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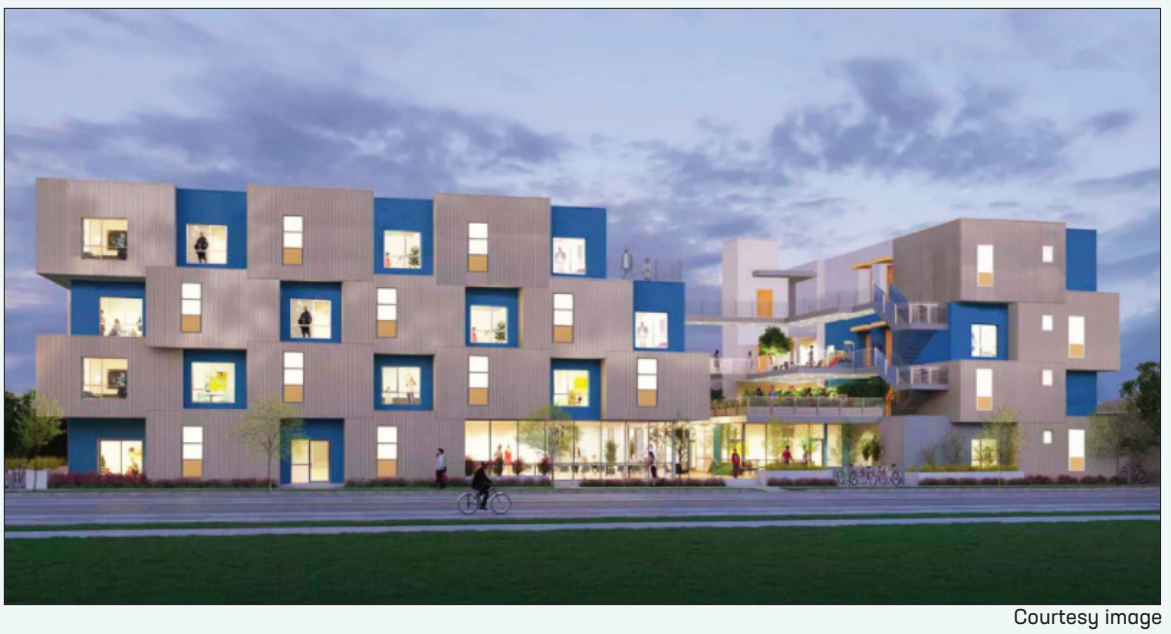
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Construction begins at Las Flores affordable housing community



Courtesy image

HOUSING: The new housing project will hold 73 units on the 1800 block of 14th Street.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Construction began last week on the Las Flores housing project — a sleek and environmentally friendly building set to bring 73 affordable housing units to the Pico Neighborhood.

The 94,000-square-foot project is located at 1834 14th Street and led by the Community Corporation of Santa Monica in partnership with R.D. Olson Construction and DE Architects.

The building, which is slated to open in fall 2022, will offer 35 one-bedroom, 19 two-bedroom and 19 three-bedroom units alongside an underground parking lot, playground, exterior decks, garden space, and community rooms.

It is designed with both beauty and the environment in mind. The building will meet LEED Platinum standards and incorporate solar panels and recycled materials in its construction.

"We're attempting to make it a zero net energy project, so there won't be any gas in the building — it will be all electric," said Community Corporation of Santa Monica Executive Director, Tara Barauskas. "We focus a lot on wellness and health. We want to make sure that we're not using VOCs inside the unit, so there is good indoor air quality."

The environmental features and Covid-19 safety protocols add several challenges to the construction process.

The sustainable outdoor skin requires a tactful blending of four different material types, while the stormwater filtration system requires a special tank be installed within the concrete structure.

Factory shutdowns due to Covid-19 have limited the supply of building materials and at times driven up costs. Construction companies also need to ensure that they have adequate supplies of PPE and develop strict protocols for staff working on the interior of buildings.

Despite these challenges, President of R.D. Olson Construction Bill Wilhelm said the team is well up to the task.

"One thing I will say is I'm very proud of my company because we run a very tight ship on safety and truly practice safety protocol," said Wilhelm. "We want everyone who goes to our job sites to return home the same way they left in the morning."

Rents in Las Flores will range from $600 to $1,400 a month with housing priority given to people facing no fault evictions and people who live or work in Santa Monica.

The project benefits from AB 1763, which exempts affordable housing projects from certain zoning limits. This allowed CCSM to add an additional floor to the original design, creating 73 units as opposed to the proposed 55.

The building will contribute to CCSM's existing stock of over 1,800 affordable housing units, helping more essential workers live in Santa Monica and allowing more families to benefit from the high quality public schools.

"Affordable housing benefits the whole community," said Barauskas. "If you put housing near jobs people won't have to commute as far and it will free up traffic congestion

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State joins feds in bid to speed vaccines

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California joined with the federal government to open two new mass vaccination centers as test areas for new President Joseph Biden's effort to create 100 such sites nationwide in 100 days, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday.

The sites at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum and California

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Santa Monica students take the stage at California Youth Leadership Summit



Courtesy photo

SUMMIT: The event is organized by Sister Cities International.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

This Saturday, five young leaders from Santa Monica will be speaking at the California Youth Leadership Summit, sharing their vision for global cooperation on the biggest issues of the day.

The online event is organized by the Sister Cities International Southern California Chapter in lieu of their annual in-person conference and is open to students living in California's 356 sister cities across the world.

Out of over 80 applicants, the five Santa Monica speakers were chosen to present on panels discussing sustainability, international cooperation, racial and gender equity, and coping with the pandemic to a global audience of around 2,500 youths.

The task may seem daunting, but these students are fired up and ready to go.

"Our generation has a much more global perspective and is more worldly because we have grown up with access to social media and the internet," said Meaza Light-Orr, a student at Crossroads School. "I think that fosters a sense of compassion and empathy if presented right. Having access to the rest of the world pushes you to get invested in work that benefits the rest of the world."

Light-Orr will be speaking on the World Peace and Cooperation panel sharing her experiences as an immigrant from Ethiopia and her work for the Minnesota based non-profit organization Tesfa that runs schools in underserved areas of Ethiopia.

"Having the fortune of coming to America, I really value the privilege that I have. I owe it to the world that has helped me to better the world," said Light-Orr. "I really see the value of strong international ties, because without them I wouldn't be where I am."

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Political storms swirl around California's Newsom amid virus

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

In the year since California saw its first coronavirus case, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom has gone from a governor in command to one lurching from one political crisis to the next.

Just in recent weeks, he drew surprise and pushback for abruptly lifting stay-at-home orders; he overhauled the state's vaccine system as California lags behind smaller states in getting shots out; his effort to reopen schools foundered; and state audits revealed missteps that contributed to at least $10 billion in unemployment fraud.

It all provided fresh fodder for a recall petition that's circulating — started by Republicans before the pandemic — and on Monday former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, a Republican, launched a bid against Newsom. Some Democrats are now starting to whisper about the need for a backup plan should voters decide the first-term governor needs to go.

Newsom's slide from the early days of the pandemic points to the pain facing leaders, particularly Democrats who avoided early political backlash, as virus fatigue takes hold, vaccines remain elusive and voters stop blaming the Trump administration for their trouble.

