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Local crews busy as historical drenching continues



Photo by Thomas Leffler

STORM: Vehicles were met with heavy puddles on roadways Monday after nearly six inches of rain inundated Santa Monica.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Last week's storm brought about 1.5 inches of rainfall to Santa Monica but it was nothing more than a puddle-sized appetizer to Sunday's inundation.

The atmospheric river-powered storm that began Sunday has emptied the streets of pedestrians and made driving an incredible hassle for many. As of 9:50 a.m. on Monday, the National Weather Service (NWS) observation station at Santa Monica Municipal Airport reported a mammoth 5.74 inches of rainfall in the city from Sunday into Monday morning. According to historical weather data website Weather Underground, the one-day rainfall total is the largest in Santa Monica in at least five years, even eclipsing the one-day total from Tropical Storm Hilary on August 21, 2023 (3.55 inches). The drenching is scheduled to continue through Wednesday, with local and Los Angeles area officials continuing to monitor a myriad of impacts.

City representatives posted a summary of local storm impacts on its Facebook page

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Life can be tough so couple made an album to help everyone sing their feelings



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MUSIC: A Santa Monica couple earned a Grammy nomination for their latest children's album.

ANTOINETTE DAMICO
SMDP Intern

A pair of Santa Monicans may have missed out on a Grammy over the weekend but that doesn't make their nominated Children's Album any less of an accomplishment.

When Andrew Barkan met Polly Hall in college studying music, he had no idea of the epic adventure the duo would embark on. Now, three kids an Emmy nomination and a Grammy nomination later, the couple are still exploring their world through music.

Their recently nominated album, Ahhhhh! is not just for kids, but rather it is an immersive story that explores the big and small problems families face everyday.

Born out of the couple's own experience in parenting and mental health post-covid pandemic, Ahhhhh! touches on points beyond the struggles of childhood, diving deeper into systemic issues shaped by the pandemic and prior. While these topics may be heavy, the duo finds multiple ways to make them accessible and light-hearted for all to enjoy, particularly children.

"We take a topic and then we think, 'Well, how is this accessible to young children? What do they know? What don't they know? What's a good stretch for them? What part of ourselves are we trying to share – our collaborators trying to share in this song," said Hall.

This sentiment is felt throughout the whole album. "Danger Baby," for example, is a high-energy and hysterical song while being an ode to the greatest stress parents confront, which is watching your child face new dangers every day. Other songs touch on the feelings and emotions that children learn when faced with such dangers and allow for kids to express those emotions in the music.

"The song's called, 'Let's Get Mad'... Parents are always telling their kids to not get mad, like getting mad is the problem. But anger is just the feeling. That's the response that we have deep in our amygdala about responding to things that we see that are not right, whether they're personal to us, or whether they're really big and societal — Any kid can, and family can empathize with this idea of 'oh, wait, like, let's think about how anger feels in our body, and then what we can do with it'...If we can channel it in the right way we can make changes that will help the world," said Barkan.

Proud parents of three daughters, Barkan and Hall understand these situations well. Their children have been the biggest inspirations for this album, so much so that one of their daughters, Gertie, is even credited as a writer for the song "Rainbow Shoppe".

After discovering a rainbow while out in their backyard, Gertie kept trying to "go back to [her] rainbow shoppe" the rest of the day.

"She and I kind of sang on it a little bit in the backyard..Then, fully a year or more later, we finally figured out how to get it in the studio, [and] that we wanted to work with our friend Lucy Qatari ... and turn it into the song that's really about how to find a creative place, how to find a regulated place where you feel comfortable, a place where you thrive, and what do you do when you can't get there," said Hall.

The duo's musical history began long before they were parents with two decades of collaboration under their belt. They got into children's music around 10 years ago, after burning out working in the commercial and film industry. Having recently moved to LA, the duo began booking more family and local

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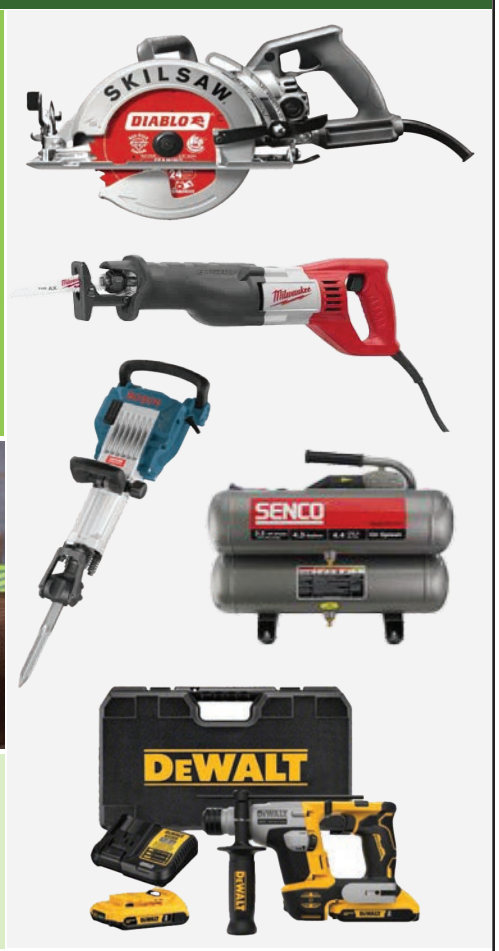
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CIF honors Mariners, Vikings football standouts

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The 2023 high school football season was a success for Santa Monica, producing two squads that made deep playoff runs. To add further commendation on the season, both Samohi Vikings and Saint Monica Mariners players were represented on California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) All-CIF Southern Section squads, according to a CIF news release on Jan. 29.

Selected by the Football Coaches Association, the highest honors went to both a player and coach for Saint Monica after the team went 11-4 and won the CIF Southern Section Division 13 title in 2023. Senior wide receiver, cornerback and Mariners team captain Joshua Barnes was named the Division 13 Offensive Player of the Year, while Coach Thomas Barnes was honored as the division's Championship Coach. At the receiver position, Barnes shined all season en route to the Mariners' first division title win since 1998, leading the team with 32 receptions, 812 receiving yards and 10 receiving touchdowns. In December, the standout committed to the University of Idaho for football beginning in fall 2023.

The Division 13 squad was full of Mariners outside of Barnes, with eight other contributors selected. The team's youth was showcased as five different freshman were picked: Quarterback Bradley Cassier, running back Elijah Wilson, wide receiver Anthony Mason, defensive back Martin Tate and punter Matt Martinez.

Cassier made an instant impact on the Mariners offense, throwing for 1,707 yards and 25 touchdowns in 2023. His backfield made Wilson was dominant in his freshman campaign, taking 168 carries for 1,344 yards and 13 touchdowns, along with a receiving touchdown. Mason was a complement to Barnes in the wideout corps, grabbing 16 balls for 315 yards and 5 touchdowns.

On defense, Tate aided the cornerback Barnes by contributing 16 tackles and 2 pass deflections.

Also picked from the talented Mariners crop were junior safety Luke Griffin, junior offensive lineman Christian Gonzalez and senior defensive lineman Tyree Lewis. Griffin was an interception machine in 2023, picking off quarterbacks 7 times, and added 9 pass deflections, 4 fumble recoveries and 52 tackles to his resume. The senior Lewis was also all over the field for the Mariners' defense, racking up 44 tackles, 3 sacks, 9 quarterback hurries, 3 forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and a pass deflection.

The Samohi squad also made a considerable run at a CIF-SS Division 9 championship, making it to the title game before falling to Rio Hondo Prep. The 9-5 Vikings had six selections to the all-divisional team, four of them a part of the team's senior class.

