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Villanueva under fire at Sheriff's debate

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There is no love lost between LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the four Democratic Party challengers hoping to unseat him in the November election. That fact was evident in Wednesday evening's virtual candidate debate hosted by the Santa Monica Democratic Club (SMDC) and co-sponsored by the Culver City Democratic Club.

Challengers for the position include Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna; LAX Police Chief and former LA County Assistant Sheriff Cecil Rhambo; LA County Sheriff's Lieutenant Eric Strong; and LASD Commander (and former Chief) Eli Vera.

All four blamed Villanueva's policies and leadership style for issues ranging from discord with the LA County Board of Supervisors to the continued proliferation of deputy gangs.

Just days after Villanueva sent a cease-and-desist order demanding the LA County Supervisors stop using the phrase "deputy gangs" to refer to secretive cliques that have developed at sheriff's stations, SMDC President Jon Katz asked the five candidates how they would propose to combat the problem.

"Deputy gangs have been a longstanding issue with the LA Sheriff's Department," Katz began.

He asked the candidates: "Do you view deputy gangs as a problem? And, if so, how do you intend to meaningfully address it?"

One by one, all four challengers railed against the issue.

Luna said that not only were deputy gangs a problem, but they were "absolutely unacceptable, with an exclamation point." Luna offered two solutions: emphasizing mental health, and bringing in the Feds.

"We need to get back to the basics about talking about employee and deputy wellness, to deal with the mental aspects of the job, which are probably taking people that direction to begin with," Luna said. "And then we need to bring in the FBI, Federal DOJ, State, DOJ, whoever it takes, because we've been talking about this way too long. That's why I keep on telling everybody, you need an outsider to come in and fix this."

Rhambo said that the department has for too long fostered a culture that allowed for such gangs to exist. He suggested to address the issue through recruitment, leadership and by having a zero tolerance policy.

In particular, Rhambo said training officers need to be vetted.

"Address it by ... training — to make sure that supervisors

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BBB ridership lags behind service

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica Big Blue Bus system is still reeling from pandemic-induced challenges with average monthly ridership at less than half of its pre-pandemic levels.

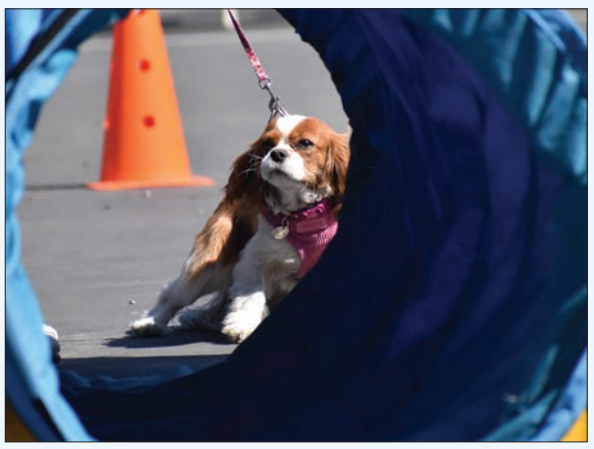
In a recent report, BBB said its ridership is at 46 percent of preCovid levels despite restoring service to about 81 percent of its historic maximum. Officials said several projects are in the works to improve the system's forecast but lingering impacts, such as funding uncertainty and staffing shortages remain.

According to the report, BBB

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K9 Connections









Matthew Hall

K9 CONNECTIONS: After a two-year hiatus, k9 Connection returned to Olympic High School last week for their dog training program. Six students (Aleydis Sernas, Esteban Gonzalez, Rodrigo Delcastillo, Tarik Leno, Max Miguel, Blake Rugh) completed the course and received certificates from the organization. k9 Connections uses dog to help teach life skills and has spent much of the pandemic working with homeless individuals and their pets. For more information or to make a donation in support of their work, visit k9connection.org.



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SHERIFF

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understand and identify how these things begin, and making sure that if you're seeking promotion or training officer opportunities, that you don't get promoted and you you're not allowed to train because that just perpetuates a certain culture," Rhambo said. "And then also encouraging the FBI, the State Attorney General's Office and other outside entities [to] just come in and take a look at those investigations, so that people don't believe that … we're policing ourselves. They can take a look at these investigations and conduct those investigations and I completely cooperate with those."

For his part, Vera — who did not use the term "deputy gangs" — said he already had experience combating the issue in South LA.

"Going back for many years when I was Captain of South Los Angeles Station, through to the time I was the Chief of the Central Patrol Division, I've spoken out and tried to change the culture within the organization and in teaching our deputies why this practice needs to come to an end," Vera said. "This practice has caused tremendous damage to the reputation the trust within the community. It has caused huge financial liability to the taxpayers, to the department, and it's going to cause liability to those individual deputies here in the very near future." Vera said it came down to policies, which should be "changed immediately," in line with other police departments around LA that effectively prohibit cliques.

Strong spoke to his personal involvement investigating deputy gangs, calling himself "an outsider that's on the inside."

"I did one of the largest investigations in the Department," Strong said, "and what it really boiled down to, on the inside, is that these deputies assaulted other deputies because of their affiliation with a certain floor. We don't need any more reports. We don't need any more panels to tell us what we already know."

Strong also called into question the veracity of his opponents' commitment to ending clique culture.

"I find it very interesting that some of the candidates here are speaking so profoundly about what they're going to do about it. But I can tell you, in the 21 years I've worked for some of them, I never heard a message on the inside about prohibiting these deputy gangs," Strong said. "I never heard any messaging about, 'It has to stop' and 'we have to put an end to it.' As a matter of fact, many of the people that were in that investigation were allowed to go scot free while lying because of the people in this room that were in leadership positions that could have held them accountable at that time. So,I think I'm the only one that's really serious about this, and can truly say that I've never been a part of it."

Villanueva's response came dripping with sarcasm.

"Let's start with a round of applause for the four candidates who gave you the most unadulterated BS I've ever heard. And this is shocking, really," Villanueva said. "For one thing, every single person here that spoke has said they're going to do this and do that about deputy gangs? They are lying.

