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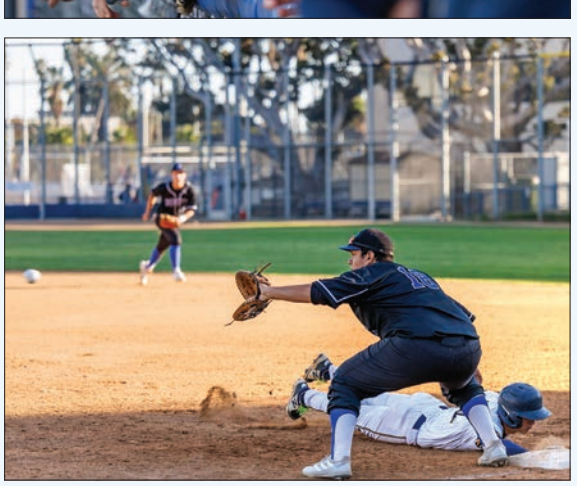
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Samohi boys' baseball battles North Torrance High School



Photos by Martin Ledford

HUSTLE: In a heated weekend showdown the Samohi Vikings took on the North Torrance Saxons on the Samohi Baseball Field. After a valiant fight the Samohi boys' baseball team lost 3-2. Senior Bobby Mercado led the team in batting average (.364), on base percentage (.462), and fielding.

State and County school mask mandates lifting

No final decision if local schools will drop mask rules by March 12



Photo by Matt Hall

BREATHE: students across the state will soon attend school without a mask

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

The State of California will no longer require schoolkids to wear masks as part of new indoor mask policies Governor Gavin Newsom announced Monday, in a joint press release with his fellow West Coast Democratic governors of Oregon and Washington.

And, while the LA County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) said it would "shift to strongly recommending indoor masking requirements" at schools and child care centers, the county department would also no longer be requiring indoor masking as of March 12.

As of Monday afternoon following the announcement, it was not immediately clear whether Santa Monica students would still be required to wear masks indoors by the time state rules lifted.

"We continue ongoing conversations about off-ramping strategies with our union leadership,

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Council: confidentiality investigation canceled, commissioner ouster fails

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Some of the major action in last Tuesday's City Council meeting was marked not by what Councilmembers did, but rather what they chose not to do — including launching an investigation into violations of confidentiality agreements and removing a housing commissioner.

In a 4-3 vote Council decided to call off a proposed investigation into alleged Councilmember violations of the Brown Act and confidentiality agreements.

The investigation was proposed by Councilmember Gleam Davis in response to the leaking of information from closed session discussions regarding the hiring process for the City Manager and City Attorney positions. In one of these instances, the name of Council's pick for City Manager, Rene Bobadilla, was leaked to the press. Bobadilla subsequently withdrew his acceptance and, in a letter to City Council, cited the leak as one of his reasons for doing so.

After a fractious discussion in a Feb. 10 meeting, City Council narrowly voted 4-3 to pursue an investigation. Staff subsequently issued a Request for Proposals for an independent law firm to conduct the investigation and Interim City Attorney Joe Lawrence recommended engaging with the firm of Foley & Lardner. Lawrence said that in a best case scenario the investigation would cost a little under $100,000.

In a Feb. 22 meeting, Councilmember Lana Negrete cast the deciding no vote killing the proposed investigation, changing her opinion from the Feb. 10 meeting when she voted in its favor. Ultimately, Councilmembers Gleam Davis, Sue Himmelrich and Kristin McCowansupported the

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3 former tribal officials sentenced in embezzlement case

Associated Press

Three former officials of an American Indian tribe that runs a Northern California casino have each been sentenced to more than three years in prison for embezzling nearly $5 million from the tribe and using the money to fund luxurious lifestyles, federal prosecutors said.

John Crosby, 56, his mother Ines Crosby, 76, and her sister, Leslie Lohse, 67, stole money over five years from the Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians, which owns the Rolling Hills Casino north of Sacramento, prosecutors said.

John Crosby is a former FBI agent in Sacramento who was the tribe's economic development director. His mother was the tribe's administrator and his aunt was treasurer.

In 2019, all three pleaded guilty to conspiracy to embezzle or steal from a tribal organization. John Crosby and Lohse also pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return and Ines Crosby pleaded guilty to failing to file a tax return.

Prosecutors said the trio took more than $4.9 million of the tribe's money and spent it on fancy homes, cars and other luxuries, including $243,000 for a swimming pool and spa at John Crosby's house; $84,000 for a koi pond for Ines Crosby; and $150,000 to buy gold coins and other precious metals.

Thousands more went to pay off credit cards, buy jewelry, handbags and beauty products and to pay for a World Series trip, chartered jet flights and vacations to Hawaii, New Zealand and other places.

"The defendants lived a lavish lifestyle at the expense of the Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians and were undeterred by the damage their conduct would bring to the Tribe, whose members trusted them with most of their crucial operational positions," U.S. Attorney Phillip Talbert said in a statement after Friday's sentencing.

U.S. District Judge John A. Mendez sentenced John Crosby, of Redding, to four years and nine months in prison and to pay a $10,000 fine; Ines Crosby, of Orland, to four years and nine months years in prison; and Lohse, of Glenn, to three years and five months in prison.