Seniors selected were running back and linebacker Caden McCallum and wide receiver Griffin Seals, along with offensive and defensive linemen Jayden Montanez and Mason Oliva. McCallum had monster production in 2023, carrying the ball 288 times for 1,604 yards and 24 touchdowns, also catching 26 passes for 187 yards and 2 scores. The senior also led the Vikings with 108 tackles on defense. Seals served as the team's leading receiver, catching 86 balls for 1,289 yards and 11 touchdowns. Montanez was a powerful force on the defensive front, pacing the squad in sacks (4.5) and tackles for loss (15.5).

Earning all-divisional selections outside the senior class were sophomore quarterback Wyatt Brown as well as junior wide receiver and free safety Charles Cravings. Brown was highly efficient in 2023, completing 67.4% percent of his passes for 2,955 yards and 21 touchdowns. Cravings made a two-way impact for the Vikings with 44 receptions for 685 yards and 4 touchdowns on offense, while also pacing the squad in interceptions (7) in the secondary.

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Courtesy Photo

HONORS: Saint Monica football head coach Thomas Barnes was recently honored as the Championship Coach for CIF Southern Section Division 13.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.5**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder
Smaller surf off fading old swell mix. Onshore winds due through the day.

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FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach
Fresh round of longer period but steep-angled NW swell possible as mid period NW swell fades. Wind looks ok in the morning but a deep high tide will slow most spots early.

Weather

Tuesday: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 57. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 100%.
Tuesday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 10pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. West wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 57. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the morning.
Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 10pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

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Prominent Democrats duel ex-baseball star Garvey for Feinstein's US Senate seat in California

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

A crowded primary contest to fill the U.S. Senate seat once held by the late Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein is showing again that money matters in notoriously expensive California while testing whether the state's long-squabbling Republicans can unite behind a single candidate for an outside chance at the seat.

Voting is about to start, with a Monday deadline for counties to mail ballots.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, who rose to national prominence as the lead prosecutor in then-President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial, has built up a dominant advantage in fundraising while consistently topping polls. But a large chunk of voters remains undecided heading toward the March 5 election.

Under California rules, Democrats and Republicans appear on the same primary ballot and the two candidates with the most votes advance to the general election, regardless of political party. Schiff, who has warehoused plenty of money to blanket the state with ads on TV, cable and streaming services, appears to be in the strongest position to gain one of those two November slots.

He's being pursued by two other well-known Democratic House members, Reps. Barbara Lee and Katie Porter, and Republican and former Los Angeles Dodgers star Steve Garvey, a former National League MVP who is making his first run for public office 37 years after retiring from baseball.

In all, more than two dozen names will appear on the Senate ballot for the six-year term that begins next year, though many of them are political unknowns.

Come November, the seat is expected to stay in Democratic hands in a state where Republicans haven't won a U.S. Senate election since 1988.

With Schiff appearing poised to take one of the November spots, Porter's campaign has been routinely targeting Garvey, with a recent fundraising email warning the former MVP's fame threatened to "be the reason we lose Katie's voice in Congress for good."

Schiff, meanwhile, is running ads statewide that call Garvey "too conservative for California," which might be intended to lift Garvey's profile with conservatives and dampen Porter's chances since Garvey would be a longshot in the fall.

Porter said in a statement that Schiff is trying "to game the system to get an opponent they have the best chance of defeating" in November.

Feinstein died in September, ending a long career in which she broke gender barriers and was a passionate advocate for abortion rights and gun control. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Laphonza Butler, a longtime Democratic organizer, to fulfill Feinstein's term, and Butler chose not to seek election to the seat.

The race is unfolding at a time when the state's once-soaring population has been in decline, and polling shows many Californians are unhappy about the direction of the state, inflation and an unchecked homeless crisis in Los Angeles and other big cities.

The presidential race could color the outcome — and possibly depress turnout on both sides.

While running against only token opposition in the primary, President Joe Biden's popularity has been sagging and he is struggling with key voting groups, including Latinos and independents, California polling has found. Meanwhile, former President Donald Trump is the heavy favorite to claim the Republican nomination, which could dampen GOP turnout if it appears the contest is essentially over by early March.

Garvey brought a jolt of celebrity to the race, but his challenge is first consolidating the GOP base – he's dueling for Republican votes with attorney Eric Early, who previously has run unsuccessfully for state attorney general and Congress. Democrats have sought to inflame GOP tensions and discourage independents from choosing Garvey by spotlighting his indecision on the White House contest: Garvey has declined to say if he will vote for Trump this year, after supporting him in 2016 and 2020.

He's one of the few Republicans with a widely recognizable name to run for statewide office in years. In 2016 and 2018, GOP Senate candidates performed so poorly that two Democrats appeared on the November ballot. In 2022, Democratic Sen. Alex Padilla had a walkover win against little-known Republican Mark Meuser.

While Garvey is well-known to an older generation of baseball fans, Democrats e depict him as a political novice unprepared for the Senate at a time of global unrest. Garvey also has seen attacks on his character tied to 1980s sex scandals that sullied his reputation as "Mr. Clean," a moniker that referred to his buttoned-down image from his Dodger days. At the time he admitted to having two children with women he wasn't married to, then married another woman, his current wife.

He has said of those days, "I think our life is a journey. … I've gone through a difficult time here and there. I've learned from it."

The leading Democrats are mostly indistinguishable on policy issues but the contest has highlighted fissures on the party's left wing, including over the Israel-Hamas war and so-called congressional earmark funds.

The attorney Porter has presented herself as a suburban soccer mom who keeps a keen eye on corporate excess from Capitol Hill — often using a whiteboard to break down complex information at congressional hearings. Schiff, a former prosecutor, has emerged as the establishment favorite and counts former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi among his supporters. Lee often spotlights her compelling life story — she

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Santa Monica Animal Shelter at full canine capacity, adoption fees waived



Elizabeth Noble

DOGS: Animal Control Officer Schilling and Ariana, a friendly, 11-month old spayed female, Alaskan Husky mix who loves other dogs.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica animal shelter is currently at full capacity with dogs, which means that they do not have any open dog kennels. In an effort to find these adorable animals their forever homes, the Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation is going to be sponsoring all dog adoptions.

"We hope that by taking care of the adoption fee, we can encourage anyone who has been thinking about adopting a dog to visit the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and meet the dogs that are there waiting to be adopted, hopefully they'll meet their new best friend," Elizabeth Noble, Chair, Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation, says.

The Animal Shelter has seen a significant increase in the number of canines arriving at the shelter and they have more dogs in their care than ever before. "It's very hard to see so many great dogs arrive at the shelter and then be overlooked for many months," says Noble.

Many of the animals become stressed in the shelter environment and struggle with their situation and their surroundings, having been waiting there for so long. And tragically of course, the longer they have to wait, the more exacerbated this predicament becomes. "Hopefully, we can make a difference by covering the adoption fees and help to get these wonderful dogs into their forever homes," says Noble.

Through extensive hard work and considerable fundraising, the shelter, located at 1640 9th Street, was recently able to add a new turfed play space for the animals. However, they are hoping to also add five additional kennels in that new space. "Once we have a cost estimate we plan on fundraising to make this happen," Noble says.

Most of the dogs at the shelter have been patiently waiting months to be adopted, Noble says. The dogs that have been waiting the longest are Quinn since March, Baby Bruce and Dexter since April and Ms. Judy since June, of last year.