"For one thing. I'm the one who wrote the policy — the only policy in the history of the department — that address[es] the potential misconduct associated with these subgroups," he continued.

The Sheriff then spoke about AB 958, an Assembly Bill Villanueva said he sponsored, which went into state law after passing in 2021.

According to AB 958's text, the law requires "law enforcement agencies to have a policy prohibiting law enforcement gangs and making participation, as specified, in a law enforcement gang grounds for termination," as well as requiring "an agency to disclose an officer's termination for involvement in a law enforcement gang to another law enforcement agency conducting a preemployment background investigation of that officer, as specified."

Villanueva said cliques form in many types of departments, including with the LAPD, fire departments and in the military, but lawfully stepping in is more complicated that just firing a deputy.

"We have to protect the taxpayer and we have to deal in reality," Villanueva said.

Villanueva also called into question the validity of Katz's framing of the issue in his question about deputy gangs.

"John Katz, your opening salvo in that question, you had no evidence to support your statement. You said made it as a declaratory statement … show me the evidence," Villanueva said. "And that's why I demand of everybody: Show me the evidence. We will take action, but cannot be based on claims that get thrown out in court for lack of evidence."

When asked about a proposed increase in Board of Supervisors' oversight of the LASD, Villanueva and three of the four candidates said they opposed a move to make it possible for Supervisors to remove a sheriff through a four-fifths vote, with only Strong supporting the proposal. However, all four challengers remarked that the issue would not exist were it not for Villanueva's contentious attitude toward the County's governing body.

In response, Villanueva pointed out that former Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas was recently indicted on corruption charges. With the exception of Supervisor Kathryn Barger — the only Republican member of the Board — Villanueva said all of the supervisors were unethical.

"If you have a majority that wants to defund, deliberately, the Sheriff's Department and harm public safety, well, they crossed a line that should not ever be crossed," Villanueva said. "So, when they want to do things ethically, you'll find me working with them, shoulder to shoulder, but right now, they're deliberately trying to defund and destroy the Sheriff's Department."

In a rapid-fire question round, the four challengers indicated they supported vaccine mandates for sheriff's deputies; Villanueva said he did not. When it came to efforts to recall LA County District Attorney George Gascon, three challengers said they opposed the efforts. Vera said he supported the recall effort, as did Villanueva, who asked, "Can there be a hell yes?"

Following the debate, Katz said he was impressed the Sheriff agreed to attend the Zoom forum.

"I give Sheriff Villanueva credit for coming through into the lion's den, so to speak," Katz wrote in an email to the Daily Press. "Since we are a progressive club and, in fact, called on him to resign in 2020, it would have been easy for him to blow us off. But he came and gave a full throated defense of his term in office, which I appreciate even though I don't support a lot of what he's done."

Katz said that the SMDC planned to make its endorsement in this race on April 27, along with all other races on the June ballot.

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Courtesy image

DEBATE: The Santa Monica Democratic club hosted the debate for County Sheriff.

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive electronic bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid # 22.02- McKinley Elementary School Library Renovation Project.** The scope of work is estimated to be between **$400,000 to $450,000** and includes the following library renovation, installation of new storefront doors, new windows, new electrical, conversion of classroom to media center and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically filed via Secure Bids at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/libraryrenovation on or before Thursday March 24th, 2022 no later than 2:00 PM. Bid opening will be held online via zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76979991666?pwd=UXdBOFhaeVpncXRVOVJ4MXpBbjVqdz09 Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 769 7999 1666 Passcode: Mjf7YQ.

The lowest total of the Bidder's bid prices for the base bid and those additive or deductive items that were specifically identified in the Special Conditions as being used for the purpose of determining the lowest bid price in accordance with Public Contract Code section 20103.8(b).

Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site at 2401 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90404 on **Wednesday March 9th, 2022 at 7:30 AM.** RVSP for job walk by Tuesday March 8th by 12:00 PM to cdiaz@smmusd.org. Bidding documents available on Friday March 4th, 2022 at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YBRUgHtKAEE8PePIvolMd4vykS06i5vF?usp=sharing.

*Due to COVID-19 On site visits and SITE WALKs must adhere to SMMUSD, LA County and State of California Covid-19 safety regulations within the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/18TMXoK8E-JwV3bmXO4FZLVSd7k1bIVBr/view.

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SMPL Calendar of Events – March 2022

KIDS

Minute-To-Win-It Mondays. Mondays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. / Main Library, Central Courtyard. Competitors have only one minute to try to complete the challenge using everyday items like pencils, water bottles, and chopsticks. Play solo or with friends and family! The top 10 times are posted weekly. For families. Register at bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps

Snoozer's Storytime Adventures. Bi-weekly on Mondays: March 7, 21 / 12 p.m. Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a bi-weekly virtual series that brings children's books to life with an uplifting story, craft, and song. Access the program here: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists

Storytime: Santa Monica Police Chief Ramon Batista. Wednesday, March 16 / 11 to 11:30 a.m. / Main Library, Central Courtyard. Santa Monica Police Chief Ramon Batista reads to us at this special storytime. Ages 2 & up. Space is limited. To register, email bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps

Take & Make Kit: Make a Birdhouse. Available beginning Monday, March 21. This kit includes supplies and instructions to make, paint, and decorate a wooden birdhouse for spring. It also includes a packet of bird seed. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk, Pico Branch, or Montana Branch. Available while supplies last. For ages 3 & up.

Storytime: Hello Spring. Tuesday, March 22 / 10:30 to 11 a.m. / Pico Branch, The Annex. Let's say goodbye to winter and hello to spring with songs and stories. Ages 2 & up. Space is limited. To register, email bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps

Dial-A-Story. Access 24/7 via telephone at (424) 610-8600. New stories are recorded each week in English, Spanish and Mandarin, and can be listened to by phone at any time.

Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL. Access via YouTube: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists. These short bilingual English/Spanish video segments focus on kindergarten-readiness skills through reading and activities. Track Building Blocks activities your child completes through the virtual platform Beanstack and earn points towards a prize drawing for book packs. Register here: smpl.beanstack.org

TEENS

Meme Madness. March 1-31 / Virtual Program. Share your love of libraries and flex your creative muscles by making an original book or library-themed meme. The Library will share it on our social media channel and followers will vote for their favorites. Use an online meme generator like iloveimg.com/meme-generator or make one from scratch and email it to jeff.kaplan@santamonica.gov. Ages 13 & up.

Planning for College Early. Thursday, March 24 / 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. It's not too early to dream. At this virtual workshop, prepare for college early and get information on college types and post-secondary options, academic requirements, high school course planning, and extracurricular activities. Presented by Diana Hanson of Magellan College Counseling. For middle school students and their parents. Register here: shorturl.at/aoJZ7

PARENTS

Tweens, Teens and Their Digital Lives. Wednesdays: March 9, 16, 23, 30 / 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. / Pico Branch Library, The Annex. Learn tips and tools for guiding middle and high school students through digital challenges, from the complexities of social media to navigating online drama. This 4-week workshop series, using a Common Sense Media curriculum, is designed for parents and caregivers of youths ages 11 & up. Light refreshment will be provided, and attendees will receive free books on the topics discussed. Register at bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps.

ADULTS

Ocean Park Book Group Discussion. Netherland by Joseph O'Neill. Saturday, March 5 / 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. European and Caribbean immigrants in New York seek safety and connection through cricket after 9/11. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Mystery Book Group Discussion. Closed Casket: The New Hercule Poirot Mystery by Sophie Hannah Tuesday, March 15 / 7 to 8 p.m. The world's most popular detective returns in new adventures authorized by Agatha Christie's estate. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion. Your House Will Pay by Steph Cha. Wednesday, March 16 / 7 to 8:30 p.m. Two Los Angeles teenagers—one Korean American and the other African American—deal with the ripple effects of a shooting from the 1990s after a new incident brings their families' painful memories hurtling back. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

Notable Fiction Discussion Group. Outline by Rachel Cusk. Saturday, March 19 / 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. In this acclaimed 2014 British novel, a creative writing teacher reckons with her own experiences through hearing others' stories. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

Main Library Book Discussion Group. Normal People by Sally Rooney. Monday, March 21 / 7 to 8 p.m. This acclaimed novel set in Ireland after the 2008 economic downturn, follows the complicated on-again, off-again relationship between two Irish teens as they move from youth into adulthood. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Have questions or need help? Library staff are available during open hours. Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or library@santamonica.gov.

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361**

SUBJECT: Appeal 20ENT-0275 of Planning Commission approval of Conditional Use Permit 19ENT-0250 and Minor Modification 20ENT-0066 to allow a 7,259 sf expansion to Carlthorp School addition and 9.142 sf new rooftop playcourt.
438 San Vicente Boulevard
APPLICANT: Carlthorp School/ Ken Parr
APPELLANT: Steven Salsberg
PROPERTY OWNER: Carlthorp School

At its February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting, the City Council of the City of Santa Monica continued the following hearing to a Special Meeting on March 15, 2022:

Appeal 20ENT-0275 of the Planning Commission approval of Conditional Use Permit 19ENT-0250 and Minor Modification 20ENT-0066 to allow a 7,259 sf expansion of Carlthorp School adding two elevators, a 5,575 sf below grade multipurpose room, enclosing an 843 sf open lunch area and adding 840 sf of administrative offices. The subject property is located in the R2 (Low Density Residential) zoning district. The Conditional Use Permit is being requested as an amendment to existing Conditional Use Permit 95-003 allowing a school use in the R2 zone. The minor modification is being requested for the proposed expansion to increase ground floor parcel coverage by 0.29% above the R2 maximum allowable parcel coverage of 45%. The applicant is also requesting a five-year term for the entitlements. The Planning Commission approved the project on November 4, 2020.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), only members of the City Council and City Staff will participate in person at City Hall. Members of the public may participate via telephone. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video. Members of the public may also dial in at 1.800.520.9950 and the participant pin is 6334991 #.

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Written public comment can be submitted via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments. If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please call (310) 312-8173 once the caller queue for the agenda item opens. Please note that the caller queue for each agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will close after the first five public comments (from other callers) are heard.

Please see the March 15, 2022 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: **City Clerk Re: Carlthorp School Appeal**

MORE INFORMATION:
If you want more information about this project, please contact Gina Szilak at (310) 458-2200 ext. 5216, or by e-mail at Regina.Szilak@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL:
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 22SMCP00048Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Asya Vasilyevna Mazurova for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Asya Vasilyevna Mazurova filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Asya Vasilyevna Mazurova to Asya V. Takao Santa Rosa court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 4/15/2022 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,1725 Main Street Santa Monica CA 90405A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.Date:1/28/2022

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 22SMCP00077Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Amanuel Fisaha Teklat by Genet Mehary and Fisaha T. Hagos for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Genet Mehary and Fisaha T. Hagos filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Amanuel Fisaha Teklat to Amanuel Fisaha Santa Monica court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 06/05/2022 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: A-203 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,1725 Main Street Santa Monica CA 90405A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.Date:2/17/2022

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Brand Marketing Manager @ Red Bull North America, Inc. (Santa Monica, CA) F/T. The Brnd Mrktng Mngr is fcsd on idntfyng trgt cnsmrs & cstmzng msgs & strtgies to mxmize prdct/brnd appeal in their spcfclly assignd, lcl area. Pstn reqs Bchlr's deg in any field or equivalent, & 2 yrs exp as a mrktng spcialist or smlr entry-lvl mrktng job. Mst hv edu or exp in Nielsen Data Analysis. To apply send resume to Red Bull North America, Inc. HR at talentacquisition.jobboards@redbull.com. Indicate LH-CA2022. EOE.

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WINNER

Letter to the Editor

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor:

As a Sunset Park homeowner and an urban planner, I would like to express my strong support for the project proposed by SanMon, Inc. There are a few reasons for this:

1) I was recently shocked to learn that Santa Monica's population has barely grown since the 1970s. For a city that claims to welcome all, this is a total embarrassment! The city badly needs to build more housing - of all kinds, but especially apartment buildings.