Lohse had paid $902,208 in restitution prior to Friday's sentencing hearing, prosecutors said. A hearing will be held on April 19 to determine the amount of restitution John Crosby and Ines Crosby will pay, they said.

The Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians has about 300 members and its casino with its associated hotels, golf course and other amenities has been estimated to generate $100 million a year.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Samohi Theatre to present "Legally Blonde – The Musical" WHERE: Barnum Hall (at Santa Monica High School)

Samohi Theatre is excited to present Legally Blonde – The Musical. Accompanied by a live orchestra, Legally Blonde is an energetic and sassy musical comedy – the perfect welcome back to live theatre after a two-year pandemic pause. Inspired by the 2001 novel and hit movie by the same name, Legally Blonde – The Musical first debuted on Broadway in 2007 (with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach). It is a "...straightforward feel-good story packed to the brim with catchy numbers and demanding choreography." (Broadway World)

From Santa Monica High School Director Kate Barraza: "On her quest, Elle Woods follows her heart and stays true to herself, despite being humiliated, ridiculed, embarrassed, sexually harassed, and deflated. Unlike many wpeople faced with challenges, she approaches her situation with humility, an open mind, and sheer determination.

Elle is an inspiration -- she is intelligent, determined, and picks herself up when she falls. It has been a pleasure to watch the two students who play Elle Woods embody these characteristics with their own unique interpretation of the character. It is evident that both actors are empowered by the opportunity to play a female hero. We also see the unwavering support of Elle's "sisters," through the theatrical devise of a Greek Chorus, as they help tell the story and lead Elle through her journey. This talented cast of characters has dedicated their time, energy, and talent to portray the story of Legally Blonde and have done so with gusto and grace. It has truly been an honor to direct them. We would not be able to tell this story in this way without our dedicated technical theatre students who have worked tirelessly to make this production a success. Legally Blonde is a joyful, uplifting story that celebrates both individuality and the success you can only find by being true to yourself."

WHERE: 600 Olympic Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405 (Enter at the 4th St, Olympic or Michigan Gates. Some parking available via the Olympic Gate. Overflow parking available at Civic Center Parking Structure.)

WHEN: Two Weekends: March 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm; March 6 at 3:00 pm; March 11 and 12 at 7:00 pm; and March 13 at 3:00pm.

RESERVATIONS: Reserved seating is available at samohitheatre.org. Ticket $15.00 (Adults) and $10.00 (Students)

IMPORTANT: This is a masked event. ID and proof of COVID-19 vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to show time are also required. A negative test result must show the name of the person presenting the record.

MORE INFO: For more information about LEGALLY BLONDE – THE MUSICAL please contact Samohi Theatre Producers Joan Krenik and Marni Ayers at marniayers@gmail.com or 310-460-8128.

SUBMITTED BY: GAIL PINSKER, PIO

Citywide

The Takács Quartet to make their The Broad Stage debut

The Broad Stage presents an evening with The Takács Quartet, winners of the Grammy Award, Gramophone Classical Music Awards 2021, Chamber category, and Presto Music Classical Recording Award 2021, make their Broad Stage debut on Saturday, March 19 at 7:30PM on the Main Stage.

Hailed as "arguably the greatest string quartet in the world" by The Guardian, they are joined by guest Julien Labro on bandoneón for two new commissions for the Takács by Brazilian-American composer Clarice Assad and Grammy-winner and The National rock band guitarist Bryce Dessner for quintet and three of Labro's own works. The program concludes with Ravel's String Quartet from 1903, the only quartet he ever composed.

The quartet - Edward Dusinberre, violin; Harumi Rhodes, violin; Richard O'Neill, viola; and Andras Fejer, cello – is renowned for the vitality of its interpretations. The Guardian recently commented, "What endures about The Takacs Quartet, year after year, is how equally the four players carry the music". BBC Music Magazine described its recent Dohnanyi recording with pianist Marc Andre Hamelin as "totally compelling, encapsulating a vast array of colors and textures". Based in Boulder at the University of Colorado, the Grammy Award-winning ensemble performs eighty concerts a year worldwide.

Heralded as "the next accordion star," Julien Labro has established himself as the foremost accordion and bandoneón player in both the classical and jazz genres. Deemed to be "a triple threat: brilliant technician, poetic melodist and cunning arranger," his artistry, virtuosity, and creativity as a musician, composer and arranger have earned him international acclaim and continue to astonish audiences worldwide.

Rob Bailis, Artistic and Executive Director of The Broad Stage, says "The world famous, unbelievably superb The Takács Quartet will be giving us a concert that marks the beginning of a multi-year relationship. The violist Richard O'Neill has just joined The Takács Quartet and was an artist-in-residence with us two seasons back. We can't wait to have Richard back with the Takács, and to have them regularly with us at The Broad Stage will be absolutely wonderful." O'Neill won the 2020 Grammy Award for Classical Instrumental Solo.

Tickets starting at $40 are available at thebroadstage.org, by calling 310.434.3200, and visiting the box office at 1310 11th St. Santa Monica CA 90401, beginning three hours prior to performance.