A poll released Tuesday by the Public Policy Institute of California found just over half of Californians — 54% — approve of how Newsom is handling the job, suggesting the recall effort still has an uphill climb. But that's down from 65% in May, at the height of his approval. Among Democrats, he's dropped from 86% support in May to 71% now. About half of independents support him and just 16% of Republicans approve. The poll didn't ask about the recall.

Bill Burton, a Democratic communications strategist and former spokesman for President Barack Obama who lives in Southern California, said Democrats nationally have hammered a "follow the science" message when many Americans are more immediately worried about getting their kids back in school and reopening their businesses.

"There's some disconnect between public policy and what regular people are experiencing in their lives," he said.

For Newsom, the trouble started in November when he was caught dining out at the posh French Laundry restaurant for a lobbyist's birthday as he told Californians to avoid gatherings, reinforcing perceptions that he is out of touch with people.

California's messy vaccine rollout and a fresh round of business closures just before Christmas sparked further criticism. In the new year, Newsom drew fire for initially refusing to release the data he was using to determine which regions of the state should be locked down, then abruptly reversed course last week and lifted stay-at-home orders statewide.

Editorial boards for the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Chronicle, two of the state's major newspapers, sharply criticized his decision and questioned his motives.

The decision "raised questions about whether the governor was truly 'following the science' as he so often says, or was influenced by growing public discontent about the pandemic restrictions," the Los Angeles Times editorial board wrote.

Even some of Newsom's traditional allies criticized him.

Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, a Democrat from the Los Angeles area, was among those who took to Twitter to express surprise and frustration at Newsom's sudden turnaround. She and others said they'd been given no heads-up by the administration, making it impossible to explain the new rules to confused community members and business leaders.

"If we don't know in advance, we can't help with that messaging," Friedman said. "And then we all look dysfunctional."

Still, she said she supports Newsom and doesn't want to see him recalled.

Among voters, there is evidence of

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San Francisco sues its own school district to reopen classes

JOCELYN GECKER
Associated Press

The city of San Francisco took a dramatic step Wednesday in its effort to get children back into public school classrooms, suing its own school district to try to force open the doors amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The lawsuit was the first of its kind in California and possibly the country, as school systems come under increasing pressure from parents and politicians to end virtual learning. Teachers unions in many large school districts, including San Francisco, say they won't go back to classrooms until they are vaccinated.

City Attorney Dennis Herrera, with support from Mayor London Breed, said he sued the San Francisco Unified School District and Board of Education as a last resort to salvage what's left of the academic year. They say it's safe to reopen schools and keeping them closed was hurting kids' well-being.

"Not a single San Francisco public school student has set foot in their classroom in 347 days," Herrera said at a news conference, calling it shameful and unlawful. "More than 54,000 San Francisco schoolchildren are suffering. They are being turned into Zoom-bies by online school. Enough is enough."

The lawsuit highlights the growing tension and infighting nationwide between politicians who insist it is safe to return to schools with proper safety precautions and teachers who are on the front lines and have not been able to get vaccinated yet.

While the vast majority of California's public schools have been closed since March, San Francisco schools have been allowed to reopen since September. Herrera noted that nearly 90% of schools in neighboring Marin County, including public schools, have resumed in-person instruction and that 113 private and parochial schools in San Francisco also are open.

The lawsuit says school administrators are violating a state requirement that districts adopt a clear plan "to offer classroom-based instruction whenever possible" during the pandemic. It seeks a court order to require schools to prepare to offer in-person instruction and file a detailed plan, Herrera said.

School administrators called the lawsuit an embarrassment.

"This isn't helpful," said Vincent Matthews, school district superintendent. "We're all in this San Francisco pandemic bubble together, and turning on us is not helpful whatsoever."

He said at a news conference that the school board and the district have been "feverishly working toward and fighting for and pushing for the return of students to in-person learning" and that they "absolutely have a comprehensive plan" for reopening.

However, Matthews said he could not give a timeline because of fluctuating virus rates and a lack of vaccines, for which California teachers are next in line. Some have started getting shots in rural areas.

In a recent study, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said there's little evidence of the virus spreading at schools when precautions are taken, such as masks, distancing and proper ventilation.

Breed cited data showing that Black, Latino, Asian and low-income students have lost significant academic ground during distance learning, compared with white and wealthier students.

"Our kids are suffering, and the inequities that existed before this pandemic have only become more severe," the mayor said.

Since the start of the pandemic, San Francisco has been on the cutting edge of COVID-19 restrictions. It was among the first U.S. cities to order a shutdown as part of other aggressive measures and has the lowest infection rates of any urban area in California.

"We have been a national leader in our response to COVID. Let's be a national leader in getting our kids back to school," Breed said.

She has repeatedly pushed for schools to reopen and has criticized the board for focusing on less urgent issues, most recently its decision to rename 44 schools it says carry the names of people with ties to racism, slavery or sexism.

Education board president Gabriela Lopez says the board can multitask.

"Our efforts to dismantle racist symbols and white supremacy culture does not diminish the board's focus on other pressing matters," Lopez said.

Herrera plans to file a motion Feb. 11 asking San Francisco Superior Court to issue an emergency order. If granted, the order would require the district to formulate a reopening plan. He said the district's current plan "is ambiguous, empty rhetoric. It is a plan to make a plan. It is legally insufficient."

Gov. Gavin Newsom says he won't force schools to reopen but wants to give them an incentive. He's proposed a $2 billion plan to give schools that reopen quickly extra funding for COVID-19 testing and other safety measures. It has faced criticism from superintendents, unions and lawmakers, all of whom say the plan's timeline and rules are unrealistic.

Newsom sidestepped direct comment on the San Francisco lawsuit, saying everyone is on the same page and wants to reopen schools safely.

"We're just hammering out the details to do that, and I'm confident we'll get there," said Newsom.

Associated Press writer Janie Har contributed to this report.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

FROM PAGE 1

and improve air quality. Affordable housing in affluent neighborhoods like Santa Monica creates diverse and inclusive communities."

Barauskas said that CCSM's projects also benefit the community by transforming dilapidated properties into beautiful and sustainable buildings. In this instance, the Las Flores community is built on a parcel of land formerly occupied by an old warehouse and a dog grooming salon.

"Some people say 'I don't want affordable housing in my neighborhood', and I think this comes from a misunderstanding of what affordable housing really is," said Wilhelm. "If you study the architectural designs, you'll see these are not cheap properties that are going to degrade, but absolutely beautiful buildings."