2) Lincoln Blvd is the ugliest street in Santa Monica. It is too wide and has too much fast-moving traffic. Building residential and street-fronting retail, coupled with wider sidewalks, street trees, and traffic calming measures, will have a positive effect on the whole community.

3) Old-style shopping centers like the one proposed to be torn down have no place in Santa Monica. Surface parking lots are a tremendous waste of space and cause a huge amount of traffic and pollution.

I do have reservations about some aspects of the project, namely, the need for 880 parking spaces. The area has good transit accessibility as well as bike lanes. I would like to see the parking cut to around half of that, 440, with mandatory decoupling (e.g. the parking spaces are to be sold separately from the dwelling units). Any above-ground space reclaimed from parking should go to additional retail.

Boris Suchkov, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

School Financial Oversight Committee Accepting Applications

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) is seeking qualified candidates who will bring a depth of business and/or financial expertise to the committee. There are three (3) upcoming vacancies with terms beginning July 1, 2022. The committee will consider all applications received by April 22, 2022 as well as any incumbents who have expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the committee and re-apply.

FOC meetings are currently scheduled virtually once a month at 6 p.m. The schedule of meetings may be found on the SMMUSD FOC Meetings page. The format of the FOC meetings are subject to change (in-person at the District Office or Malibu) in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (9/2021).

FOC role and responsibilities, meeting procedures and additional information on the application may be found on the main SMMUSD FOC page.

FOC application forms are available via the District's website: https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/300/FOCApplication.pdf and can be scanned and emailed to foc@smmusd.org. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 22, 2022.

SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER

MONTANA AVE.

Montana Avenue Branch Library Reopens

The Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, is reopening on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. After 18-months of providing curbside services, the Santa Monica Public Library is excited to welcome patrons back into the Branch.

"Patrons often comment that one of the things they love most about the Montana Avenue Branch is its 'neighborhood-y' feel," said Erica Cuyugan, Interim City Librarian. "The affinity patrons feel for the Montana Branch is reflected in the high visitation numbers and number of items that patrons check out."

During the pandemic, the Branch began offering curbside service to support the community as it dealt with the impacts of COVID-19. Now, building on these efforts, and the Fine Free for All program which eliminates fines on overdue books and materials, the Branch is reopening to allow visitors to enjoy the collections and Library space once again.

Library visitors can look forward to:
browsing the adult and youth collections,
picking up library holds,
using computers for up to 30 minutes,
no fines on overdue books and materials,
checking out materials, and
interacting with staff.

Visit us during Montana's open hours:
Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursdays 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The City and the Library are committed to providing safe facilities for patrons and staff. Library spaces have been reconfigured to provide welcoming environments that also accommodate social distancing. If you haven't visited the Library in a while, come back. If you are new to Santa Monica, join us.

For more information on hours and services offered at each Santa Monica Public Library location, visit smpl.org/reopening.

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Citywide

Saint John's newly acquired surgical tool allows for minimally invasive lung biopsies

Providence Saint John's Health Center recently completed its first lung biopsy with the newly acquired and minimally invasive Ion endoluminal system, a robot-assisted surgical tool that allows physicians to obtain tissue samples from deep within the lung.

The Ion system features an ultra-thin, maneuverable catheter that provides surgeons the ability to reach far into the lung with more stability and precision compared to manual techniques.

"Adding the Ion system to Saint John's is not only huge for our health center, but for our patients as well," said Robert McKenna, M.D., director of minimally invasive chest surgery and thoracic surgical oncology at Saint John's. "The goal for any procedure, especially those that involve the lung, is to provide the necessary treatment in the least-invasive manner. When it comes to lung biopsies, the Ion system allows us to do exactly that."

During the bronchoscopy, a physician uses the system's controller to navigate the catheter to the targeted area in the lung along a planned pathway. The catheter can move 180 degrees in any direction to pass through small, difficult-to-navigate airways and around tight bends to reach all 18 segments of the lung.

Ion's peripheral vision probe provides direct vision during navigation. Once the pulmonary nodule is reached, the catheter locks into place. A flexible biopsy needle then passes through the catheter and into the lung mass.

"Lung cancer is one of the deadliest forms of cancer, but it can be cured with high success when it is detected early." Dr. McKenna said.

While lung cancer is the leading cause of all cancer deaths, the five-year survival rate when diagnosed at the earliest stage (IA-1) is 92%. "Lung cancer screening can detect early-stage cancers and the ION can diagnose these small tumors.

Saint John's acquisition of the Ion system adds to an already impressive array of robot-assisted surgical tools that are found at the Santa Monica health center, including the Da Vinci XI, another robot-assisted surgical system capable of multi-quadrant procedures in the areas of gynecology, urology, thoracic, cardiac and general surgery.

"The Ion system allows for more precision, more reach, more stability," Dr. McKenna said. "It is another amazing asset for us to deliver the best overall surgical care possible."

SUBMITTED BY BRYAN KAWASAKI

WESTWOOD

UCLA's 'First Thursdays' event series debuts in Westwood Village March 3

As part of UCLA's commitment to build community and forge connections with Westwood Village, the university will host its inaugural First Thursdays event on Thursday, March 3, on Broxton Avenue.

The monthly series, developed in partnership with the Westwood Village Improvement Association, will feature daytime and evening events for students, staff, faculty, alumni and members of the local community designed to highlight the village's attractions and revitalize the historic link between the campus and the neighborhood.

"Westwood Village has always been such an important part of the UCLA community, and the village was an important part of my experience as a student," said Mary Osako, UCLA's vice chancellor for strategic communications. "With the incredible challenges the pandemic has wrought over the past two years, we know so many businesses have struggled in our community. First Thursdays are a new way for us to support them, encouraging Bruins to spend a wonderful day and evening in the village while at the same time supporting the business community and its growth in ways we hope can have a real economic impact."

