifices. Jack is at: jackdalypress@aol.com
How California can simplify the financial aid process for undocumented students

LEO RODRIGUEZ

Growing up undocumented in this country instilled plenty of doubt and uncertainty about my future, especially while navigating the education system.

Throughout elementary and middle school, I thrived academically and was placed in advanced courses. But when I got to high school, my immigration status began to cast a shadow over my plans for the future. The realization that my dreams were slipping away broke me.

It became abundantly clear that I would need to do more than just work hard to get into a good college. My parents helped me remember that an education – what you’ve learned, read and written – is something that can never be taken from you, no matter how difficult or uncertain the circumstances.

California has led the nation in opening opportunities to undocumented students. I hardly saw financial aid workshops tailored for undocumented students in high school; most of the information was specific to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, which sent mixed messages about whether or not I was eligible for financial aid to begin with.

When I first enrolled at a community college, I was billed $6,000 because I was incorrectly deemed an international student, a common occurrence for undocumented students. I was also not offered financial aid despite attending and graduating from a California high school because I was unaware of the requirements to fill out an AB 540 affidavit form to prove eligibility for in-state tuition, and to separately complete a Dream Act application to be considered for financial aid.

In addition, I was asked to register for selective service and provide a social security number, even though my undocumented status prevented me from being able to fulfill both of those requests. The process was so frustrating it made me question whether I wanted to enroll in college altogether.

Thousands of undocumented students in California face similar challenges because of a convoluted financial aid process that requires us to fill out multiple application forms and provide documentation to different entities just to be considered for financial aid.

Lawmakers can take proactive steps right now to consolidate the AB 540 affidavit process into the Dream Act application so that students only have to fill out one application form when applying for financial aid, ensuring students don’t get stuck or deterred by the process.

California elected officials can also get creative about helping undocumented students offset the financial aid burden we face because we cannot receive federal aid.

Students that receive a federal Pell Grant receive between $5,000 to over $7,000 annually to support their higher education expenses. Undocumented students have to make up for that substantial gap, yet have limited employment options, including work study, due to our immigration status.

While California has initiated programs like the Dream Act Service Incentive Grant and College Corps, which allow undocumented students to receive aid for community service, we are still excluded from the full range of work opportunities – like paid internships, for example – that align with our field of studies and prepare us for our careers.

Close to 100,000 undocumented students are actively pursuing higher education in California, myself included. We each have dreams to put our education and degrees to good use, as teachers, doctors, writers and countless other professions. We are being prepared for and are eager to contribute to our economy and state. However, we can only do that to the fullest extent possible if we have the same opportunity and access to financial aid as our peers.

I hope our elected officials will recognize the enormous value-add of undocumented students and remove the roadblocks that obstruct so many students from securing financial aid and a college education in the first place.
GoSaMo Achievement Awards

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### How to Earn Points

Deadline to earn points for the 2022-2023 year is June 30

Congratulations to our GoSaMo Achievement Award winners!
Kite Pharma (Broadway) Maintains the top spot

On May 4th, GoSaMo TMO hosted their Fifth Annual Achievement Awards at the wonderful Upper West restaurant. This was the first time the awards were held in-person in the past three years.

The highly attended event was honoured by an address by the Mayor of Santa Monica, Gleam Davis, as well as an address from the Deputy City Manager, Anuj Gupta. The awards recognized Santa Monica businesses and Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs) who made outstanding contributions to their emission reduction plan and employee commuter programs to reduce vehicle trips, congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Monica. This year we have eighteen winners - four platinum, three gold, and eleven silver winners. These eighteen awards were distributed over seventeen ETCs who represented more than 6,500 Santa Monica employees.

Kite Pharma maintained their top spot again this year, bagging two awards – one platinum award for their Broadway worksite and one Gold for their Stewart worksite. Santa Monica College, New Roads School, and Pacific Park were the other three businesses that received a Platinum award.

Points are earned for activities like offering transit passes, providing van/carpools, providing bike share subscriptions, attending educational events and exceeding or improving metrics for traffic reduction. There are 28 point-awarding categories with different metrics for small and large businesses. There is no nomination or application process for the awards, any businesses that earn enough points on the GoSaMo scale receives the designation from the City of Santa Monica and the GoSaMo Transportation Management Organization (TMO).

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Congratulations to our GoSaMo Achievement Award winners!
smoothie, that you could imagine... and it was so disgusting,” he laughs. “It had dandelions, unsweetened cranberry and lemon and all this kind of crazy, wacky stuff. And I just had one of these berries and it tasted deliciously sweet to me, I couldn’t believe it. I thought of it like jumping into a pool, without getting wet.”