"As much as seeing each of their adorable faces brightens my day, and they really always do — from Quinn who comes bounding over when he hears his name ready to play, to Baby Bruce looking up at me with those big eyes to say 'hello', to Dexter rolling over for belly rubs, to Ms. Judy smiling away wagging her tail happily because she knows it's time for pets — they each need to be in the loving forever home they deserve," says Noble.

"I've met most of the dogs waiting to be adopted and they would make great, loving additions to any household. If you are thinking about adopting a dog, now is the perfect time to give a shelter dog a fur-ever home," said Councilmember Gleam Davis, herself an advocate for the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and during her tenure as Mayor, she was able to get Santa Monica certified a "Better City For Pets."

The Santa Monica Animal Shelter still has so many wonderful animals looking for their forever homes and some have been there for far longer than they should have to be. To meet any of the available dogs please call the Santa Monica Animal Shelter at (310) 458-8595 and set up a time to stop by. Opening times are Tuesday—Saturday 8 a.m.—5 p.m. You can view the dogs that are available for adoption at: santamonica.gov/categories/services/animal-services

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GRAMMY

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events, feeling particularly drawn to the way kids responded to their enthusiastic music.

"They just would stop and look at us and [be] like – How do I, how do I music? I'm so interested in this!'— It was so joyous," said Hall.

Barkan and Hall have plenty of excitement about their Grammy nomination, and look forward to the ways it can hopefully change the face of children's music and beyond.

"The stakeholders and the gatekeepers of larger media projects can look at what's happening in children's music and see, 'wow, there is both really awesome catchy music being written for children right now. And stuff that's really important emotionally and socially, that can help raise a new generation of more open people.' – I'd love to be a part of that. And hopefully this nomination can help that," said Balkan.

Both Barkhan and Hall grew up outside of Santa Monica, but having lived here for over 10 years as they have grown their careers and family, the couple considers Santa Monica their heart and home, and have immense gratitude for all that this city has given them, including all the support they have received for this impressive accomplishment of an album.

"And it's been such an amazing place to grow into, I had no idea the city was going to offer so much for us," said Hall.

The album Ahhhhh! Was released in September of last year, and was Grammy nominated for Best Children's album of the year. For more information on the couple and their music, visit their website http://andrewandpolly.com/ and check out their music on Spotify, Apple Music, and Youtube.

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Parents' lawsuit forces California to spend $2 billion on learning loss. Here's what will change

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Special to the Daily Press

California schools will have to spend $2 billion of their remaining Covid relief funds on tutoring and other measures to help high-needs students recover from learning loss, according to a legal settlement announced this week.

The agreement, reached in Alameda County Superior Court, was between the state and a group of families in Oakland and Los Angeles who said their children fell calamitously behind during remote learning. Public Counsel, a nonprofit advocacy law firm, and Morrison Foerster represented the plaintiffs.

"This should have an enormous impact for students across California," said Amanda Mangaser Savage, an attorney at Public Counsel who worked on the case. "It truly will make California's education system more equitable for students who've been left behind."

The case stems from the early days of the Covid pandemic, when nearly every school in California closed for in-person learning and students attended school virtually from home. But many low-income families lacked the technology to access online classes, or said that classes were unstructured and inconsistent. One of the plaintiffs, Kelly R., who lives in South Los Angeles, said, "Between March and June of 2020, neither of my children learned anything in school."



Photo by Lauren Justice for Cal Matters
SCHOOL: Students in a class at Lake Marie Elementary School in Whittier on Nov. 17, 2022.

Test scores from that period confirm that low-income students and students of color fared worse during the pandemic than their peers. From 2019 to 2022, Black students' scores plunged about 10 points in English language arts and nearly 20 points in math. Latino students also saw steep declines: 12 points in English language arts and 21 points in math. Nationwide, students in all groups in grades 3 through 8 lost an average of half a grade level in math and a third of a grade level in reading, according to a report released this week by researchers at Stanford and Harvard.

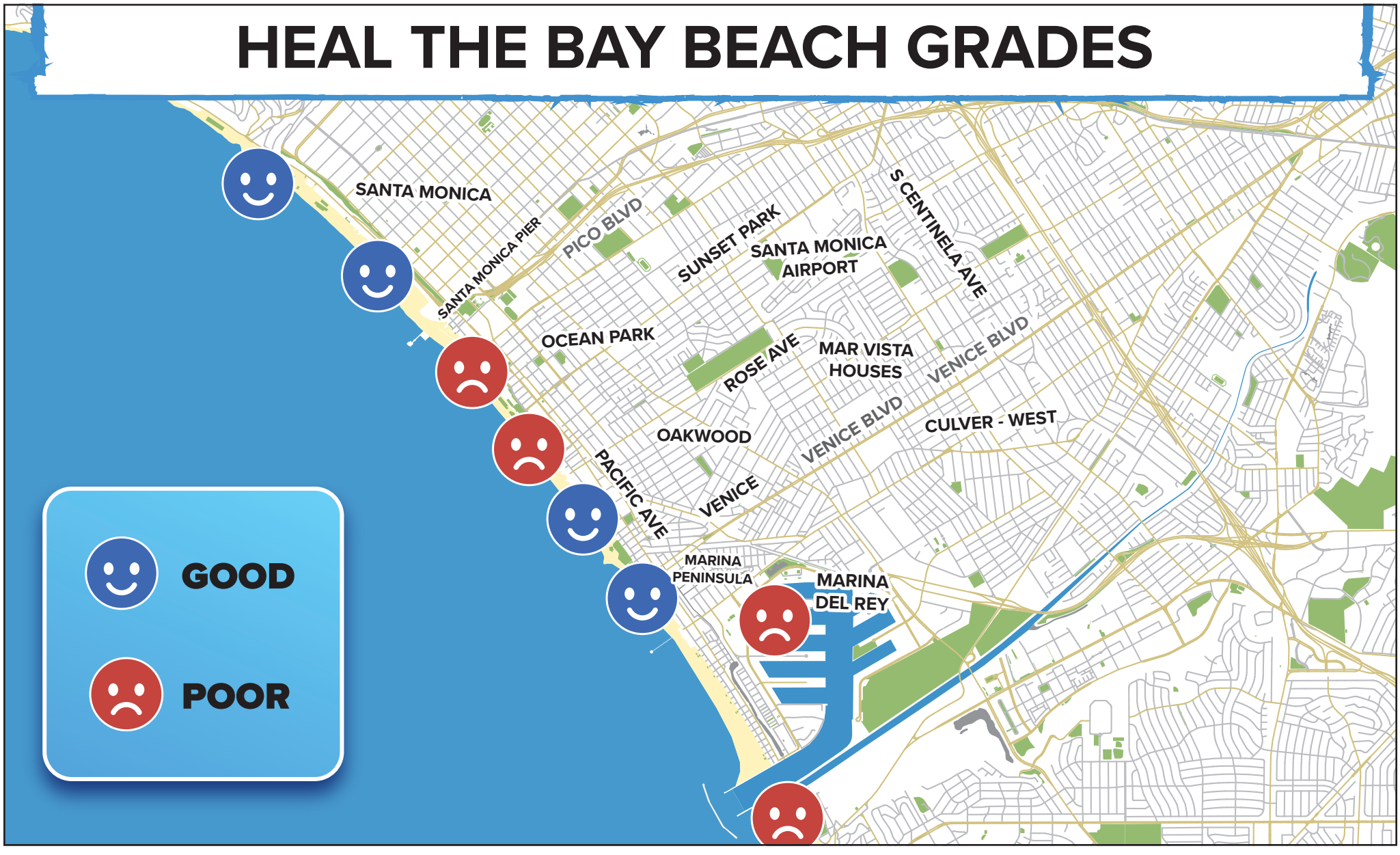
The same report found that although students in most groups are now beginning to catch up from learning loss, progress for low-income students has been slow. In California, low-income students scored 81 points below the state standard in math last year — compared to 49 points below for all students. In English language arts, low-income students were 43 points below the standard, compared to 14 points below for all students.