The events, to be held on the first Thursday of each month, kick off in the afternoon at the village's bustling Westwood farmers market, where Bruins can shop for locally sourced foods and connect with UCLA-operated booths offering information and mentorship opportunities. In the evening, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., UCLA presents a series of community-building activities involving interactive installations, music, food and giveaways. Attendees will also receive coupon books for Westwood and campus businesses. The series will run through June.

Andrew Thomas, executive director of the Westwood Village Improvement Association, said there is a great need for this kind of partnership, given the effect the COVID-19 pandemic has had on local businesses. While many adjusted their operating models and, despite losses, were able to remain open, others were forced to shut permanently, he noted.

"When people began to work and study remotely, the village lost its customer base," Thomas said. "The Westwood Village Improvement Association is very excited about First Thursdays, as they will better connect our UCLA neighbors to the village's business community and also provide a consistent event that will keep people returning to our district."

The first First Thursdays event: March 3

Students at the farmers market will have the chance to connect with alumni from the fields of business, law, entertainment, technology and health sciences to chat about career opportunities over a free cup of coffee and to explore the UCLA Alumni Association's various offerings, from networking websites and apps to the alumni mentorship program.

At night, an evening block party will feature e-sports gaming, live painting by muralist and UCLA alumna Lily Breeze, student sneaker art, KCRW DJ and alumna Valida spinning records, and dancing. Food trucks and vendors will offer a variety of fare, including tacos, pupusas, juices and more.

Admission to all First Thursdays events is free.

SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH KIVOWITZ

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Name Change

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The Re-View

By Merv Hecht
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Palisades Village

When the Caruso organization opened Palisades Village, I was very impressed with the architecture and the overall structure. However, I was disappointed in the selection of restaurants. I had hoped for good BBQ, which is in short supply on the Westside, and a high-end Greek restaurant, of which, so far as I know, there is none west of Beverly Hills. I hoped that the signature restaurant space would be an upscale French restaurant with a first-class French chef.

None of my dreams were realized. What opened was a mediocre Italian restaurant (there are already about eight of them in the Palisades and only the Lord knows how many in Santa Monica). Then there is a very mediocre, overpriced hamburger place; a beautiful British themed casual restaurant; and a good-looking Sushi bar manned by a staff of talented Korean chefs.

It's clear that Caruso's team knows what they are doing. The Palisades Village is now the "go to" spot for Westside families. And the food selections are improving. The shops are perfect for residents of the Palisades and north Santa Monica. I find that even the best department stores have recently declined in customer service and have become "self-service." To be able to shop in small boutiques where you get personal, competent service is a pleasure. As far as I can tell, shopping at Palisades Village often rivals the chic offerings of Rodeo Drive.

The biggest draw though, is the lovely little park located at the center of the Village. On weekends, it is filled with kids and dogs running after each other and having a wonderful time. When the kids tire out they can get a first-class ice cream cone at McConnell's, or a delicious piece of chocolate at See's. There is a good coffee shop and a number of excellent places for a snack or light lunch. There's the upscale and organic Erewhon Market. Recently, a little taco place opened with premium Mexican offerings that are delicious. The British themed restaurant, the Draycott, has upped the level of their menu offerings and one can get a very good steak or a well-prepared fish course with a good bottle of wine. But stay away from their more complex offerings since their chef does not appear to be trained as well for those dishes. In my view, the top restaurant is the Blue Ribbon Japanese restaurant.

We've gone many times to the small Sushi Don on Monument Street, across from the Palisades Village. Their fish is top quality, and their prices are very reasonable. But there is little outside seating, no alcoholic drinks (you can bring your own), and the restrooms are a mile away - almost.

The Blue Ribbon is a beautiful restaurant both inside and on the outside patio, with top quality sushi and other Japanese dishes. The plates are esthetically presented and include some of my favorite delicacies such as whole crab, tempura, miso soup, and the sushi bowls. Yes, it's pricey, but not unexpected for dining of this quality in the Palisades.

Another upscale Italian restaurant is due to open soon, which will also enhance the Village. I hope they set their prices high so that all the other Italian restaurants in town don't go out of business.

The bottom line is that even though my dream of BBQ, Greek and French dining options were not met by the Village, it's still a huge success. The Palisades has been transformed for the better, and I find myself there more and more.

After note: part of my dream has come true this month: a Mediterranean restaurant has opened on Monument Street and it looks GREAT! Stay tuned next month.

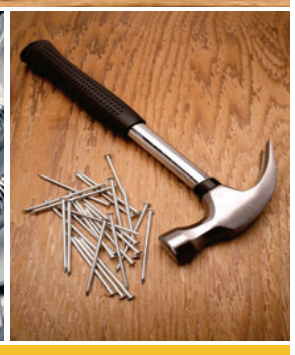
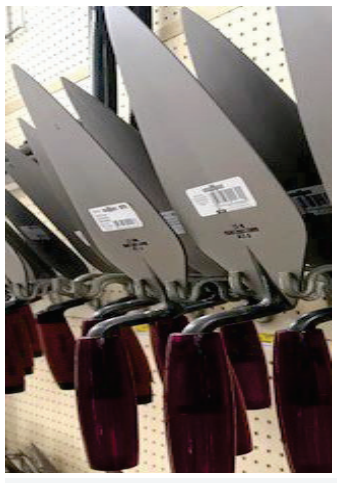
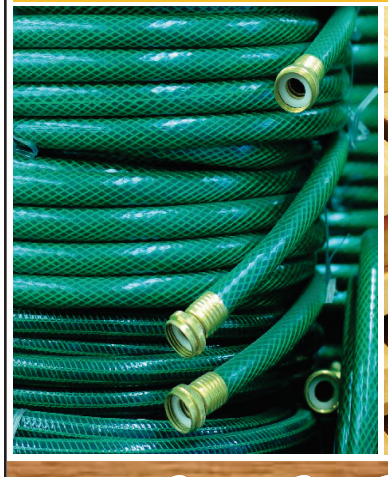
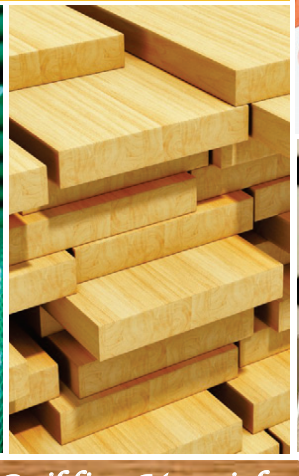
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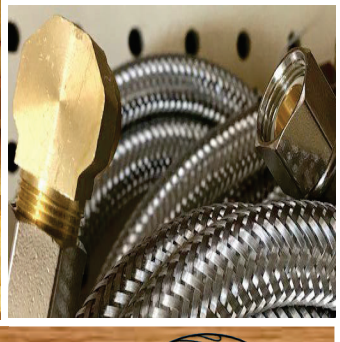
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ridership had been rebounding from several years of decline in fiscal year 2019/20. Ridership was up 3 percent year on year but by March of 2020, monthly ridership had plummeted by 73 percent. The system adapted by reducing service, limiting boarding options, suspending fares and increasing hygiene measures.