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 231 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 2

Arson 800blk Wilson Pl 12:03 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 9th St 12:06 a.m.
Armed Robbery/Auto Theft Just Occurred 00blk Vicente Ter 1:00 a.m.
Loud Music 1500blk 5th St 1:40 a.m.
Loud Music 1500blk 5th St 2:07 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1400blk 25th St 2:34 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1000blk 12th St 5:47 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:56 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2600blk 6th St 7:07 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 7:10 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2100blk Oak St 8:11 a.m.
Fraud Report 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:13 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk 4th St 8:28 a.m.
Loud Music 500blk 7th St 8:36 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1500blk 11th St 8:52 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:01 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400blk 21st St 9:28 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:33 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1400blk 23rd St 9:38 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 9:38 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000blk 12th St 9:39 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk 21st St 9:58 a.m.
Fight 1800blk Michigan Ave 10:01 a.m.
Sexual Assault 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:15 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1600blk 9th St 11:04 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000blk 4th St 11:05 a.m.
Missing Person 1400blk 6th St 11:14 a.m.
Burglary Report 3300blk Pearl St 11:17 a.m.
Battery Report 500blk Colorado Ave 11:21 a.m.
Fraud Suspect There Now 1700blk Ocean Ave 11:34 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:40 a.m.
Loud Music 1000blk Euclid St 11:44 a.m.
Fraud Report 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:46 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 11:53 a.m.
Loud Music 1200blk 12th St 11:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 12:00 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk 6th St 12:00 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400blk 17th St 12:04 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300blk Bicknell Ave 12:07 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:13 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk Broadway 12:17 p.m.
Fraud Report 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:37 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 14th St 12:59 p.m.
Attempt Auto Theft Report 1600blk 9th St 1:14 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 100blk Fraser Ave 1:26 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:33 p.m.
Counterfeit Money Investigation 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:50 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk California Ave 1:53 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800blk 23rd St 2:25 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:30 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Palisades Park 2:53 p.m.
Encampment Dorchester Ave / Urban Ave 3:01 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk 7th St 3:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 19th St / Broadway 3:10 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk Olympic Blvd 3:21 p.m.
Loud Music 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 3:44 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 3:57 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200blk 21st St 4:01 p.m.
Loud Music 1000blk Euclid St 4:03 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1500blk 6th St 4:25 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1300blk 4th St 4:27 p.m.
Encampment 400blk San Vicente Blvd 4:28 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2600blk 6th St 4:30 p.m.
Found Property 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 4:31 p.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:34 p.m.
Encampment 900blk Palisades Park 4:54 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Olympic Blvd 5:27 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Neilson Way / Bay St 5:40 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1800blk 34th St 6:25 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:29 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk 7th St 6:30 p.m.
Construction Noise 2200blk Montana Ave 6:36 p.m.
Prowler Report 800blk 21st St 6:51 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 7:23 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1500blk 19th St 7:33 p.m.
Person Down 7th St / Broadway 9:12 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Ashland Ave 9:21 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:36 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 3100blk Pico Blvd 9:36 p.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 10:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 600blk 7th St 10:42 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:12 a.m.
EMS 400blk 18th St 12:37 a.m.
Vehicle Fire 2900blk Arizona Ave 1:48 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Stanford St 3:23 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 7:01 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:43 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:54 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 8:54 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 23rd St 10:17 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Main St 10:53 a.m.
EMS 2600blk 31st St 10:56 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:25 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 12:00 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 12:22 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 19th St 1:01 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:26 p.m.
Wires Down 500blk 14th St 2:52 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Michigan Ave 3:07 p.m.
EMS 2600blk 3rd St 3:26 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 4:26 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Grant St 5:37 p.m.
Assist LAFD 100blk Ocean Front Walk 6:24 p.m.
EMS 3rd St / Idaho Ave 6:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 600blk 7th St 10:42 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 10:59 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

DUI ARREST

While on patrol, an officer observed a dark colored sedan traveling at a high rate of speed without lights on near the 2000 block of Ocean Avenue. The officer initiated a traffic stop and observed a six-pack of beer in the back seat along with 16 additional open bottles of beer. The driver, Fortunato Santibanez, was given a field sobriety test. Based on his performance during the testing in addition to the other evidence observed, Santibanez was arrested for Vehicle Code 23152(A) – Driving Under the Influence.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Talking Drums: a Family Black History Month Program

On Saturday, February 6, at 1 p.m., the Santa Monica Public Library presents Ina the Sunshine Storyteller in a free live event for children ages 3 to 10 and their families in celebration of Black History Month. The program, "Talking Drums," engages children in interactive traditional folktales, rhythm and songs.

This virtual event can be accessed live via Facebook and at the following link: http://bit.ly/smpldrums No registration or download is required to access the event.

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With 'Mank' and 'The Crown,' Netflix dominates Globes noms

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Film Writer

After a year where the pandemic nearly emptied movie theaters, Netflix dominated nominations to the 78th Golden Globe Awards on Wednesday, with David Fincher's "Mank" leading film nominees with six nods and "The Crown" topping all television series.

The Globes, delayed about two months due to the coronavirus, tried to muster some of the awards' usual buzz on Wednesday in a largely virtual awards season bereft the kind of red-carpet glamour the Globes annually feast on. And perhaps to account for the otherwise lack of it, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association heaped nominations on two lavish period pieces rich in royalty — both the Hollywood variety (the black-and-white "Mank" dramatizes the making of "Citizen Kane") and the British kind.

"Mank," about "Citizen Kane" co-writer Herman Mankiewicz, landed nominations for best film, drama; best actor for Gary Oldman; best director for Fincher, best supporting actress for Amanda Seyfried; best score; and best screenplay for Jack Fincher, the director's father who penned the script before dying in 2003.

"Sometimes you just have to think, what does it mean in the whole big scheme of things with this worldwide, global thing going on," Oldman said from London. "But you know, we want to kind of get back to some kind of normalcy. Life goes on."

Netflix, which topped all studios at the Globes last year, too, led with a commanding 42 nominations, with 22 coming in film categories and 20 in television. No other studio was close.

The day belonged to the streaming services. Disney+ ("The Mandalorian") and HBO Max ("The Flight Attendant") both notched their first Golden Globe nominations. Amazon, with Regina King's "One Night in Miami," about a meeting of four Black icons in 1964, and Steve McQueen's film anthology "Small Axe," landed 10 total nominations — a total matched by the Disney-owned Hulu, including nods for the Catherine the Great series "The Great," with Elle Fanning, and the Andy Samberg time-warp comedy "Palm Springs." Apple TV+, too, scored several nods including the Jason Sudeikis series "Ted Lasso," the Irish animated film "Wolfwalkers" and Bill Murray's performance in Sophia Coppola's father-daughter comedy "On the Rocks."

"The Crown" landed six nominations including best series, drama, and acting nods for Olivia Colman and Josh O'Connor. The final season of "Schitt's Creek" trailed with five nominations, while Netflix's "Ozark" (four nods) and "The Queen's Gambit" (two nods) also added to the streamer's totals. ("Queens Gambit" star Anya Taylor-Joy was nominated for both the hit show and for the Jane Austen adaptation "Emma.")

Aaron Sorkin's "The Trial of the Chicago 7" — also a Netflix release, about the countercultural clash and subsequent trial following the 1968 Democratic National Convention — came in second among movies with five nominations, including nods for best film, drama; best director and best screenplay for Sorkin; supporting actor for Sacha Baron Cohen; and best song.

"On the one hand, it is strange to be celebrating when so many people are suffering but on the other hand, at least for movie lovers, the Golden Globes are a fun thing," said Sorkin by phone. "It'll be a weird ceremony this year. ... Who knows what it's going to look like."

The other nominees for best film in the drama category were Chloe Zhao's itinerant drama "Nomadland," Emerald Fennell's "Promising Young Woman" and Florian Zeller's dementia drama "The Father."

Netflix doesn't report box office figures and both "Nomadland" and "The Father" are yet to open beyond a qualifying run in theaters. So the category's total box office — a historic low of about $265,000 — is due entirely to "Promising Young Woman," Fennell's acclaimed #MeToo revenge drama.