"This proposal includes changes that the administration believes are appropriate at this stage coming out of the pandemic to focus … on the students who were most impacted and continue to need support," said Elizabeth Sanders, director of communications for the California Department of Education. "Proposing these changes also allowed the state to resolve the (case), and we appreciate the collaborative approach and the insights that plaintiffs offered that informed this proposal. We look forward to engaging with the Legislature and stakeholders over the coming weeks and months to advance this proposal and focus learning recovery dollars on serving the students with the greatest needs."

TARGETED TUTORING AND OTHER SERVICES

As part of the settlement, schools will have to use their unspent Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant funds to hire tutors, add instructional time and take other steps to help the most-behind students catch up. The state will have to create an assessment to decide which students will receive help, and

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Historic storm sends debris through LA's Hollywood Hills and leaves 1.1 million without power

JOHN ANTCZAK, CHRISTOPHER WEBER AND JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

A storm of historic proportions unleashed record levels of rain over parts of Los Angeles on Monday, sending mud and boulders down hillsides dotted with multimillion-dollar homes, posing grave dangers to the city's large homeless population and knocking out power for more than a million people in California.

The storm was the second one fueled by an atmospheric river to hit the state over the span of days. About 1.4 million people in the Los Angeles area, including the Hollywood Hills and Beverly Hills, were under a flash flood warning Monday morning. Up to 9 inches of rain had already fallen in the area, with more expected, according to the National Weather Service, which called the flash flooding and threat of mudslides "a particularly dangerous situation."

Already crews were rescuing people from swift-moving water in various parts of Southern California.

Gushing rivers carried mud, rocks and objects from people's homes down the hill, including ladders and plastic crates in Studio City, an area on the backside of the Hollywood Hills that is named after a movie studio lot.

Several homes were damaged from the debris slide, including Keki Mingus' neighbor.

"Mud, rocks and water came rushing down through their house and another neighbor's house and into our street," Mingus said on Monday. "I can't believe it. It looks like a river that's been here for years. I've never seen anything like it."

Sixteen residents were evacuated in Studio City and two homes were damaged, city officials said.

The Los Angeles Fire Department had 1,000 firefighters on duty contending with 49 mudslides and debris flows, 130 reports of flooding, half a dozen structure fires and several rescues of motorists stranded in vehicles.

Drake Livingston who lives in the Beverly Crest neighborhood, was watching a movie around midnight when a friend alerted him to flooding.

"We looked outside and there's a foot-and-a-half of running water, and it starts seeping through the doors," Livingston said.

Livingston scrambled to save some possessions but eventually had to retreat to a neighbor's house. In the morning, Livingston's car was submerged in several feet of mud.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass urged residents to avoid driving, warning of fallen trees and electrical lines on flooded roadways.

Over 10 inches of rain has fallen in the Santa Monica Mountains and Los Angeles Fire Chief Kristin Crowley said that flooding, rockslides and debris flows will continue to be a threat in areas around recent wildfire burn scars.

"The hazards of this storm have yet not passed," said Crowley, noting that rain is forecast to continue into Tuesday.

A record 4.1 inches of rain fell Sunday in downtown Los Angeles, making it the 10th wettest day on record, the National Weather Service said. That's more rain than the area typically gets for the entire month.

That didn't stop the Grammy Awards on Sunday night from continuing as planned at downtown's Crypto.com Arena.

Jeb Johenning said his neighbor was being dropped off in their hilly neighborhood after watching the award show when "the hill chased him" and completely engulfed the SUV they were in, briefly trapping him and the driver.

"Fortunately no one was hurt," he said.

The weather service forecast up to 8 inches of rainfall across Southern California's coastal and valley areas, with 14 inches possible in the foothills and mountains over the next two days.

Commuters stepped through several inches of floodwater on Monday morning as they rushed to catch trains at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

The havoc in Southern California came after the storm over the weekend inundated streets and brought down trees and electrical lines throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, while the weather service issued a rare "hurricane force wind warning" for the Central Coast.

Just to the south in San Jose, emergency crews pulled occupants out of the windows of a car that was stranded by flooding and rescued people from a homeless encampment alongside a rising river.

In Yuba City, about 100 miles northeast of San Francisco, police said they were investigating the death of a man found under a big redwood tree in his backyard Sunday evening. A neighbor heard the tree fall, and it was possible the man was using a ladder to try and clear the redwood when he was killed, police said on Facebook.

In Southern California, officials warned of potentially devastating flooding and ordered evacuations for canyons that burned in recent wildfires and that are at high risk for mud and debris flows.

Off the coast of Long Beach, 19 people were rescued Sunday after the 40-foot sailboat they were traveling in lost its mast, said Brian Fisk, a firefighter and paramedic for the Long Beach Fire Department.

Another vessel heard the distress call on the marine radio and helped rescue eight people while 11 were able to get onto the rocky breakwater by Alamitos Bay where they were rescued by lifeguards, he said. One person was treated for injuries.

"They went out sailing in gale-force winds and stormy weather," Fisk said. "They're very, very lucky."

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services activated its operations center and positioned personnel and equipment in areas most at risk.

Evacuation orders were issued in many parts, stretching from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles Counties where emergency shelters were in place.

The Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest, said its schools would be open Monday, with the exception of Topanga Elementary Charter School and Vinedale College Preparatory Academy.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

STORM: While Santa Monica fared better than most, emergency vehicles were busy throughout the city Monday after nearly six inches of rain fell in the city.

But classes were canceled Monday for schools throughout Santa Barbara County, where numerous streets were flooded Sunday. The area in 2018 was devastated by deadly mudslides.

Heavy snow was expected throughout the Sierra Nevada and motorists were urged to avoid mountain roads.

Much of the state was still drying out from the initial atmospheric river-powered storm that blew in last week. Atmospheric rivers are relatively narrow plumes of moisture that form over an ocean and can produce torrential rain as they move over land.

Both atmospheric rivers were called a "Pineapple Express" because the plume of moisture stretches back across the Pacific to near Hawaii.

Since 2022, 46 atmospheric rivers have made landfall on the U.S. West Coast, according to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes. Nine were categorized as strong, two were extreme and one was exceptional. California experienced extensive flooding and massive snowfall, pulling the state out of a years-long drought.

Watson reported from San Diego, Eugene Garcia reported from Los Angeles and Amy Taxin in Orange County contributed to this report.

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Monday morning, stating that there have been "no significant concerns on city streets" and that public works crews remain vigilant in clearing out debris and managing storm drains. Due to the rainfall, Monday's street sweeping was canceled in order to focus public works on storm management. Officials also asked that if residents see a downed tree or have other issues from the rain, they should call 311 or report it online at 311.santamonica.gov. Trash pickup was still on track for completion Monday morning, though some areas may have seen delays or missed recycling pickup.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) kept Santa Monica schools open on Monday. The district's Emergency Operations Center convened twice on Sunday and once on Monday morning, ultimately choosing to keep school in session in Santa Monica, with SMMUSD Community and Public Relations Officer Gail Pinsker citing families with working parents "who rely on school for their children" along with meal services as considerations when making the decision.

"Our maintenance crews inspected our schools early and that contributed to the decision to open," Pinsker added. "The district has invested in roof repair over the past few years to best prepare for rain, wind and storms."