Safety measures included the installation of tempered glass and metal barriers around drivers, providing personal protection equipment to employees, enhanced bus cleaning procedures, a face covering mandate, and a recommendation for passengers to observe social distancing on board buses.

In recent months, BBB has reinstated fares and brought service levels up. The report said ridership levels correspond to returned service with fewer passengers on the routes that remain at a lower service level.

An exception to that trend is the routes servicing Santa Monica College. Those routes are traditionally among BBB's most utilized and were some of the first to have service increased, but with SMC remaining largely remote, riders have not returned.

The report said BBB has had to restore service at a rate greater than ridership levels would suggest as riders have new habits and tolerances for transit. Passengers are now less likely to tolerate standing room only rides and when social distancing is restricted by crowding, riders are requesting increased service rather than use a packed bus.

"At the same time, Big Blue Bus's efforts to restore service further are being hampered by a national shortage of Motor Coach Operators (MCOs)," said the report. "This shortage was exacerbated by sixteen MCO's opting into the Voluntary Early Separation Incentive Program (VESIP) offered early in the pandemic, and a concurrent suspension of recruitment, which, while short-lived, was nonetheless impactful. The combined impacts of these factors have created a shortage of 45 bus operators as of December 2021."

In addition to a staffing shortage, the transit system is also facing a funding challenge related to pending litigation involving the U.S. Department of Labor position on the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act. According to the report, the outcome of that litigation may impact all California transit agencies' ability to access funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding, and the American Rescue Plan Act funding or other federal funds.

BBB identified ten ways of improving ridership.

Improving Travel Times at Targeted Corridors — making buses move faster will make service more efficient and appealing. "In addition to the passenger benefit of a faster trip, improving travel times allows Big Blue Bus to run more frequent service on a corridor utilizing the same resources," said the report.

Fareless entry — BBB has experimented with eliminating cash as a form of payment. The idea drew opposition from some riders who disliked the idea on principle and others who said the method of acquiring a TAP card was too cumbersome for the elderly or riders with disabilities. However, the report said the system had significant benefits.

"Additional findings verify that exclusive use of contactless fares can reduce annual dwell time (time spent sitting while passengers insert cash and coins into the farebox) by about 15,000 hours, which could then be re-invested back into the system in the form of higher service frequencies," said the report. "Another initial finding suggests an estimated $750,000 savings of annual equipment and maintenance expenses associated with removing the cash fareboxes."

Free fares — BBB has several free or discounted options for seniors, students or low-income riders.

"Free transit to the student is expected to significantly increase transit use in the K-12 cohort, specifically in middle school and high school," said the report.

Bus tracking — BBB has partnered with the smartphone app Transit and the company Swiftly to provide better tracking of buses to customers. Equipment has also been installed at stops to provide updates on arriving vehicles.

"All stops also have a text and call-in feature for smart phone users who may not have a data plan so that real time information can be provided to as many riders as possible," said the report.

Sustainability — Council adopted a goal of transitioning all BBB vehicles to zero-emission options and the system will roll out an additional 18 battery powered buses this year.

"Big Blue Bus is playing its role in the greater effort to reduce carbon emissions by making this transition and remains an attractive transportation option for customers concerned with their impact on the environment," said the report.

More stops — BBB said there are relatively few transit hubs on the Westside of Los Angeles.

"Big Blue Bus continues to work with stakeholders on getting more bus transit hubs and appropriate terminus facilities in its service area in addition to existing hubs at rail stations," said the report.

Better stops — The organization will inventory its existing stops including an analysis of accessibility rules.

"Big Blue Bus is planning to conduct a bus stop amenities study to inventory every bus stop in the system to determine which bus stops' amenities are meeting the agency's standards," said the report.

On Demand Transportation — BBB's on demand system for seniors and people with disabilities will be transitioned to a new vendor.

"MODE is currently operated by a combination of vendors and City departments, which has created inefficiencies and required more staff effort to manage," said the report.

Safety — In addition to changes related to the spread of the virus, BBB is working to improve safety on the road.

"Big Blue Bus will continue to track and analyze accident and incident data to make decisions on where to invest resources to improve safety," said the report. "Big Blue Bus is exploring collision detection technologies that alert operators and pedestrians of potential hazards."

Security — BBB is installing a state of the art surveillance system on buses in addition to new training for drivers.

"Appropriately accommodating passengers with mental illness, or other situational issues such as homelessness continues to be a challenge at Big Blue Bus," said the report. "In order to maintain a secure and respectful experience for all passengers, Big Blue Bus has introduced "de-escalation" training to assist bus operators in dealing with challenging passengers or conflicts between passengers that may occur. In addition, to ensure buses are secure for customers and operators, Big Blue Bus will continue its partnership with SMPD to patrol buses and high volume stops."