SUBMITTED BY: TIM CHOY, DAVIDSON & CHOY PUBLICITY

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 240 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 27

Fire 1800Blk 9th St 12:17 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:33 a.m.
Arson 1100Blk Palisades Park 12:37 a.m.
Battery 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 1:11 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400Blk 4th St 1:20 a.m.
Battery 300Blk Colorado Ave 1:47 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 7th St / California Ave 2:01 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Harvard St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Michigan Ave 4:00 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 4:58 a.m.
Burglary Now 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:13 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:16 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Ocean Ave 5:23 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Ocean Ave 5:28 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1700Blk 4th St 5:37 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:48 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Ocean Ave 6:29 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 700Blk California Ave 7:23 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Pico Blvd 7:51 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 7:55 a.m.
Vandalism Now 1400Blk 17th St 7:58 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk Washington Ave 8:17 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:32 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 700Blk Grant St 8:42 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2000Blk 20th St 8:53 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk Pico Blvd 8:58 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600Blk The Beach 9:09 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Euclid St / Olympic Blvd 9:45 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:01 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200Blk Palisades Park 10:13 a.m.
Vandalism Report 2700Blk Main St 10:15 a.m.
Vandalism 600Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:19 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900Blk 22nd St 10:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900Blk 23rd St 10:40 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 900Blk 4th St 10:50 a.m.
Person Down 900Blk 4th St 11:23 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Report 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:32 a.m.
General Parking Problem 800Blk 19th St 11:32 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:47 a.m.
Assault Report 600Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:48 a.m.
Battery Report 600Blk Pico Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1000Blk Washington Ave 11:56 a.m.
Missing Person 600Blk Pacific St 11:59 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 100Blk Hart Ave 12:04 p.m.
Burglary Report 2400Blk 20th St 12:05 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk Olympic Blvd 12:14 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Palisades Park 12:52 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1800Blk Euclid St 1:14 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk 11th St 1:27 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Broadway 1:34 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 1:48 p.m.
Encampment 800Blk Harvard St 1:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000Blk 2nd St 2:32 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000Blk La Mesa Dr 2:52 p.m.
Rape Report 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 3:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:02 p.m.
Death Investigation 1000Blk 26th St 3:14 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000Blk 2nd St 3:15 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 11th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:16 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / Broadway 3:23 p.m.
Fight 600Blk Broadway 3:36 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3100Blk Donald Douglas Loop N 3:37 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:57 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 4:01 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Ocean Ave / Pacific St 4:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800Blk 4th St 4:15 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 4:27 p.m.
Found Person 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 4:29 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Michigan Ave 4:29 p.m.
Fight 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:33 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 4:42 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 4:57 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Ocean Ave 4:57 p.m.
Arson 1500Blk Euclid St 5:08 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk 15th St 5:20 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400Blk Euclid St 5:23 p.m.
Battery 2600Blk Barnard Way 5:31 p.m.
Construction Noise 300Blk California Ave 5:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk 6th St 5:34 p.m.
Vandalism 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:50 p.m.
Encampment 1500Blk The Beach 6:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 11th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:12 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:15 p.m.
Vandalism 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:29 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk 6th St 6:51 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:01 p.m.
Person Down 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:12 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100Blk Harvard St 8:05 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 11th St / Washington Ave 8:13 p.m.
Loud Music 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 8:18 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 12th St / California Ave 8:26 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 27

Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1800Blk 9th St 12:15 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:21 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / California Ave 12:37 a.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 1:14 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:48 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk 4th St 6:12 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 7:19 a.m.
Structure Fire 700Blk California Ave 7:22 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk California Ave 7:28 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 1700Blk 9th St 8:01 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 8:10 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2000Blk 20th St 8:53 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Oak St 8:55 a.m.
Broken Water Main 1700Blk Stewart St 9:15 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 9:18 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk Arizona Ave 12:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:14 p.m.
EMS 900Blk Montana Ave 2:31 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 600Blk Marine St 3:05 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 100Blk California Ave 3:08 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 26th St 3:09 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 3:10 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk 34th St 3:40 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900Blk Nebraska Ave 3:46 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:37 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1500Blk Euclid St 5:10 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 23rd St 5:46 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 11th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:12 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Neilson Way 7:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Colorado Ave 8:35 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 21st St 9:03 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 2nd St 9:09 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 9:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 10:04 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Stewart St 11:14 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH 12:29PM

Officers were dispatched to Parking Structure 7 on the 1500 block of 4th St. regarding a fight. Upon arrival, Officers spoke to a witness who pointed to a suspect walking on the west sidewalk on 4th St and to the victim laying on the ground nearby. Paramedics were called to treat the victim. Several witnesses relayed that a verbal dispute began with the victim and suspect, which then caused the suspect to punch the victim several times in the face and head and kick him while on the ground. Dean Angelo Farrar was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #22.09.SMS – DSA #03-121773 – North Gym Additional Athletic Storage Building Project at Santa Monica High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$450,000.00 - $480,000.00** and includes The construction of a 1,490 sft wood framed storage building with automated coiling doors and an athletic scoring platform, accessed via metal framed stairs. The building is wood framed, with cement plaster and a Densdeck roof with single ply waterproofing. The scope includes fire alarm, electrical and other utilities and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 4/6/22 no later than 2:00 PM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 3/23/22 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at https://www.smmusd.org/domain/4172.

Mandatory Job Walk: 3/15/22 @ 4:00pm

Job Walk location: Santa Monica High School located in Santa Monica, CA – All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the 4th Street pedestrian gate, adjacent to the football field, directly across from the Santa Monica Early Childhood Lab School, located at 1802 4th Street Santa Monica, CA 90405. Parking is available across 4th street, at the Civic Center Parking structure. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location. Due to COVID-19 all attending contractors must not have a temperature (temperatures will be taken), bring and wear face masks at all times while on the site and adhere to social distancing safety requirements during the meeting or they will be asked to leave the property.