Watt says the berry was the catalyst for a significant health change, transforming his palate and ultimately his diet, resulting in substantial weight loss and preventing the onset of diabetes. Consequently, he invested tens of thousands of dollars to launch the business, working alongside Bonnani.

They quickly realized that no one else was venturing forth into this particular market due to the high cost of refrigeration. After 10 months or so of research and development, they perfected the freeze-dry process that takes place within hours of harvest.

At first, the berries were sold in supplement shops and specialty grocers, but during the pandemic they shifted focus to the digital marketplace, including sites like Amazon. At the same time, the product was attracting interest from celebrities like Jennifer Garner. Following some initial success, they were persuaded to apply to appear on Shark Tank.

“A couple of weeks later, we got a response,” Watt says. “But now we’re here, we got the deal and it’s all worth it.”

But you don’t have to be trying to lose weight to benefit from the properties of the berries or even have a sweet tooth. “I love using them with savory foods too because it brings out even more flavor. So if you’re a foodie and you like experimenting, you should definitely try them,” Watt says, adding that they pair very well with almost any strong cheese.

TRAVEL
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The Santa Monica City Council has issued a proclamation declaring “Jewish American Heritage Month and Antisemitism definition”. Itai Klein said it was a beautiful and important act by the City particularly in light of the rise in anti-semitism in the US. The resolution follows resolutions by the City of LA, Beverly Hills and West Hollywood last year.

“Travel remains a bright spot relative to other sectors, but we’re also seeing signs of moderation in the travel space,” said Anna Zhou, an economist for the bank.
Today's Birthday (May 26)

Aries (March 21-April 19). You’re in the process of picking up a skill that will improve your professional picture and personal life at the same time. Keep at it even when it seems like you’re not quite catching on. You’ll soon hit your groove.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). If everyone was paying attention to the same thing, you wouldn’t have so many versions of the story to contend with. But there’s a gift for you in these varied points of view. Listen to as many versions of the story as possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). People will be fascinated by your many interests, but only if you are strategic in the way you bring them up. Were you to present them all at once, people would be overwhelmed and unsure where to start with you. Focus on one theme.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Those who seek to control you are acting out of fear. They’re afraid the universe is not on their side. They’re insecure about their abilities and position. Align yourself with kindred spirits who, like you, live and let live.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You know what you’ve accomplished, but they don’t. You’ll have much more satisfying interactions when everyone involved understands who you are. You’ll figure out a cool and indirect way to reveal your story.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As social creatures, it can be second nature to pay lip service to the values we believe we should have without examining our own unique take. Fulfillment may be attained in the pursuit of values independent of your social affiliations.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Adventure starts with a need. Your resources may seem limited, but if they weren’t you wouldn’t be inspired to go on a discovery mission. Put the word out about what you’re doing, and you’ll attract those with a shared interest.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Children pretending to be grown up tend to focus on the more glamorous aspects of adulthood, whereas actual adulting encompasses mostly unglamorous tasks — and enacting restraint from acting on irresponsible or immature impulses.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though people certainly have joyful interactions with you, you cannot make people happy without their consent. All the other emotions are the same way. You’ll do your best knowing you are not solely responsible for the feelings of others.

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Solutions to Yesterday’s Sudoku

Sudokus 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 Crossword

Newsday Crossword

Across:
1. Gangbusters
5. Composed and collected
9. What makes granite sparkle
13. See 51 Down
14. “Golly!”
15. Times with names
16. State bird that’s a goose
17. Michelangelo work
18. Goldfish kin
19. Lending slowdown
22. Endorse without a pen
23. Building on a $1 bill
27. It can’t be changed
31. Ramen morsel
32. Boys in the ‘hood
34. Located
35. Residence for the rodentlike
39. Shaver of a sort
41. Small teams
42. Land near Cuba
43. Backs with bucks
49. Is accommodating
52. Twist open
53. Boxing event for charity
57. Brand served in a bowl on the floor
60. Alkaline to find a big mouth
61. Nose (around)
62. Reviewed, in a way
63. Establish formally
64. Impressionist

Down:
1. Set boundaries
2. Extremely
3. Takeout alternative
4. Heavy hitter
5. Looking smart
6. New __ (crystal collector, perhaps)
7. Abate
8. Spiteful type
9. Card shark
10. Rollover candidate
11. One may be sleeping
65. Jersey ___, NJ
66. Performs in Hamlet
67. It may be turned against you
12. Hieroglyphics creature
14. Show favor (for)
20. Ky. neighbor
21. Cockatoop topper
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**FIND THE WORDS**

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5856

**Footwear for all**

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**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S WORDS PUZZLE.**