"It's an opportunity to shine a light on some smaller movies," said Riz Ahmed, nominated for his performance as a heavy metal drummer losing his hearing in "Sound of Metal." "You can always find the opportunity in the obstacle."

A year after fielding no female nominees for best director — or a best film nomination for any movie directed by a woman — the HFPA nominated more female filmmakers than it ever has before. King, Zhao and Fennell were nominated for best director, alongside Sorkin and Fincher. Zhao is the first woman of Asian descent nominated for best director.

"I'm very proud and I love their movies," said Zhao by Zoom on Wednesday, referring to King and Fennell's films. "It's a really exciting time."

By splitting up films between drama and comedy or musical, the Globes gave a boost to an awards season wildcard, "Borat Subsequent Moviefilm." Baron Cohen's "Borat" sequel — one of the few nominees partially shot during the pandemic — was nominated for best picture, comedy or musical, best actor in a comedy for Baron Cohen and best supporting actress for Maria Bakalova.

Celebrating the nominations for both "Borat" and "The Trial of the Chicago 7," Baron Cohen said in a statement: "These two films are different, but they share a common theme—sometimes we have to protest injustice with our own farce."

Should neither win, he said, "I promise to hire Rudy Giuliani to contest the results."

Also nominated for best picture in the comedy or musical category were: "Palm Springs," "The Prom," "Music" and "Hamilton." The film version of Lin-Manuel Miranda's Broadway musical isn't eligible for the Academy Awards but was for the Globes, which also nominated Miranda's performance.

As expected, Chadwick Boseman was nominated posthumously his performance in

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

L.A. Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington To Step Down in May

"Phil Washington has been a visionary leader, reimagining our transit network and steering our region toward an era of generational growth and lasting progress," said Mayor Garcetti. "With Phil at the helm, Metro had a clear direction, strong steward, and champion for Measure M. He leaves this agency much better than he found it, with an expanding public transportation system that remains a force for sustainability, equity, jobs, workforce development and shared prosperity across the L.A. area."

Washington recently informed the Metro Board that he does not plan to seek a new contract or extend his current contract, which expires in May of this year.

"It has been my distinct pleasure and absolute honor to serve and lead Metro's nearly 11,000 employees for the last six years," said Washington. "I leave with great satisfaction knowing that working together we have improved mobility and increased access to opportunity for all residents of L.A. County, and weathered the most devastating health crisis of the past century. We have quickened the sense and pace of public service and left L.A. County's mobility space better than it was."

As Metro's CEO, Washington manages a balanced annual budget of $7 billion, is responsible for overseeing $18 billion to $20 billion in capital construction projects and provides oversight of the nation's third busiest transit agency that transports 1.2 million passengers (pre-COVID) daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean-air buses and six rail lines. Washington is also engaged in all facets of transportation and infrastructure in L,A. County including aviation, goods movement, freight/railroads, water, public works, housing and transit-oriented communities.

"Phil Washington has provided exemplary leadership for Metro throughout his tenure, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board First Vice Chair Hilda L. Solis. "The past year brought a myriad of challenges for the agency in terms of budget, operations and capital projects – and Phil met the moment every time."

Washington, who has been with Metro since May 2015, spearheaded a number of notable successes including the passage of Measure M, the largest transportation investment ballot measure in North America. L.A. County voters overwhelmingly approved Measure M by more than 71 percent, launching the nation's largest public works program that will create an estimated 700,000 jobs in the region.

He was also instrumental in securing $9 billion in grant funding over the past five years by working with Metro's federal and state partners and building their trust in Metro's leadership and undeniable track record of success.

"I have served the public in three different cities and on countless boards over the past 48 years. Worked with some great managers and leaders...none greater than Phil Washington," said Inglewood Mayor and immediate past Metro Board Chair James Butts. "Metro and Los Angeles County will sorely miss him. Thank you for your visionary leadership and service."

Workforce development and advancing equity have been the hallmarks of Washington's tenure at Metro. Under his leadership, Metro aggressively created real opportunities for small, women-owned, minority-owned and veteran-owned businesses, including the first Prime contract for a minority business.

"Our Operators are frontline heroes and have remained steadfast in their commitment to service and moving essential workers during some of the toughest challenges of this country, including but not limited to the COVID-19 surges," continued Washington.

Washington elevated and encouraged Metro's greatest asset, its workforce (present and future), by advancing and institutionalizing real and effective employee professional development programs, including the SEED Transportation School of Los Angeles County, Workforce Initiative Now (WIN), the Metro Leadership Academy, the ENO Multi-Agency Exchange Program and the creation of the Women and Girls Governing Council (WGGC), which released a groundbreaking study that is changing the way the transportation industry addresses and responds to the needs of how women and girls travel.

Under Washington's leadership, innovation flourished at Metro. He placed emphasis on not just talking about innovation but implementing it in concrete ways that help real people improve their lives. The Office of Extraordinary Innovation, Metro Micro, Mobility on Demand, the NextGen Bus Study, Metro's TAP apps for Apple and Android phones, a partnership with the Transit app and the very real possibility of a Fareless Transit System in L.A. County are a few examples.

And, finally, as a disabled U.S. Army veteran, Washington has honorably served his country. The Metro Board of Directors is grateful for his service to the people of Los Angeles County and to the United States of America. The Board will conduct a national search for the next CEO.

For more information, please visit www.metro.net.

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Citywide

All You Need Is Your Phone for New Dial-a-Story Service from Santa Monica Public Library

Santa Monica Public Library offers a new service, Dial-a-Story, starting in February 2021. This fun way for children ages 3 to 10 to hear exciting stories can be accessed via your telephone! New stories are recorded by librarians each week, in English and Spanish, and can be listened to by phone any time of day. The stories include traditional tales, and picture books, and run from five to approximately 20 minutes.

Dial-a-Story is free and you do not need a Santa Monica Public Library card to use this service. Access 24/7 via telephone at (424) 610-8600.

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George C. Wolfe's August Wilson adaptation "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," as was his co-star, Viola Davis. Other acting nominees included Andra Day ("The United States vs. Billie Holiday"), Vanessa Kirby ("Pieces of a Woman"), Daniel Kaluuya ("Judas and the Black Messiah"), Leslie Odom, Jr. ("One Night in Miami"), Glenn Close ("Hillbilly Elegy"); James Corden ("The Prom") and the young star of "News of the World," Helena Zengel.

Gauging the awards prospects of most films has been difficult this winter, with none of the usual screenings and events happening in-person, and a number of the films once expected to be lead contenders postponed. But there were still plenty of choices by the press association — an always unpredictable group of 89 voting members — that nevertheless surprised observers Wednesday.