Electronic Bid Submittal Deadline: 4/6/22 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Marina del Rey

Inaugural Dragon Boat Festival is coming to Marina del Rey on Saturday, March 5 WHAT:

Marina del Rey will host its first Dragon Boat Festival featuring a series of dragon boat races, live music entertainment, food truck fare and awards ceremony at Burton Chace Park on Saturday, March 5. The all-day festival will be fun for anyone paddling or cheering on the teams. Admission is free for viewers.

Dragon boat racing originated from China more than 2,000 years ago. The sport takes up to 20 paddlers seated in pairs along with a drummer sitting in the front keeping the paddlers' stroke pace. The 40-foot boats are decorated with a dragon head at the bow, scales on the canoe, and a tail at the back.

The Marina del Rey Dragon Boat Festival is sponsored by Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau, Marina del Rey Lessees Association, Caruso, ProSUP Shop, Wahoo's, and Team DPW.

Nathan Salazar, Head Coach of the Los Angeles County Dragon Boat Club and Dragon Boat Festival organizer says: "The fast-growing sport of dragon boat racing is one that promotes cultural diversity and wellness, especially as this sport does not have any limitations in terms of age, ethnicity, sex, or religion. Dragon boat races bring people together in a fun and exciting atmosphere. We're thrilled Marina del Rey is welcoming the first Dragon Boat Festival to their beautiful harbor setting."

WHO: Nearly 40 teams will compete with team participants varying in age from 10- to 70-year-olds. Many participants are multi-generational families paddling together. Some noteworthy teams in the festival include:

Los Angeles County Dragon Boat Club, whose youth paddlers will compete in the Club Crew World Championships in Florida this July; Adaptive Fusion, a group of blind and deaf paddlers, also competing in the above Club Crew World Championships in the Para Dragon Division; and Los Angeles Pink Dragons, the first breast cancer survivor dragon boat team in Los Angeles.

WHERE:Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
WHEN: Saturday, March 5
Races: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremony: 10:30 a.m.
Awards Ceremony: 3:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: KAT JACOB, COMMUNITY MANAGER

Citywide

Young Musicians Take the Stage for the First Time Since March 2020

Nearly two years after the pandemic shut down all in-person operations and concerts for Elemental Music, the young musicians of this local nonprofit are preparing to take the stage once again on Saturday, March 5.

Over 150 students in grades 3-8 will be performing across six different large ensembles for strings, choir, band, classical guitar, and a full orchestra for wind and string students. For some students, this will be their very first live performance for an audience. For others, this is a long-awaited return to the concert hall.

"We are anticipating a truly special moment when our students step foot onto the stage this weekend," says Executive & Artistic Director Josephine Moerschel. "There is nothing quite like the electric excitement of a live performance and we're excited to bring the joy of live music back to our students and audiences in Santa Monica!"

The performances are sponsored by W.I. Simonson and Providence | Saint John's Physician Partners ad will take place at the brand new John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center. The 2pm concert features the Elemental Choir, Elemental Band, and Academy Philharmonic ensembles. The 4:30pm concert features the Elemental Guitar, Prelude, and Elemental Strings ensembles. General admission tickets are $15 and student tickets are $8.

Elemental Music offers after-school music ensembles in

Santa Monica for elementary and middle school students. Supporting young musicians at an early age helps develop skills that prepare them for middle and high school music classes. Friendships fostered in our orchestra, band, choir, and guitar programs often last into high school & beyond! Please visit www.elementalmusic.org for more information about the March 5 concerts.

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Road trip with a dog? Tips for making you both happy

MOLLY SPRAYREGEN
Associated Press

San Francisco dog owner Ben Lowenstein loves to travel — and he never leaves his dog, Javi, behind.

Together, the pair has taken road trips to Chicago, Lake Tahoe and Los Angeles. They have hiked the trails of New Mexico, explored Utah's national parks, and gallivanted through Colorado snow banks.

The best part of traveling with Javi, says Lowenstein, is that his best friend is always with him. He loves when Javi rests his head on the console of the car and falls asleep as they wind their way to their next adventure.

But road tripping with a dog isn't all beautiful moments. It can be challenging for both the dog and owner. Tips for helping your four-legged pal succeed on the road:

1. TEACH THEM TO LOVE THE CAR.

Long before your road trip, give your dog positive associations with the car.

"Practice makes better," says Erdem Tuncsiper, who runs P.A.C.K. Leaders Dog Training in Chicago. "Don't make your big trip their first trip."

Take them on as many local drives as possible, and give them treats and toys to make the car fun. Drive them to exciting places so they don't see the car as a direct-to-vet delivery mobile.

If a dog is apprehensive, pet parents "can encourage further engagement with the car by rewarding all interaction directed toward the vehicle — such as looking at, sniffing, moving toward or stepping into — and proceeding with baby steps from there," says Darris Cooper, national dog training manager at Petco.

Bring along items like bowls and blankets that your dog is not only used to, but finds comforting, says Tuncsiper.

"This includes anything for sleeping, eating or drinking," he says.