**Nature’s therapy**

**Boot**
- Fits
- Pedicure
- Stilettos

**Brands**
- Galoshes
- Pumps
- Straps

**Brogues**
- Heel
- Sabot
- Suede

**Clogs**
- Hoof
- Sale
- Thongs

**Corn**
- Insole
- Shod
- Tight

**Courts**
- Kid leather
- Skis
- Toes

**Derby**
- Limp
- Slipper
- Welt

**Designer**
- Loose
- Small
- Wing tip

**Eased**
- Mens
- Sneakers

**Espadrilles**
- Nubuck
- Socks

**Feet**
- Patent
- Soft

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FRIDAY | MAY 26

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405

SATURDAY | MAY 27

MAINePOly: A TASTE OF MAIN STREET

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend and experience the best restaurants, coffee shops, ice cream shops, and more by joining us for the 8th Annual “MAINePOly: A Taste of Main Street” in Santa Monica on Saturday, May 27th, 2023 from 12-5pm. This all ages event is a fun take on the classic board game, giving you access to tastings at over 20 participating locations. Stop at every location for a chance to win free prizes. Dressing up is encouraged! A portion of all proceeds will go towards funding The Main Street Business Improvement Association (MSBIA) community event programs. The Victorian 2640 Main St. Santa Monica, CA 90405

SUNDAY | MAY 28

BILLY T & NADAV PELED DUO!

Santa Monica’s favorite and infamous Billy T returns to the west side with his partner in good for the hoop, guitarist Nadav Peled. Don’t miss the morning music they’ll be making and remind you of good times gone by. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA https://www.bandintown.com/10412401

MONDAY | MAY 29

LIGHTING OF HISTORIC CITY HALL

City Hall will be illuminated in red, gold, blue, and green lights representing colors common in themes across Asian and Pacific Islander cultures to celebrate API Heritage Month. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street Santa Monica, CA, California 90401

TUESDAY | MAY 30

ACTIVE AGING TRANSIT OUTING - BALLONA DISCOVERY PARK

Learn more about using transit and walking in Santa Monica by joining us for the Active Aging Transit Outing to the Ballona Discovery Park. Start Location: 4th Street / Santa Monica Station Event Location: Ballona Discovery Park/13110 Bluff Creek Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90094 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-aging-transit-outing-ballona-discovery-park-tickets-62218441934?aff=agag

WEDNESDAY | MAY 31

FREE COMMUNITY RUN CLUB IN SANTA MONICA

Run Club Every Wednesday Night Starting at 5pm. Meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Walkers also welcome! Come log your mid week miles and make some new friends.

THURSDAY | JUNE 1

COMING OUT WEST: LGBT+ ELDER SHARE STORIES

Santa Monica History Museum and The Outwords Archive present an exhibition of oral histories, ephemera and historical objects from LGBT+ elders with ties to Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Bay area. 2 pm-5 pm Santa Monica History Museum 1350 7th Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://santamonicahistory.org/

FRIDAY | JUNE 2

“BEETHOVEN & HUNCHBACK”

Jeremiah Selvey, Conductor. Gary Gray and Frank Basile, Pianists. The SMC Concert Chorale and SMC Chamber Choir join forces with the SMC Symphony Orchestra and guest soloists for a performance of the Finale (“Ode to Joy”) from Beethoven’s 9th Symphony and Jake Ruestend’s A Silence Haunts Me, a stunning modern setting of a letter in which Beethoven discloses his deafness to his brother. The SMC Chamber Choir will also present a medley from The Hunchback of Notre Dame. The Broad Stage Performing Arts Center.

SATURDAY | JUNE 3

SAMO PRIDE

SaMo PRIDE kicks off on Saturday, June 3rd with a PRIDE Festival that will turn the entire downtown district, from Third Street Promenade through Santa Monica Place to the Santa Monica Pier, into a party zone. All ages are welcome to enjoy musical performances, PRIDE-related treats, free swag, games, and much more. A family zone located at Santa Monica Place will provide kid-friendly PRIDE programming and an engaging place for kids to play and learn about queer history. Downtown & Third Street Promenade, 3rd St Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401

2023 SANTA MONICA ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a fun afternoon for the whole family to raise much needed funds for the Santa Monica Animal Shelter. At the event: Win fantastic items in our raffle and silent auction. Enjoy a live performance from School of Rock West LA House Band. Face painting by the wonderful The Magical Atelier. Awesome balloon animals, headbands and bracelets from Wild About Balloons LA...and much more! All funds raised help the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and made a difference in the care and well-being of the animals. Santa Monica Animal Shelter, 1640 9th St Santa Monica, CA 90404

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