Pinsker said some campuses were experiencing roof leaks and rain-related issues on Monday. District officials met via Zoom Monday evening to review conditions and facility status to make a decision regarding Tuesday classes, with no decision made as of press time.

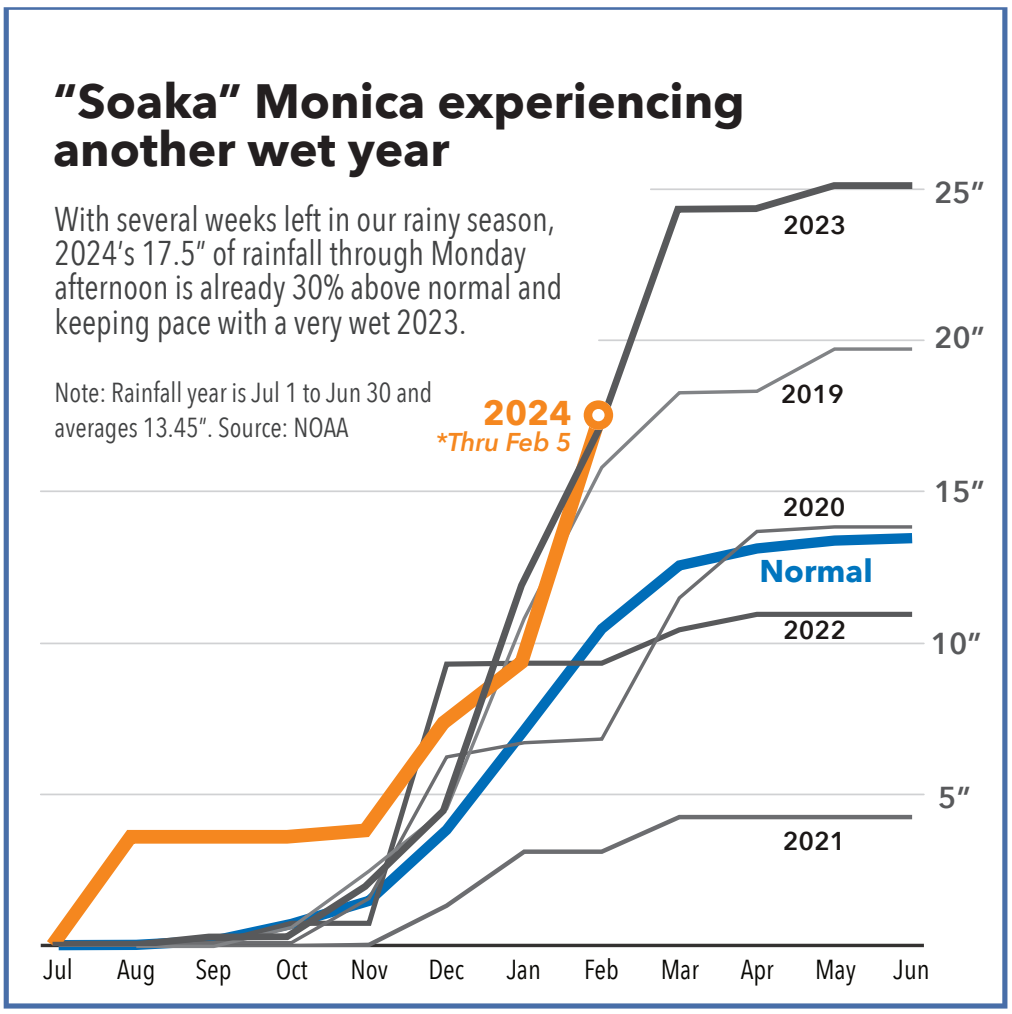
However, due to road closures in the Malibu area causing inability for some staff to travel to school sites, Malibu schools within SMMUSD were closed on Monday. Malibu and Topanga Canyons were both closed as of 7:22 a.m. Monday, with a local traffic advisory warning that roads can be hazardous with rocks, mud and flooding. According to the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station, multiple vehicles were submerged on Piuma Road Monday morning, and large boulders had fallen between Piuma Road and Potter Drive. The station also reported a minor mudslide off Cornell Road in Agoura Hills around 7 a.m. Monday. SMMUSD said Malibu schools were scheduled to reopen Tuesday.

In addition to Malibu school sites closing, other Santa Monica schools such as Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences and New Roads School shut down on Monday. Saint Monica Preparatory, Saint Anne School and Santa Monica College remained open as normal, though the college's Corsair track was closed to the public due to flooding.

The city was not without its own road closures, as at 10 a.m. Monday, the city's SMAlert system noted that the California Incline would be closed in both directions for about an hour while public works employees were removing debris from the roadway. Santa Monica Police Department did not have any weather-related emergencies to report, with the office assisting traffic control during the Incline shutdown, as well as assisting street maintenance to respond to a large pothole on Montana Ave. at 21st Street.

Other local storm impacts included high wind gusts, with gusts hovering between the high teens and low 20s into Monday morning. The peak wind gust observed by the NWS was 22 mph at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Just a small trip south down the coast from Santa Monica, NWS observation stations in Venice and Marina del Rey respectively reported 4.39 and 5.48 24-hour rainfall totals. As part of the City of Los Angeles' Augmented Winter Shelter Program, Venice's Oakwood Recreation Center at 767 California Ave. was activated as a shelter site beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, with the City's Recreation and Parks Department providing facility management and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) service providers managing the sites. The 103-bed site will stay in operation until the evening of Feb. 8, with the possibility of extension if severe weather persists.



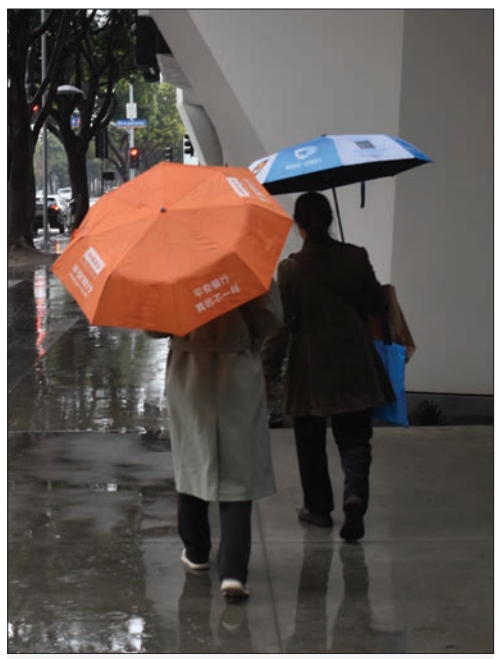


Photo by Thomas Leffler

RAIN: Intense rain fall soaked residents on Monday.

North of the city was even more deluged than Santa Monica, with a NWS Pacific Palisades observation station reporting a 24-hour rainfall of 6.17 inches. An incredible 8.23 inches of rain was recorded at the Malibu Canyon NWS site, while a Malibu Hills site recorded 7.25 inches over Sunday and Monday morning.

For Los Angeles proper, Mayor Karen Bass issued a local state of emergency Monday morning, stating that the declaration ensures the city has proper resources for storm management both during and after the weather event. Bass noted that Saturday into Sunday was the 10th wettest day in the history of Los Angeles.

While the city moved out of a flood advisory Monday afternoon, Santa Monica remains under a flood watch until 4 p.m. Tuesday, with the NWS expecting hourly rainfall rates of 0.1 to 0.25 inches throughout the remainder of the storm. The total additional rainfall amount will be anywhere from 1.5 to 3 inches in Los Angeles County, including Santa Monica, and while the rain will be generally lighter than Sunday's portion of the storm, locally brief and heavy downpours can still be expected.