2. KEEP YOUR DOG AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE.

"Make sure your dog is not stressed by the sights, sounds or movement of the vehicle," says Dr. Natalie Marks, a veterinarian at Chicago's VCA Blum Animal Hospital. "There are lots of additions that can help reduce stress, like playing classical music, spraying pheromones to help relaxation..., appropriate restraint device training, favorite treats, and not feeding at least two hours before the start of travel to help avoid nausea."

Dogs also overheat easily, so provide good ventilation (and never leave them alone in a parked car).

"If your dog pants a lot, he is hotter than you are and needs air," Tuncsiper said.

Excessive panting can also be a sign of anxiety. If your dog just can't seem to get comfortable, speak to your vet about anti-anxiety medications, as well as over-the-counter chews and drops.

3. EXPECT THE TRIP TO TAKE LONGER.

Dogs need regular stops to run around, relieve themselves and explore all the new, exciting smells.

"We have a two- or three-hour drive-time rule in our family," says Christina Howitt, co-founder of Find Your Blue, a Kansas City-based travel company specializing in dog-friendly itineraries. "We always make a point to add frequent stops... We also try to avoid driving more than five or six hours total in a day."

4. PACK YOUR PUP'S SUITCASE RESPONSIBLY.

Dogs need a lot of stuff when they travel. Marks says the checklist should include medications, vaccination records, a canine first-aid kit, an extra leash and collar, their ID tag, a crate (in case you need to leave your dog alone where you're staying) and collapsible bowls.

Bring at least two days' worth of extra food and water.

There are water bowls that hook to your car so your dog can drink whenever they want. Howitt recommends a no-spill bowl by RocKur Designs: "It can easily be collapsed and taken on hikes. We pair this with a hydration backpack to refill the bowl."

5. SAFETY FIRST.

In case of emergency, map out veterinary clinics along your route in advance.

And look into the many products designed to help keep your dog safe in the car.

"Supplies such as a booster seat, travel carrier, crash-tested harness, seat belt adapter... are critical for road trips," says Cooper, of Petco. "Restricting your dog's movement helps decrease the chance of injury in an accident."

6. FIND DOG-FRIENDLY SPOTS IN ADVANCE.

Traveling with a dog requires more advance planning and less spontaneity.

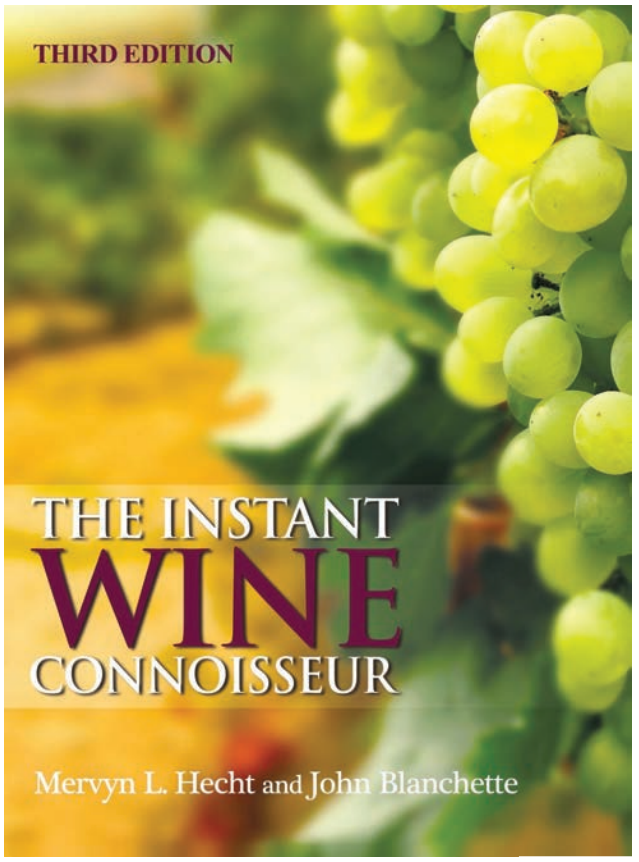
"Do your research ahead of time, especially for hotels and sightseeing," advises dog owner Leksa Pravdic, who drove with her dogs, Scout and Pluto, from their home in Chicago to New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. "A lot of national parks don't allow dogs or limit their access to certain small areas. Look for national monuments or state parks that allow dogs."

7. ENJOY THE RIDE.

"Have fun and introduce them to everything," says Tuncsiper. "Let them smell the new things you buy and do."

Pravdic agrees. "Even though sometimes the logistics can be a hassle, taking road trips with my dogs has been 100% worth it," she says. "They are happy to be with you, wherever you go."

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Richard Blum, husband of California Sen. Feinstein, dies

Richard Blum, husband of California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, died Sunday after a long battle with cancer. He was 86.

Feinstein announced her husband's death in a statement Monday morning that said her "heart is broken today."

She said her husband, a wealthy San Francisco investor, "left things better than he found them" and was devoted to his family. She described his work for the people of the Himalayas and noted he was a longtime friend of the Dalai Lama.

"My husband was my partner and best friend for more than 40 years," Feinstein said in the statement. "He was by my side for the good times and for the challenges. I am going to miss him terribly."