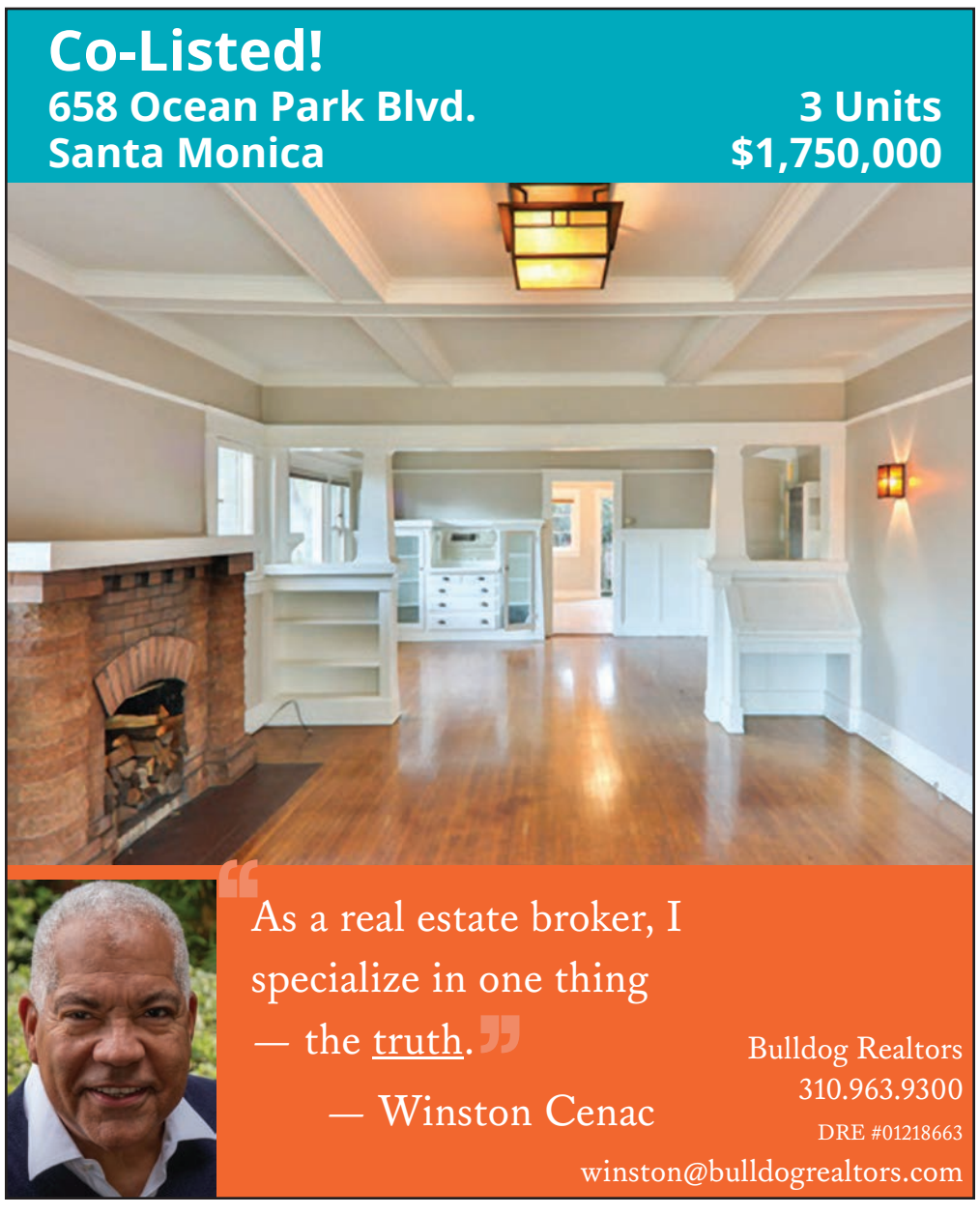
Spike Lee, whose daughter Satchel and son Jackson are Globes ambassadors this year, saw his Vietnam veteran drama "Da 5 Bloods" unexpectedly shut out. Nominations for Jared Leto's performance as a serial killer in the just-released "The Little Things" and for the Sia-directed musical "Music" were so far out of left field that they seemed likely to rank among previous wayward Globes nominees like "The Tourist."

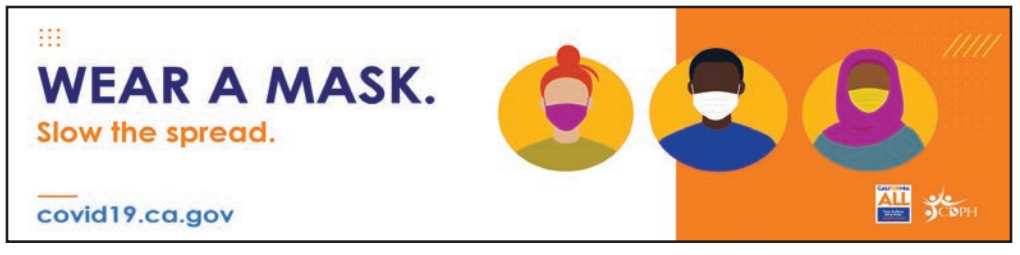
The press association also drew much criticism for an earlier decision to consider Lee Isaac Chung's lauded immigrant drama "Minari," about a Korean-American family in Arkansas in which the characters largely speak Korean, ineligible for its top award. The group instead nominated "Minari" for best foreign language film.

The nominations announcement was also scaled down due to the pandemic. Presenters Sarah Jessica Parker and Taraji P. Henson read nominees not from a teleprompter but holding print-outs and streaming live from what appeared to be their homes.

The Globes are typically the first major show of Hollywood's awards season, which ends with the crowning of the best picture winner at the Oscars. They'll retain that distinction, despite being delayed nearly two months and opting for a bi-coastal ceremony to be hosted by Tina Fey from New York and Amy Poehler from Beverly Hills, Calif. The Oscars are set for April 25.

Film Writer Lindsey Bahr and Entertainment Writers Andrew Dalton and Brooke Lefferts contributed to this report.





Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

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Best Concerts Of The Year! – III

A SELF-INDULGENT EXERCISE IN NOSTALGIA?

This digging up of the great shows I saw in the last year of it, 2019?

Maybe. Nostalgia for the long-ago world of a year ago, when we were still able to hear live music and mostly took that for granted?

Well, who could have known? Live music has been around for millenia. Hmmm — I wonder if Caruso stopped performing during the great flu pandemic? He died in 1921, so, probably. Before that, black plague and so on, they didn't know much about disease transmission so kept going to the theater and gathering for wandering minstrels, and so, died happy with a song in their hearts.

We're modern and resourceful, so bands perform with each player six feet from the others, but still, not live, usually. And streamed. So it's kind of like a video.

I WANT IT BACK!!

I want to be standing there five feet or even 50 feet from the stage, seeing the fingers bend strings, sweat pouring off a face contorted in the real emotion of the song, that sound hitting my body. Is it possible that will never happen again?

We really don't know. While some were planning their fall tours last spring, I've said from the very beginning that we're not going to have anything even near normal until probably 2022. But is even that optimistic?

Well, I'm an optimist and an idealist and I have a radio station poster in my office that says, in big colorful letters, NO MUSIC, NO LIFE. So I am just going to stubbornly stick around, and y'all are invited to hear some great players at my 100th birthday party, got it? (The way I've been feeling lately, that will be in a year or two.)

So this isn't an empty exercise, it's my way of reminding us, looking at fading memories in the rear view mirror, of how wonderful and precious and life affirming live music is. And of acknowledging some of the musicians and the venues that present them who have added so much to our lives. And shall again.

So, here comes

THAT GREAT MUSIC YEAR, 2019, AGAIN!

Mar. 29, Sam First — Last week I missed mentioning that the same night I dug my two country faves at the Cinema Bar, RICK SHEA and I SEE HAWKS IN L.A., I caught the early set at our lovely LAX jazz club Sam First, of CUNLIFFE, OLES & ERSKINE. It was my first time seeing renowned pianist Bill Cunliffe (Grammy winner, longtime player/arranger for Buddy Rich) and I became an instant fan. I've known his rep for decades but had never seen him. I'm a recent fan of bassist Darek Oles, and was seeing SM skins magician Peter Erskine for the umpteenth time but it is never enough. That was some night of music!