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what specific help they'll receive.

The settlement also allows schools to contract with community groups to help provide extra services. That could include after-school or summer programs, as long as they use proven methods to improve students' academic achievement, Mangaser Savage said.

Oakland REACH, a parent-led nonprofit, was involved in the lawsuit and is cited as a good example of a successful school-community partnership. Founded in 2020, Oakland REACH trains parents and grandparents to tutor students, especially in literacy, and advocate for their children in public schools. A recent report from the Center for Reinventing Public Education found that Oakland REACH had a positive impact and would be even more effective if it expanded.

Lakisha Young, the group's founder, said the settlement should bolster groups like hers in other districts around the state.

"This $2 billion-plus settlement is a history-making win, but money can't solve anything if we don't put it to good use," Young said in a statement. "We all must advocate for these funds to be used for solutions that put parents and caregivers in the driver's seat and are proven to get kids reading. REACH already has built those solutions. ... This is the kind of winning partnership every district needs to be doing."

> Black and Brown students in California and across the nation have long been plagued by deeply unfair and persistent inequities in our system of public education
> - Tyrone Howard, UCLA education professor

Researchers at UCLA's Center for the Transformation of Schools praised the settlement, saying it will narrow the achievement gap between Black, Latino and low-income students and their peers.

"Black and Brown students in California and across the nation have long been plagued by deeply unfair and persistent inequities in our system of public education," said UCLA education professor Tyrone Howard. "Adding COVID-19 to the mix was like pouring gasoline on an already dangerous fire, accelerating inequities and damaging student learning."

"The settlement in (this) case is an important step in the right direction of addressing decades-long disparities that Black, Brown and poor students have faced in this state. There is still tremendous work to do to eliminate racial disparities in educational opportunities that became ever greater during the pandemic."

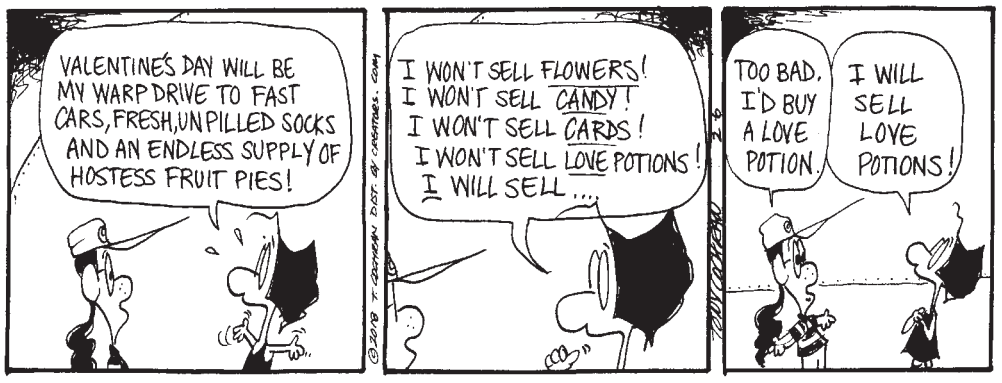
The settlement hinges on the state passing legislation to change the requirements of the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, a $7.5 billion program intended to help students rebound from learning loss. The state is expected to pass the legislation this year, and the settlement will go into effect afterward, Mangaser Savage said.

Another part of the settlement provides a simpler way for members of the public to challenge the way schools and districts use the money. Currently, the public must use a "Uniform Complaint Procedure," which can be cumbersome. The new procedure, which hasn't yet been developed, should add more accountability to the way schools are addressing the needs of students, Mangaser Savage said.

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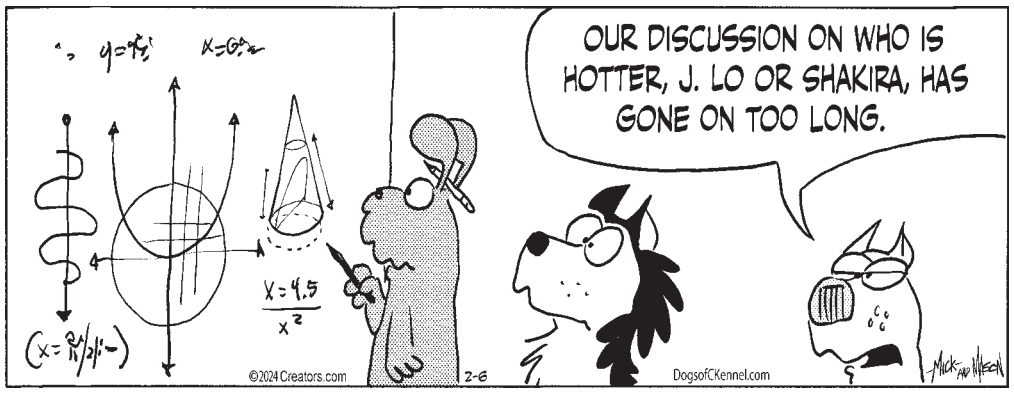
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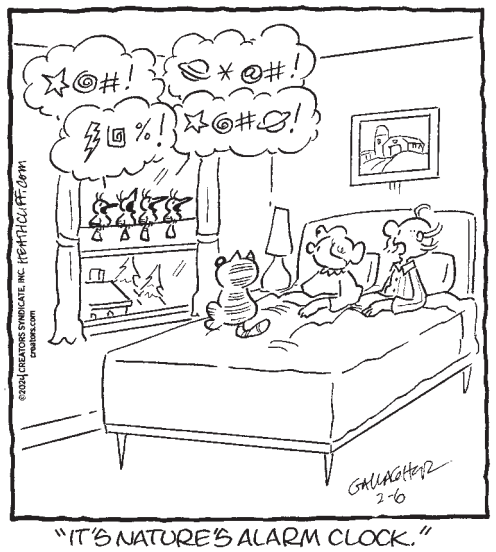
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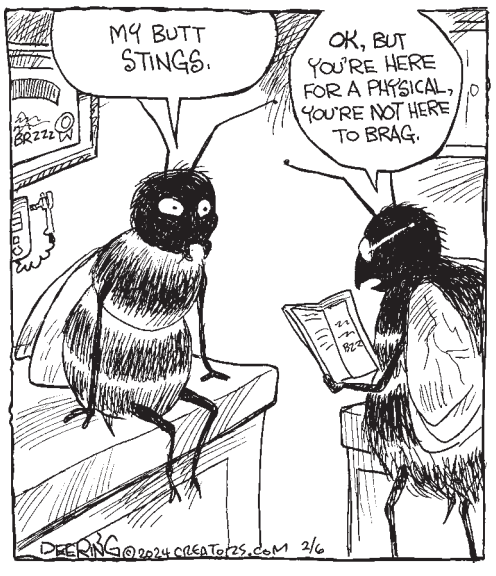
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"IT'S NATURE'S ALARM CLOCK."