Feinstein, 88, has missed votes in recent weeks as her husband's health declined, contributing to Democrats' fragile 50-50 majority. Sen. Ben Ray Luján, D-N.M., is also absent after suffering a stroke in January. He is expected to return in the coming weeks, ahead of an expected April vote on Biden's Supreme Court nominee, Ketanji Brown Jackson.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who represents San Francisco, said Blum was a "dear friend, a devoted philanthropist and a proud San Franciscan" who was a donor to arts and anti-hunger programs in the city.

Blum was the chairman of Blum Capital Partners, an equity investment management firm. He is also the former chairman of the University of California Board of Regents and a former chairman of the advisory board for the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. He served on former President Barack Obama's Global Development Council.

COUNCIL

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investigation, while Councilmembers Oscar de la Torre, Christine Parra, Phil Brock and Lana Negrete opposed it.

Negrete said that she supports transparency, but felt that in this case an investigation would do more harm than good given the current divided and distrustful nature of City Council.

"It's late and I'm physically nauseous sitting here and the last couple of minutes was like listening to my children fight at the dinner table," said Negrete. "Oftentimes I feel like I'm a swing vote… I sit in the middle and it's a lot of pressure and I don't like it because I feel like I wish we could work together as a team."

With important work ahead such as the selection of a permanent City Attorney, Negrete said that she didn't think an investigation would be helpful or serve to bring the Council together.

Councilmember Gleam Davis remained ardent in her support of the investigation and said that it was necessary to maintain integrity on Council and prevent these leaks from continuing to occur. Councilmember Phil Brock strongly rejected the idea of an investigation and said that it was too costly. Brock and Parra both said they felt the investigation was in direct retaliation to a vote taken during a closed session, while Davis and Himmelrich firmly rejected this notion.

A similar divided dynamic played out in a later vote regarding a request to remove Housing Commissioner Leonora Camner. The request was submitted and supported by Councilmembers Brock, Parra and de la Torre and opposed by Councilmembers McCowan, Davis and Negrete. Councilmember Himmelrich recused herself from the discussion, citing an inability to remain unbiased due to her strong feelings over her husband's removal from the Housing Commission. The request did not include a rationale for removing Commissioner Camner.

"To remove her without any statement of cause, I think is what's stunning. Nobody has articulated why they want to do this. It's my understanding that when asked about it by Miss Camner directly, it was 'well we don't like your position on housing'," said Davis.

Councilmember Negrete also opposed removing a commissioner on the basis of a disagreement in beliefs.

"I don't agree with voting someone off just because we don't agree with what they have to say, but definitely if and when there's ever a conflict of interest, I think we have the backing for that," said Negrete.

During public comment community members raised concerns about Commissioner Camner potentially having a conflict of interest as she is the Executive Director of the pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization Abundant Housing LA. Interim City Attorney Joe Lawrenece said that Camner has no known conflict of interest. Camner defended this statement during public comment.

"I am not a lobbyist and my organization Abundant Housing LA is not a lobbying organization. Our funding does not come from developers, real estate or any special interest. Our funding comes from charitable foundations and small dollar individual support. Our mission is to advance housing justice generally, nobody pays me to be on the housing commission and no one pays me to lobby," said Camner.

Councilmember Brock said that he was representing the viewpoints of many residents who feel like Camner is a lobbyist for affordable housing.

"A lot of residents have contacted me over the last year and keep saying that in their opinion, doesn't mean their opinion is right, but in their opinion that she's a lobbyist and they feel she's lobbying against part of the City, so they think that there are ethical lapses in her advocacy," said Brock.

Following the 3-3 vote, Camner will not be removed from her position. Her term is set to expire on Jun. 30, 2022, after which point Council must vote on whether to appoint her for a second term if she wishes to continue serving on Housing Commission.

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‘CODA’ takes top honors at SAG Awards hosted in Santa Monica

In an upset, the deaf family drama “CODA” took top honors at an unpredictable and history-making 28th Screen Actors Guild Awards that also saw wins for the leads of “Squid Game,” the cast of “Ted Lasso” and Will Smith.

The ceremony, held Sunday at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California, and broadcast on both TNT and TBS, was notably border-breaking, with historic wins for deaf actors, Korean stars and some of Hollywood’s biggest names. It culminated with “CODA,” Sian Heder’s heartwarming Apple TV+ coming-of-age film featuring a trio of deaf actors in Marlee Matlin, Troy Kotsur and Daniel Durant, along with newcomer Emilia Jones, winning best ensemble. The film has been seen as a watershed moment for the deaf community in Hollywood.

“This validates the fact that we, deaf actors, can work just like anybody else. We look forward to more opportunities for deaf actors,” said Matlin on stage before teaching the crowd sign language for “I love you.”

Matlin is the only deaf actor to win an Oscar, but her “CODA” co-star, Kotsur, may be in line to join her. Kotsur won best supporting actor Sunday, becoming the first deaf actor win an individual SAG award. When his name was read, the 53-year-old veteran actor plunged his head into his hands. On stage, he thanked his wife for “reminding me to check my fly before walking the red carpet.”

Netflix’s “Squid Game,” the first non-English language series nominated by the actors guild, came on strong with three awards, including Lee Jung-jae for best male actor in a drama series and Jung Hoyeon for best female actor in a drama series. Those wins came over the likes of “Succession” stars Brian Cox and Jeremy Strong, and Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston of “The Morning Show.”

“I have sat many a times watching you on the big screen dreaming of one day becoming an actor,” Jung told the crowd, fighting back tears.