Apr. 22, Maui Sugar Mill Saloon — SONNY GREEN & the Soul Brothers, straight outta Compton, and Inglewood, rarely venturing this far north, this diminutive soul and blues crooner is a giant, believe me, I've seen him many times on his home turf, and the Soul Brothers are a band to reckon with who can play everything through the roof from Otis to the Stones to the Tempts to Johnny Cash to Nipsey Hussle. But very sadly, this was the last time I saw and visited with the mighty DUFFY, on keyboards, who passed away shortly after. That man had charisma and chops and could absolutely take over a room. He could sing and play any cover and often make you forget about the original. Mick who?

May 4, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion — finally, after thoroughly enjoying so many of his LA OPERA company's performances, I got to see the legendary PLACIDO DOMINGO himself on stage, in one of his favorite and underperformed operas, "El Gato Montés (The Wildcat)" — bandits, bullfighters, a beauty, some flamenco thrown in, straight from Madrid, what's not to like? Placido's tenor was not what it once was, i knew, but he accommodated and was still a terrific actor. And I could enjoy the moment because the bad news that tainted his reputation had not yet come to light.

May. 5, Walt Disney Concert Hall — finally, after 40-some years, after missing the young pianist in Albuquerque, I got to experience one of the top classical pianists of our time, EMANUEL AX, with the marvelous ESA-PEKKA SALONEN once more leading the amazing LA PHIL. It was late Mozart, early Beethoven, and a master of the 88.In moments like that I am reminded why I moved to L.A. He probably took one look at that turnout in ABQ and crossed it off his tour map.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

TOMORROW IS BANDCAMP FRIDAY — Bandcamp will be waiving its revenue share on all sales, as it has been every first Friday of the month since March. I have written previously about blackbandcamp.info, an incredibly comprehensive crowd-sourced list of black artists on Bandcamp (you can search by artist, genre, or location), so what better way to kick off Black History Month than by supporting the artists currently writing the soundtrack to today's history?

Browsing for just a few minutes I found some pretty beautiful neo-classical work by pianist Sylvester Draggon Jr., who also writes chiptunes (https://sylcmyk.bandcamp.com), a really good Austin-based shoegaze artist alexalone (alexalone.bandcamp.com), and a deeply rich, soulful, synth-layered alternative jazz and R&B EP "Vortex," by LA-based artist-producer Teira, who has a voice like velvet (teira.bandcamp.com).

Go down the rabbit hole, come out the other side with something good: https://blackbandcamp.info

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

STUDENTS

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Samohi student Sam Grossman will also speak on the World Peace and Cooperation panel, which is moderated by the City of Los Angeles Deputy Mayor of International Affairs — an excellent connection for young adults interested in diplomatic careers.

"The other panelists and I all have something unique to contribute and I think we all hope to inspire people to continue growing and cultivate an understanding of other cultures," said Grossman. "Having such a diverse group of panelists often means having a diverse array of opinions and approaches to answering questions."

Santa Monica College student Pearl Koven will be speaking on the Sustainability and Climate Change panel, sharing her experiences as a local environmental activist.

Koven has served as a leader for the SMC Student Sustainability Workshop and helped lead composting and gardening initiatives in her home community of Silverlake.

"We need all communities to feel inspired, encouraged, educated and supported to find proper solutions to divert from fossil fuels," said Koven. "I think that if we use diplomacy and sustainability together we can really put a dent in our carbon emissions, and this needs to happen globally."

The summit is unique in that it places young people's voices front and center, precisely because they are the generation inheriting today's most pressing global issues.

While there will be adult experts monitoring the panels and providing their insights, the students will be leading the conversation and speaking directly to other students.

Alana Basmajian, a senior at Santa Monica High School will present on the Coping During the Pandemic panel.

"I wanted to apply to be a panelist because I fully support the message of it — having youth educate, lead, and inspire other youth," said Basmajian. "I think it is a super powerful way to communicate with others and I really wanted to be part of that message."

For the past year Basmajian has been working as a Teen Advisor on the Teen Talk app, counseling young people around the world who are struggling with mental health, substance use, and social and relationship issues.

Fellow Samohi student Victoria Jonsson is also a featured panelist. Jonsson will be speaking on the Gender and Racial Equity panel, sharing her passion for computer programming and medical research.

"I often feel out of place in my stem-based classes and clubs, as I am typically one of very few, if not the only, girl," said Jonsson. "I hope to be an active voice in changing that narrative by encouraging girls globally not to feel limited by their gender and take risks."

The summit will be livestreamed on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and registration is open at www.californiasummit.org.

"So far we've had over 2,500 kids register to attend or step up to be a panelist. They have something to say and they're not saying it to adults, they're going to say it amongst themselves," said SoCal Sister Cities Board Vice-President Jeff Jarow. "I get emotional when I think about that kind of energy. It's really important to pass the baton to the younger generation."

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NEWSOM

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frustration. Recall organizers say they've collected 1.3 million of the 1.5 million signatures needed by mid-March to put the recall on the ballot. State officials had verified 410,000 as of early January.

Meanwhile, law enforcement officials are investigating threats of death and violence against the governor, his family and his businesses, the Sacramento Bee reported.

Mike Trujillo, a Los Angeles strategist who worked for one of Newsom's Democratic opponents in the 2018 governor's race, said Newsom can't afford to take hits from Democrats with a potential recall looming. The governor's decision to reverse the stay-at-home orders could alienate members of his own party who have been taking the pandemic extremely seriously, Trujillo said.

"If you're Team Gavin, your political operation has to be 'make every Democrat happy,' and that's not been his operation style since Day One as governor," Trujillo said.

He added: "If the lawmakers are willing to speak out, imagine how the base feels."

Sonja Diaz, founder of the Latino Politics & Policy Initiative at UCLA, said that young workers and people of color are bearing the brunt of the state's coronavirus surges. She said the Trump administration deserves much of the blame for the disjointed response, but that Democrats need to stay focused on the priorities of vaccinating people and providing economic help rather than bending to critics on the right.

"This isn't really just on one governor," she said.

Newsom last week called the idea that he's making decisions based on politics "nonsense," but he's otherwise sidestepped commenting on the recall. Beyond Faulconer, several other Republicans and a tech billionaire are considering bids if the recall happens, though none are particularly well-known to voters. Most of California's Republican mega-donors remain on the sidelines.

For now, many Democrats doubt whether the recall will make the ballot. Still, they are looking back to 2003, when voters recalled Gov. Gray Davis, for lessons as they debate whether its worth standing behind Newsom or finding an alternative. In that election, the Democratic lieutenant governor ran, a move that some Democrats say helped Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger win. But others say the party can't take the chance of not having a credible alternative.