Strange Brew

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

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Weekend escape

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Away	Explore	Maps	Sausages
Bacon	Fire	Milk	Share
Banana	Fruit	Muffin	Shower
Blankets	Funny	Orange	Sleep
Brunch	Guests	juice	Stay
Cocoa	Honey	Pillows	Sugar
Cosy	Income	Port	Vegemite
Dining	Indulge	Quilt	Walks
Doona	Leg ham	Relax	Water
Drinks	Local	Room	Wholemeal
Eggs	Luxury	Rush	

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Your cosmic birthday boon is radiance that reaches to new corners of the world. Your keen mind sharpens to a quest; you'll explore new places, experience different cultures and pocket a prize you've long dreamed about. More highlights: Your interests will be forwarded by a clandestine alliance. A treatment or hobby will amp up your powers of attraction. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 16, 2, 28 and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be surprised by what reemerges. Business you thought you had handled is, apparently, unfinished and calling you back. Whether it's an opportunity or a bother is up to you, and there's no wrong answer. Play it how you feel it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The only thing more boring than saying nothing is saying everything. For this reason, you'll listen more than you talk. Some small piece of information you once believed will be disproven, starting the great questioning of all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whatever you do, get on your own side about it. Self-judgment is unnecessary, unhelpful and, above all, inaccurate. The impact of your actions will be determined by others, and in time. Good intentions will eventually win out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll make your move. You'll create and send your expression out like a sailboat to the waves. It's a risk, but that's what makes it exciting. There's nothing like the exhilaration of navigating in vast territory and being part of something much bigger than you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Acceptance gives you control. It helps you get inside the moment so you can make it work for you. Climb into what's happening, and put yourself in the driver's seat, too, because it gives you much more power than, say, watching from the curb.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The less invested you are in having one particular outcome, the more joy can come to you. Your open mind frees up more routes. Theoretically, joy could come at you from any and every angle. You could be immersed in it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Uncharted territory invites you to dabble in the fine art of looking like you know what you're doing. An attitude of confidence will serve you well, but not an attitude of arrogance, which can only block you from learning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A belief is like sheet music that orchestrates the world. Your belief will be sung back to you. Its music will resonate everywhere you go. The perceived world automatically organizes around your belief.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). We don't get to choose the weather, but we can choose a coat, and that makes a huge difference in how comfortably we move around in it. There's emotional weather coming up. You'll suit up to navigate it with style.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nothing has really been fully considered until its opposite side has also been examined. Life brings you a sense of satisfaction akin to flipping a pancake at the exact right moment and witnessing the golden underside.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll finish what you started, but you won't do it alone. You make the work look fun, and so you attract all kinds of help. A serendipitous encounter will help you navigate a labyrinth of choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if you knew the good you did today would be forgotten tomorrow, you would not change a thing about your schedule, which is structured around giving. You do good for its own sake, and because it imbues your moments with meaning.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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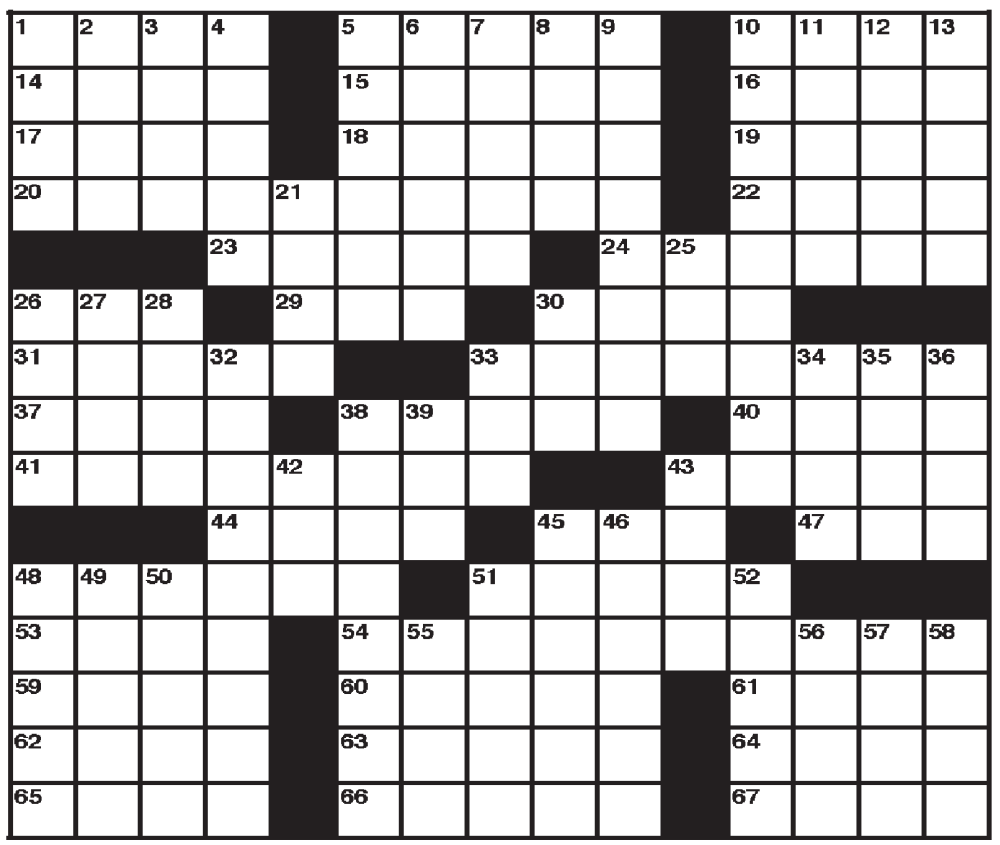
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ACROSS

1 Requests
5 Snake poison
10 Cotton swab brand
14 Radar screen flash
15 Suspect's excuse
16 __ Major (Big Dipper constellation)
17 Des Moines state
18 Strike, as a door
19 "Electric" fishes
20 Minneapolis and St. Paul
22 Days before holidays
23 Piece of bed linen
24 This evening, in ads
26 Belly muscles
29 Find a sum
30 Lobster relative
31 Make by hand
33 Walked unsteadily
37 Soy product in stir-fry
38 Angled edge
40 Roof overhang
41 Really feels the heat
43 Colorado ski resort
44 Look rudely
45 Comics dog's bark
47 Make an attempt
48 Prefer to
51 Regions
53 Rebounding sound
54 Camelot monarch
59 Hawaiian feast
60 Turn out to be
61 Deceptive tactic
62 Colorful eye part
63 Pay a visit to
64 A long, long time
65 Violin container
66 Dueling weapon
67 Sassy

DOWN

1 Very slightly
2 Step on a brake
3 Fuzzy brown fruit
4 Extends across
5 Diverse
6 Extremely happy
7 __ in the bud (prevent something)
8 Woodwind instrument
9 Wandering musician of old
10 Leaders of hives
11 Rome's __ fountain
12 Tiny land in the ocean
13 Out of style
21 Casual conversation
25 Granola grain
26 Comedy routines
27 Forehead
28 Out of danger
30 So-so grade
32 Good poker hand
33 Sports-bar screens
34 Totally attentive
35 At any time
36 Declare untrue
38 Brewery barrels
39 Make a mistake
42 Golf peg
43 A long distance away
45 Debate participant
46 Gathered, as crops
48 Ancient artifact
49 Honda's upscale make
50 Bangkok residents
51 __ forth (et cetera)
52 Watchband, e.g.
55 "__ pronounce you..."
56 Enormous
57 Tech support caller
58 Take a break



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SPORTS

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SANTA MONICA BOYS BASKETBALL:
Tuesday, January 30:
Vikings at Mira Costa
Vikings win 50-45
Thursday, February 1:
Vikings at Culver City
Culver City win 72-59
Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 16-12 (4-6 Bay League)
Next Game: Wednesday at Westlake, CIF Southern Section Boys' Basketball Championships- Division 2A, 7 p.m.