Still, HBO’s “Succession” ultimately reigned in the best drama series category. Cox fittingly accepted the award with an expletive printed on his face mask, and another uttered as he struggled to take it off. But Cox turned serious when discussing Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. In the evening’s bluntest remarks on the invasion, he noted that the president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, was a comic — and thus a fellow performer. He urged censored dissenters in Russia to speak out.

“The people in Russia who don’t like what’s going on — and particularly the artists — I think we should join and celebrate them and hope that they can make a shift, as I believe they can,” said Cox while the audience stood and applauded.

The SAG Awards are considered one of the most reliable predictors of the Academy Awards. Actors make up the largest percentage of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, and their picks often align. In 2020, when the cast of “Parasite” and Brad Pitt won, they matched exactly.

Though the actors guild and the academy diverged last year when Aaron Sorkin’s 1960s courtroom drama “Trial of the Chicago 7” topped the SAG Awards and “Nomadland” triumphed at the Oscars, the win for “CODA” suggests it’s a major threat to win best picture over Kenneth Branagh’s “Belfast” (which went winless Sunday) and Jane Campion’s leading Oscar nominee “The Power of the Dog” (which failed to get an ensemble nod even though three of its actors were individually nominated).

SAG’s track record may also mean Will Smith, star of the Williams family tennis drama “King Richard,” is heading for his first Oscar. Smith took best actor, scoring his first SAG award.

“That may have been one of the greatest moments of my career just now because my name was called for ‘King Richard’ sitting next to Venus Williams,” beamed Smith.

Best actress has been more difficult category to track. Many have seen Olivia Colman (“The Lost Daughter”) as the favorite to win her second Oscar. In an especially competitive category, those snubbed have often drawn the most focus. Kristen Stewart of “Spencer” was passed over by SAG, while Lady Gaga (“House of Gucci”) missed with the film academy.

Yet it was Jessica Chastain, who plays the infamous televangelist in “The Eyes of Tammy Faye,” who won Sunday, notching her first individual SAG award. Heading into the Oscars on March 27, no category may be more uncertain.

Meanwhile, Ariana DeBose of “West Side Story” confirmed her frontrunner status with a win Sunday for best supporting performance by a female actor. DeBose’s award, too, had historic resonance.

“It’s indicative that doors are opening,” said DeBose, speaking to reports in a virtual backstage media room. “It’s an honor to be seen, it’s an honor to be an Afro-Latina, an openly queer woman of color, a dancer, a singer, and an actor. It’s indicative to me that I will not be the last, and that’s the important part.”

The SAG Awards, which will be available to stream Monday on HBO Max, are presented by the Hollywood actors guild SAG-AFTRA. After the January Golden Globes were a non-event, they were Hollywood’s first major, televised, in-person award show — complete with a red carpet and teary-eyed speeches — this year. The “Hamilton” trio of Lin-Manuel Miranda, Leslie Odom Jr. and Daveed Diggs kicked off the broadcast with the declared theme of “together again.”

“We’ve returned to a world where all we have to do to hang out like this is get dressed up, show up, get swabbed, sanitized, screened, masked, vaccinated, boosted, rapid-tested and PCR-cleared within 24 hours,” said Odom Jr. “Now who’s ready to party?”

Some casts, citing quarantine regulations related to production schedules, attended remotely — including the lead television nominee, “Ted Lasso.” Appearing by video link with his castmates around him, Jason Sudeikis accepted the award for best actor in a comedy series. The Apple TV+ show was later named best comedy series ensemble.

While the Academy Awards aren’t mandating vaccination for presenters (just attendees), it was required for the SAG