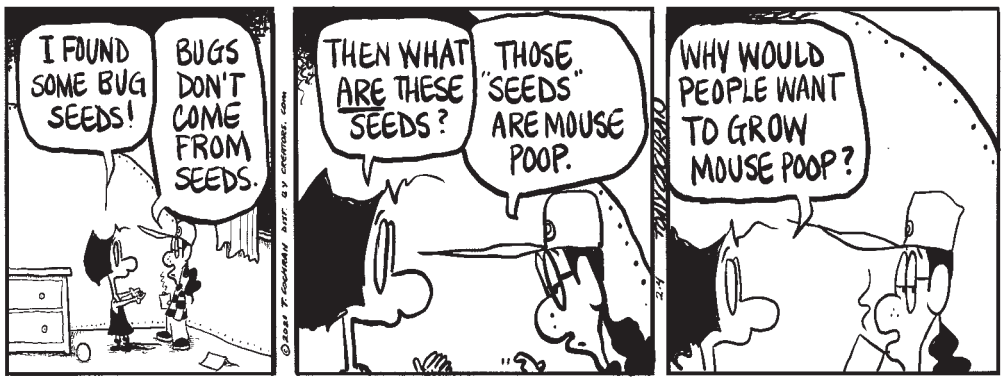
Dan Newman, Newsom's political strategist, said he's not worried about the party turning on Newsom and that facing the ire of voters is part of the job.

"People are frustrated and upset, understandably. The pandemic has caused suffering and disruption and it makes it a challenging time to be a public official," Newman said. "It's part of what you sign up for — fires and pandemics and vaccine development are not all under your control, but you're held responsible and that's part of the deal, fair or not."



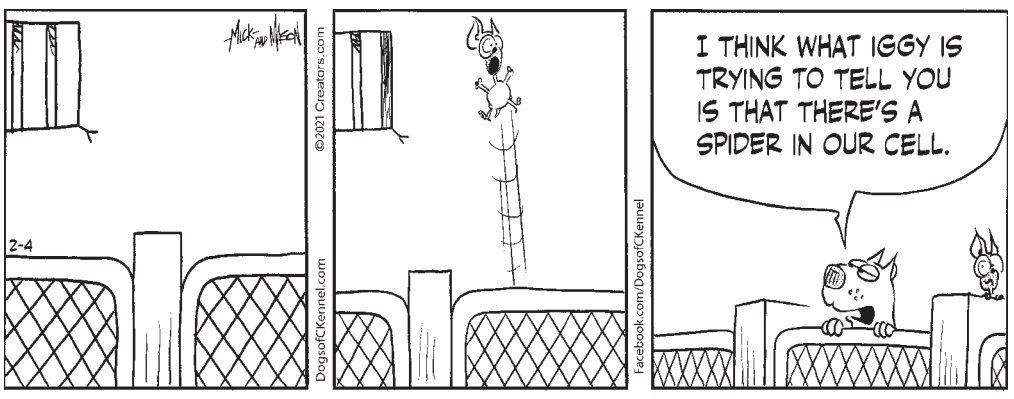
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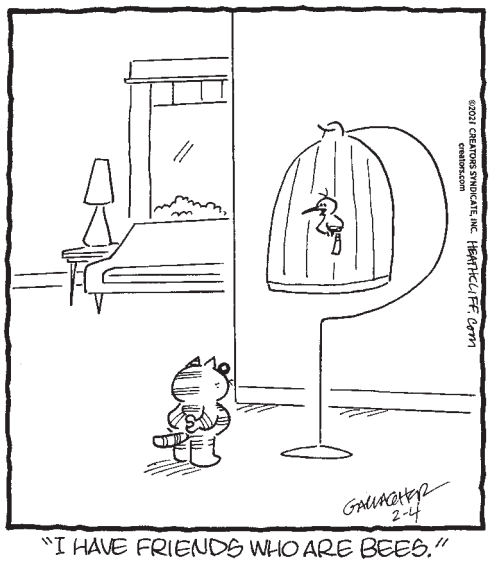
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SURF FORECASTS

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THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
NW swell mix fades through the day. Could be a decent window in the morning at the beachbreaks to the west of Pt Dume.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Thigh to waist high
Small NW swell leftovers, trace SSW swell. Wind looks favorable for a good chunk of the day, we unfortunately just don't expect much size.

WEATHER

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Part of you is focused on enjoying the current situation with appreciation, and a considerably larger part of you has an eye out for possibility, opportunity and change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today will bring plenty of evidence that the novelty-seeking portion of your brain is well connected with the septal nuclei sector, important to pleasure. You'll find learning to be its own reward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's coming up for you is uncomfortable at first, but that's only a signal for you to adjust. Once you put it all in alignment, you'll be able to breathe easy. Use the mirror of another person, especially an expert.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're willing to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty as long as you know the work is necessary and will pay off. But how far are you willing to go with no such assurances? That's the big question of the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your heart seems to have its own strategy, and one it prefers to keep on a need-to-know basis. It will be revealed to the rest of you in the form of a series of surprises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many ways to deal with an enemy. You can conquer or befriend — bribe, manipulate, sneak up on, seduce. Matters are made trickier when you realize the enemy is within.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is no aspect of life that matters of attraction won't play a part in. For instance, there's a present need to shine a more flattering light on an issue, otherwise no one will be interested enough to get involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No need to see the difficulties of the day as a hindrance. This is what builds your strength. It's all in how you move the thing. Lift it with precision as you would a barbell.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being enough is like having a certain color of hair. It's a fact, and therefore would be a ridiculous thing to go around proving. You are enough. The burden of proof is not on you. Let observers figure it out on their own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your choice of vocabulary will speak volumes about you. It will tip strangers off to your background and indicate to all how much effort you're willing to put into your interactions in general.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a time for experiments, wandering and playful tangents and this isn't it. Be like the mother duck get your ducklings in a row for the single-file march forward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Unlike the ancient Toltecs who practiced transcending their bodily senses to get a spiritual view of the world, you will become even more in tune with what those five senses are telling you and touch on the extrasensory.

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

3	4	1	8	5	2	9	6	7
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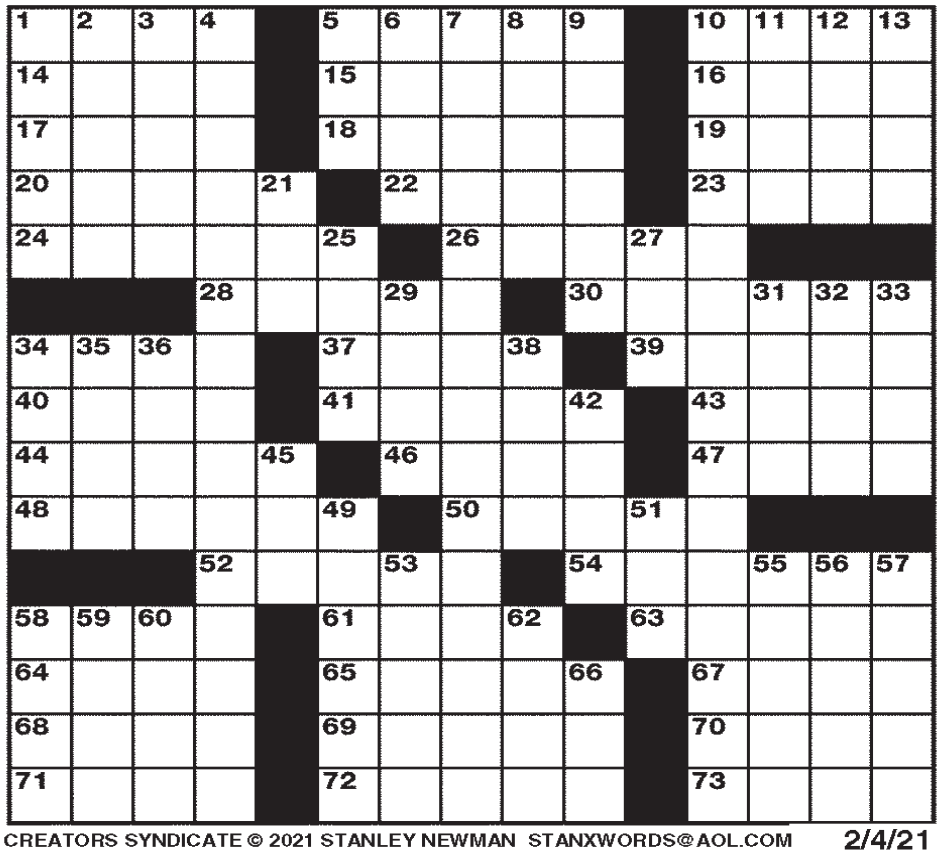
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Newsday Crossword