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By TONY COCHRAN



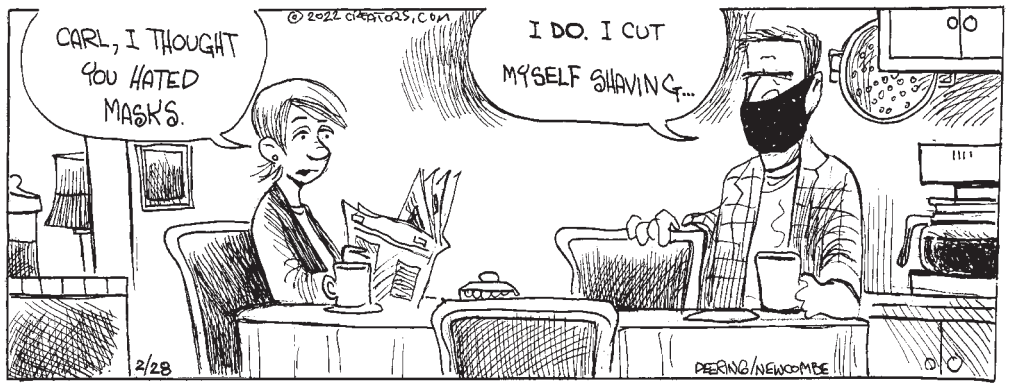
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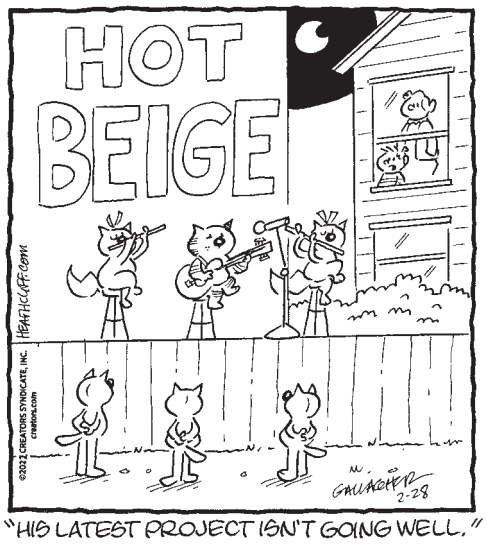
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 56.3°

MONDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest
Lully, longer period WNW swell holds in the morning then eases gradually through the afternoon. Wind looks best in the morning -- just account for the high tide.

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach
Old WNW swell gets a refresh to stop or at east slow the easing trend.

WEATHER

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 76.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 76.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). What feels arduous and static at the beginning will prove to have its own powerful momentum once it gets going. You're on the right track; you just need to build it out a little more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The one who finishes first is not the winner. The winner will be determined by some other criteria more subtle and strange. For instance, the one who involves the most senses while listening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many times a day, you have feelings you don't act on. Your maturity allows you to separate yourself from your emotions so you can try to understand them without identifying too strongly with them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The minimum you expect from yourself is to add value. Ultimately, your goal is to multiply the good fortune of those around you. You'll do it, especially by spreading a positive message to a large number of people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being brave is your specialty. You'll make the cold call, introduce yourself to a stranger or risk rejection in another way. You'll put yourself out there and create opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The memorized pitch, the skillful presentation... You admire these displays but are not particularly influenced by them. You prefer people to speak naturally and candidly, which you'll get today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You do not have proof of your ability in a certain field, yet you feel deep down in your being that you can and will do whatever it takes to succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're good for the morale of a group. You're funny. People lighten up around you. You can make things happen with indirect suggestions of the sort that won't trigger people's defenses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are no insignificant mysteries in life. Investigate the subject that interests you. An answer to some minor problem might be the solution to what ails the world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one wants to spend their time fake laughing. Luckily, you won't have to. Funny people will solve more than one problem for you today. They keep you from boredom while answering the call of the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Rather than attacking the problem head-on, take a sideways look at it; the new slant leads to a breakthrough. You will be rewarded for your brilliant thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Proceeding through fear takes courage. But sometimes it's better not to give yourself a chance to be afraid. Just move. If everyone pondered the possible consequences, we would have fewer heroes.

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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

6	4	1	8	2	7	3	5	9
7	2	3	1	9	5	6	4	8
9	5	8	3	4	6	7	2	1
1	6	5	9	7	2	8	3	4
8	9	4	5	3	1	2	6	7
3	7	2	4	6	8	9	1	5
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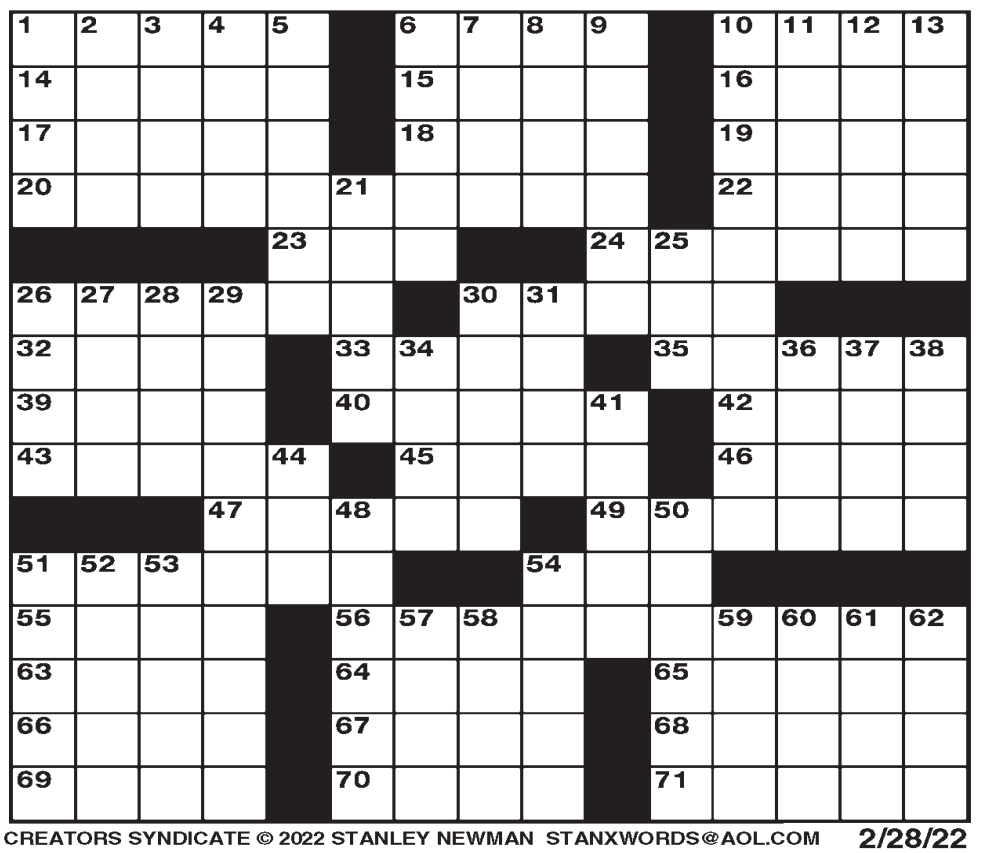
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	9		4	1				3
2			9	3			1	
1		4				8	9	