SANTA MONICA GIRLS BASKETBALL:
Tuesday, January 30:
Lady Vikings at Mira Costa
Mira Costa win 57-23
Thursday, February 1:
Lady Vikings at Culver City
Culver City win 48-38
Lady Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 4-21 (0-10 Bay League)

SANTA MONICA BOYS SOCCER:
Monday, January 29:
Vikings at Mira Costa
Mira Costa win 4-2
Wednesday, January 31:
Vikings at Culver City
Vikings win 2-1
Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 9-10-1 (4-6 Bay League)

SANTA MONICA GIRLS SOCCER:
Monday, January 29:
Lady Vikings vs Mira Costa
Mira Costa win 4-1
Wednesday, January 31:
Lady Vikings vs Culver City
Tie 2-2 (2OT)
Lady Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 9-8-2 (2-7-1 Bay League)
Next Game: Thursday, CIF Playoffs at Harvard-Westlake, 5 p.m.

SANTA MONICA GIRLS WATER POLO:
Monday, January 29:
Lady Vikings vs Mira Costa- Bay League Carousel at Redondo Union
Mira Costa win 7-6
Lady Vikings vs Redondo Union- Bay League Carousel at Redondo Union
Redondo Union win 12-5
Wednesday, January 31:
Lady Vikings vs Culver City- Bay League Carousel
Lady Vikings win 8-1
Lady Vikings Final Season Record: 12-16

SAINT MONICA BOYS BASKETBALL:
Monday, January 29:
Mariners vs Culver City
Mariners win 58-46
Wednesday, January 31:
Mariners vs Cathedral
Mariners win 66-41
Mariners Final Regular Season Record: 18-10 (6-2 Camino Real League)
Next Game: Wednesday, CIF Playoffs vs West Torrance, 7 p.m.

SAINT MONICA GIRLS BASKETBALL:
Thursday, February 1:
Mariners at Mary Star of the Sea
Mariners win 66-23
Mariners Final Regular Season Record: 19-9 (10-2 Camino Real League)
Next Game: Thursday, CIF Playoffs vs Heritage Christian, 7 p.m.

SAINT MONICA BOYS SOCCER:
Monday, January 29:
Mariners vs St. Bernard
Mariners win 10-0
Wednesday, January 31:
Mariners at Verbum Dei Jesuit
Verbum Dei Jesuit win 1-0
Mariners Final Regular Season Record: 7-8-1 (7-3 Santa Fe League)
Next Game: Wednesday, CIF Playoffs at Rim of the World, 3 p.m.

SAINT MONICA GIRLS SOCCER:
Tuesday, January 30:
Mariners vs St. Paul
Mariners win 6-0
Mariners Final Regular Season Record: 17-0 (12-0 Santa Fe League)
Next Game: Thursday, CIF Playoffs, opponent TBA at Airport Park, 3 p.m.

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SENATE

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fought to become her high school's first Black cheerleader and was once homeless, after fleeing an abusive marriage. And she also was the only member of Congress to vote against the authorization for the use of military force after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In a recent televised debate, Lee called for a permanent cease-fire in Gaza, while Schiff has been outspoken in support of Israel's right to defend itself. Porter opposes earmarks — where lawmakers direct federal spending to a specific project or institution back home — while Schiff and Lee endorsed them.

Schiff, a former federal prosecutor, made clear at the start of his campaign that he intended to anchor his candidacy to his role as Trump's chief antagonist in Congress. In his campaign kickoff video, he said the "biggest job of his life" was serving as impeachment manager, and he promised to continue to be a "fighter" for democracy.

In June, Schiff was censured by the Republican-led House on a party-line vote for comments he made during the investigations into former President Donald Trump's ties to Russia. During that time, the congressman was a frequent presence on TV and rolled out online fundraising pitches, including on the day of the vote when he urged supporters to "become a founding donor" of his Senate campaign.

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TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 6

HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBIT
From the Tongva people to the contemporary beach town metropolis, UNHOUSED delves into the heart of Santa Monica's housing legacy by providing perspectives on policy and development. It moves to poignant narratives of migration, affordability, redlining, restrictive covenants, and the ever-relevant topic of rent control. Addressing contemporary housing challenges faced by Santa Monica and the region, the exhibition further explores affordable housing, support systems for those experiencing homelessness, equity and inclusion, and the importance of historic preservation in maintaining the city?s cultural identity. Ongoing exhibit at Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th St., Santa Monica.

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 7

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Downtown Farmers Market is located at Arizona Ave & 2nd St.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Held at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Michèle Lamont with Viet Thanh Nguyen will discuss her book, "Seeing Others: How Recognition Works - and How It Can Heal a Divided World," beginning at 8 p.m. at The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater - New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica. General admission $20, GA ticket plus a signed book copy $45, GA ticket plus a signed book copy and a signed book copy of "A Man of Two Faces" by Nguyen $70. Can be bought at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michele-lamont-with-viet-thanh-nguyen-tickets-764846716117.

COMEDY ON MAIN
Featuring comedians from Netflix, BET, Amazon Prime and more. Doors at Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St., open at 8 p.m. and show begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets $10 online, $15 at the door, use code MAIN for half off tickets while they last. Can be bought at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-on-main-sm-tickets-694553286577. For more, contact Reid at 301-213-5129 or reid.clark35@gmail.com.

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 9

KING TIDES CELEBRATION
Experience one of the wonders of nature, the highest tides of the year with Climate Action Santa Monica. When the planets and sun are at their closest, and the orbits of the earth and sun are just right, the King Tides, the highest tides of the year, will occur. These high tides give us a glimpse into the future of sea level rise and how these changes will affect our beach, coastal infrastructure, and our community. Begins at 7:30 a.m. at Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk, Santa Monica. Tickets are free, reserve a spot at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-santa-monica-king-tides-celebration-tickets-759363796557.

DANCE THEATRE
Join Invertigo Dance Theatre in an evening of collective cupid creativity and fun at MidiCi Pizza in Marina Del Rey. Starts at 5 p.m. at MidiCi the Neapolitan Pizza Company, 13488 Maxella Avenue Unit 100, Marina del Rey. Meet and greet Valentine's reception from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., dinner consisting of appetizer, one cocktail, salad, pizza or pasta entree and dessert. Tickets $50, Tickets with VIP Seating for extra $50 donation. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-in-love-with-invertigo-dance-theatre-tickets-796183605597.

DANCE AT THE ODYSSEY
Odyssey Theatre Ensemble returns with its annual six-week celebration of contemporary dance that has established the company's unique "Dance at the Odyssey" festival as the go-to place to view new work by cutting edge companies and choreographers. Begins at 8 p.m. with a performance of "How I Became Kinder, and Kinder," by choreographer Azuki Umeda. Tickets $25. Odyssey Theatre is located at 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd. For more, go to odysseytheatre.com.

DRUNK THEATRE
A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Starts at 9 p.m. at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., Santa Monica. Tickets $20, limited pre-sale discount $18, early bird group discount $15 for groups of 4 or more, VIP seating $35. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drunk-theatre-la-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-tickets-792142769347.

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10

VALENTINE'S GLASS SALE
Save the date! A chance to find beautiful, creative, and one-of-a-kind gifts for Valentine's Day. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. In conjunction with the Virginia Ave. Park Valentine's Day Celebration. 2200 Virginia Ave. Proceeds help support the SMC Art Department and events at Virginia Ave. Park.

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE
9 - 11 am, 2318 Main Street. Stop by and tour the Main Street Community Garden at this month's open house. Check out the garden in the wintertime and pick up some vegetable seeds. Hot coffee, warm conversation and a stroll through the historic Main Street Garden on a cool Saturday morning will put a smile on anyone's face. Reach out to gardens@santamonica.gov if you'd like to put a few hours of volunteer work in on this day. They always have projects they can use help with. They are also hosting a food drive for those most in need. We are accepting non-perishable canned foods and dried goods.

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