MOON BASE by Stella Zawistowski
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ACROSS
1 Preschooler's learning
5 Disagreements
10 Big boss, briefly
14 Infamous emperor
15 Perfection to aim for
16 Affectionate signoff
17 Emulate rodents
18 "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" singer
19 __ by (just manages)
20 Graceful
22 Tuxedo shirt accessory
23 Granny's daughter, maybe
24 Without an intermission
26 Compact music players
28 Gym accessory
30 *Faust* dramatist
34 Bit of dust
37 71 Across pullers
39 Garden hose holder
40 Fiendish
41 Cuts into cubes
43 Historical periods
44 Dip for chips
46 Jumbo suffix for a ballpark screen
47 Sci-fi cinema sage
48 Sacks out
50 Japanese mushroom
52 "Skip me"
54 Trust in
58 "Odd" things to do
61 Restless desire
63 Ere
64 Current with
65 High hope
67 Leon who wrote *Exodus*
68 Cornfield challenge
69 Dancer's driver
70 Allowed the use of
71 Farming implement
72 Participated, with "in"
73 Isn't keeping up

DOWN
1 __-Saxon language
2 West African country
3 Package of produce
4 "This should surprise me?"
5 Criticize harshly
6 Solemn promises
7 "Cradle of Civilization"
8 Prepare to advance on a fly-out
9 Cunning one
10 Invoice request
11 TiVo alternative
12 Balanced
13 Great enthusiasm
21 Starter for system
25 Planar, for short
27 Small *número*
29 Sign for an off-ramp
31 For takeaway, in Britain
32 Prepared for planting
33 *Frozen* queen
34 Tangled-up situation
35 Roundish
36 Patio piece
38 Vivid crayon category
42 Elitist
45 Program on a phone
49 Gave one's approval
51 *The Jungle Book* python
53 Part of a backpack
55 Sea of Japan peninsula
56 Round gasket
57 Cozy retreats
58 Sudden increase
59 Porous gem
60 Big buffoon
62 Abominate
66 Hot under the collar



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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S R Y T G A R A A O R U E A R
L A G I L P I R E S E I A O E
A O D O I P A R N H T C C N P
B S D N N H B I M I I K E Y P
O I V E N I A E G F I S N X O
U A Y B U R L R E T T I V H C
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U I R E A S A E O W M V R M E
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G U Y A E L L F S R K R N H A
A W E J N C L A T S C E M I G
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Giru
Heat
Home Hill
Invar
Jade
Komatiite
Labour
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Marl
Mica
Money
Onyx
Peace
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Alan Toy, Santa Monica

VACCINE

FROM PAGE 1

State University, Los Angeles, will be jointly run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The move comes as California's deadliest pandemic surge eases but the state struggles with vaccine shortages and bureaucratic headaches in a race to vaccinate an array of the most vulnerable people.

The new sites are expected to open Feb. 16 for eligible people who can sign up now to be notified and will eventually schedule vaccine appointments using the state's online MyTurn system. Both sites will be able to administer up to 5,000 doses a day, said state emergency services spokesman Brian Ferguson.

Newsom promoted the new sites as part of a larger effort to target minorities, the poor and others who might be neglected. Each will have two mobile vaccination clinics that can go to different locations to help inoculate people.

"The reason this site was chosen was the framework of making sure that communities that are often left behind are not left behind — they're prioritized in terms of the administration of these vaccines," Newsom said during a news conference with local officials at the Oakland stadium, home to Major League Baseball's Athletics.

Both sites are in what Newsom's administration called some of the nation's most diverse and poor areas, home to many essential employees who have continued to work during the pandemic.

Newsom and local officials praised their fellow Democrat now in the White House for what the governor called "a different mindset" in addressing the pandemic than the Republican Trump administration.

Newsom has faced increasing criticism including from members of his own political party in what he acknowledged has been a slow and often confusing rollout of the available vaccines.

California is administering 1 million doses per week but still remains in the bottom half of U.S. states for administering and distributing doses per 100,000 people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"No one is satisfied with the pace of distribution of these vaccines," Newsom said. "We have more work to do, but we have made demonstrable progress and we will continue to build on that."

Officials announced last week that the state by mid-month will create a new centralized vaccine distribution system led by Blue Shield, though specifics of the program are still being developed.

Newsom said the big insurance company is a logical, experienced, California-based choice to coordinate the program, dismissing as "nonsense" any speculation that the choice had anything to do with political support he's received from company officials.

The move came as California officials recalculate which groups should be next in line for shots amid limited supply.

The state has authorized health workers, teachers, food and agriculture employees, other first responders and people 65 and older to be inoculated. Newsom announced last week that the state would next move to an age-based system, outraging some who would move farther back in line.

On Wednesday, eight San Francisco Bay Area county health officers endorsed using scarce vaccines for those 65 and older.

"We need to be direct and honest with the public that, although we want to vaccinate everyone, right now we just don't have enough vaccine to do so," said Dr. Sara Cody, director public health for Santa Clara County. "Given limited supply of vaccine, we must prioritize vaccinating those at greatest risk of death or serious illness."

Marin, Napa, Santa Cruz and Solano counties are focused on residents age 75 and older while Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara are prioritizing people 65 and older.

At the two new vaccination centers, FEMA will provide the resources and employees. Doses administered there will not reduce the host county's allotment, Newsom said.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis said the new Los Angeles site is "a welcome signal that we are ramping up at the federal, state and local level with the practical, boots-on-the-ground solutions."

The state's most-populous county already has five large county-run sites amid nearly 300 vaccination locations. Solis planned to ask the board next week to approve her plan to work with transit agencies and the county's bus system to help residents get to the sites if they don't have vehicles.

José A. Gómez, Cal State LA executive vice president and provost, said the school serves areas with some of Los Angeles County's highest per-capita infection rates.

The vaccine ramp-up comes as infection rates and hospitalizations fall in California after a months-long coronavirus surge.

The state reported Wednesday the daily number of newly confirmed cases fell to 10,501, down from a high of more than 50,000 in early January.

The seven-day positivity rate for those tested has dropped to 6.1%, less than half the 14.3% peak on Jan. 7. Hospitalizations are down nearly 30% and intensive care cases down 21.5% in the last two weeks.

"Everything that should be down is down," Newsom said, while warning that new virus mutations bear close monitoring.

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