Newsday Crossword

END OF FEBRUARY by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 People with diplomas, for short
6 Mix with a spoon
10 Unmannerly men
14 Trim again
15 Despise
16 Shaped like a 0
17 ". . . happily ever __"
18 Much-admired celebrity
19 Lion's hair
20 Person abroad for a religion
22 Rats' smaller cousins
23 Bank officers' titles: Abbr.
24 Egg-and-cheese breakfast
26 Shake from the cold
30 Fancy napkin fabric
32 Bull, in Spain
33 Corrosive liquid
35 Lines on a checklist
39 Heroic tale
40 Dwelling places
42 Square footage
43 Flat-topped hills
45 Document in a passport
46 Fixes dishonestly
47 French flat hat
49 Hesitant agreement
51 Mentally sharp
54 Needless fuss
55 Young woman
56 Book of definitions
63 Creative thought
64 And others: Abbr.
65 River's flood barrier
66 Shakespearean king
67 Sicilian volcano
68 Indoor sports site
69 Small whirlpool
70 Rolling stone's lack, supposedly
71 Party givers

DOWN
1 Measure of carbs or protein
2 Mortgage adjustment, briefly
3 Performs in a film
4 Membership fees
5 Try hard
6 Fronts of the lower legs
7 "Look what I did!"
8 "Believe __ not . . ."
9 Put one's trust in
10 Explanatory essay
11 To no __ (useless)
12 Waltz or tango
13 Icy precipitation
21 Media mogul Winfrey
25 "Don't tell __ can't do it!"
26 Flower stalk
27 Optimistic emotion
28 Colorful eye part
29 All the words you know
30 Maximum speed
31 "Beware the __ of March"
34 Small sheltered bay
36 Cleveland's lake
37 "Big" prefix for bucks
38 Wide belt
41 __ Arabia (Mideast nation)
44 Sink, as the sun
48 Cash in, as coupons
50 Cash, slangily
51 Physically nimble
52 One-__ (biased)
53 Tire surface
54 Book of maps
57 "Just leave __ me"
58 Tuna containers
59 Infamous Roman emperor
60 Wide city streets: Abbr.
61 Landlord's income
62 Votes like "ayes"



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out and about in Santa Monica

MONDAY | FEB 28

SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
Visit https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ for more information. 7 p.m.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
Visit https://www.smgov.net/Departments/Airport/Airport_Commission/Airport_Commission.aspx for more information. 6 p.m.

LACROSSE
Cheer on the Samohi boys' varsity lacrosse team as they host El Camino Real, 3:30 p.m., 601 Pico Blvd

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA,90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY | MARCH 1

MEME MADNESS
March 1-31 / Virtual Program. Share your love of libraries and flex your creative muscles by making an original book or library-themed meme. The Library will share it on our social media channel and followers will vote for their favorites. Use an online meme generator like iloveimg.com/meme-generator or make one from scratch and email it to jeff.kaplan@santamonica.gov. Ages 13 & up.

VOLLEYBALL
Support the Samohi Vikings varsity boys' volleyball team as they take on the Torrance Saxons, 3:30 p.m., 601 Pico Blvd

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 2

DIAL-A-STORY
Access 24/7 via telephone at (424) 610-8600. New stories are recorded each week in English, Spanish and Mandarin, and can be listened to by phone at any time.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR
Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica welcome supporters to attend the annual Youth of the Year virtual event, honoring an extraordinary club member who personifies the best of the Boys & Girls Club. Free to attend the virtual event; registration required. 6 p.m. smbgc.org/programs/youth-of-the-year

THURSDAY | MARCH 3

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The mission of the Santa Monica Public Library Board is to support and have charge of the administration of the Santa Monica Public Library. Due to COVID-19 precautions the Board continues to meet virtually. 7 - 9 p.m. Agenda: https://smpl.org/Library_Board.aspx

SWIM TEAM
Rally behind the Samohi boys' and girls' varsity swimming & diving teams as they host Mira Costa for a league match to open the season beginning at 3 p.m. at the Santa Monica High School pool, 601 Olympic Blvd

FRIDAY | MARCH 4

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 – 2 p.m. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check https://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/cultural-programs-events-and-tours.aspx#Guest_House or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours.

GALLERY OPEN
Open daily, no reservations or admission fee. Schedule subject to change with short notice, check calendar or call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. Annenberg Community Beach House. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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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 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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H E A T E X P E C T A T I O N
C O A T R E E F R E N Z Y V R
R D T E S G I D T H G I L E D
A O Y E M U H C W E N S P N M
D N L N L L D A G V N O U U L
L K I A U S L N E A R O L L K
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V Y K H F K T E U G O N I I M
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X P S O C M E E K O G L E E A
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S I T T L N M R D K N I S C I
H R E T U F Y P E S F V E I T
R C H A R T E R S T O W E R S

Adit	Digs	Invest	Report
Axes	Donkey	Lalor	Rich
Californian hat	Dust	Luck	Seam
Camps	Expectation	Mullock	Sink
Charters Towers	Fields	New chum	Sofala
Claim	Fines	Ophir	Tyrconnell
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