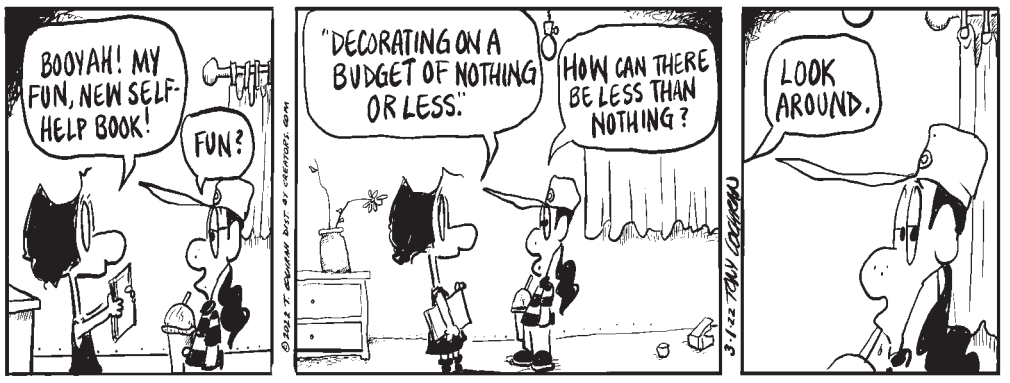
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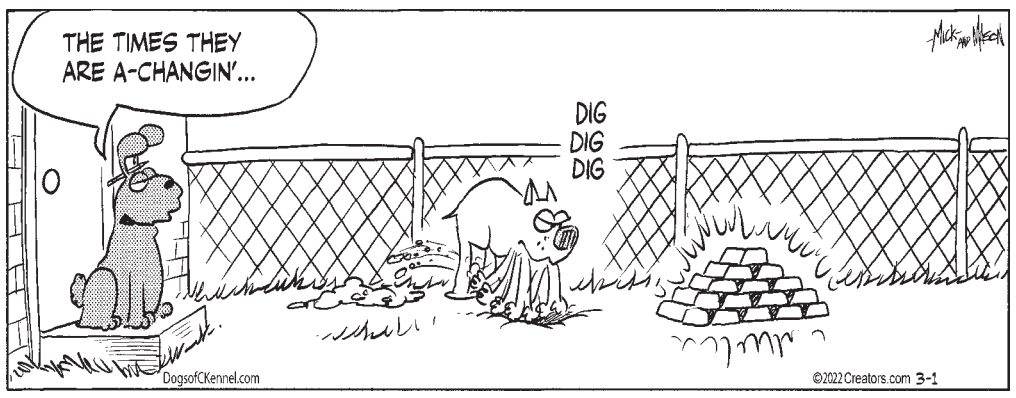
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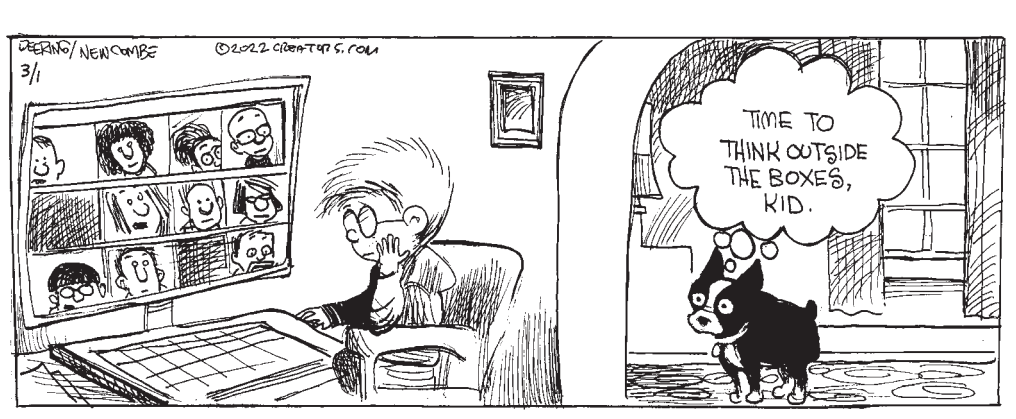
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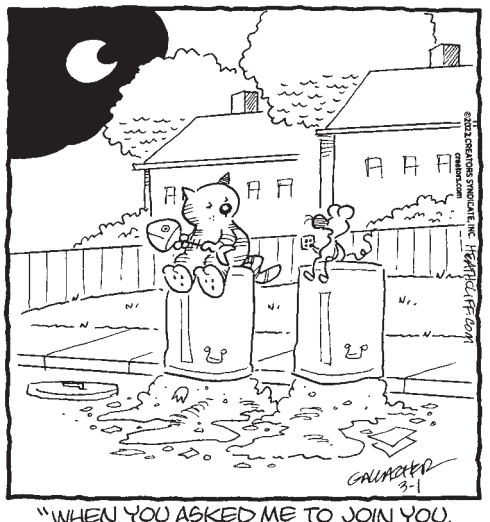
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SURF FORECASTS

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TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach
Old WNW swell gets a refresh to stop or at east slow the easing trend. Wind looking best for the morning when the tide is high, with light+ WNW wind likely for the afternoon when the tide is better.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
WNW swell continues. Clean conditions early but a deep mid-morning high tide to work around. Wind could stay light for the tide drop.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 76. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The habit of doing something nice for someone else has become a part of your life. Giving makes you feel good, and the way your gifts are received almost doesn't matter -- (SET ITAL) almost. (END ITAL)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Like a physician vowing to do no harm, or a postal worker delivering mail in all kinds of weather, you will carry out a defining act with sacred consistency.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A mental match is critical for friendships, love and certain business decisions. When you admire a person's way of thinking, a frequent exchange of ideas, plans and daily dealings will be enjoyable.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In your social life, you are exceptionally sharp and will be present to the requirements of the situation. Your appeal is palpable. You'll find yourself in a position of having to manage the attention coming your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Perhaps you've been overly opinionated or not as productively focused as you would like, but at least you're self-aware! Acknowledge your imperfect humanity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've meandered before, so you know the precious gift that clarity can be. You will approach the work ahead with the efficiency of one who is certain of the next steps.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even though you're an excellent planner, you can't think of everything. Build flexibility into the design. Leave room for last-minute additions, changes and fixes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some say life wasn't meant to be fun. But what if they are wrong? Test the theory. When you're not having fun, do something else. Does this simple tactic improve things?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The more friendliness and warmth you display, the more boundaries you need to impose. Clarify your preferences and the limits of what you're willing to do. The emotional fences are what enable generosity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once you find your groove, all goes smoothly. But how do you find it? Be willing to cover a lot of ground and keep going until you hit it. Then things will get easy, and all you will have to do is stick with it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). By feeding your insatiable curiosity, you have learned quite a bit that will prove valuable to others. However, you should only share your knowledge with those who seek it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A high number of online followers isn't necessarily social proof that you're a good friend, but what you do this afternoon is! You'll be there for someone who is important to you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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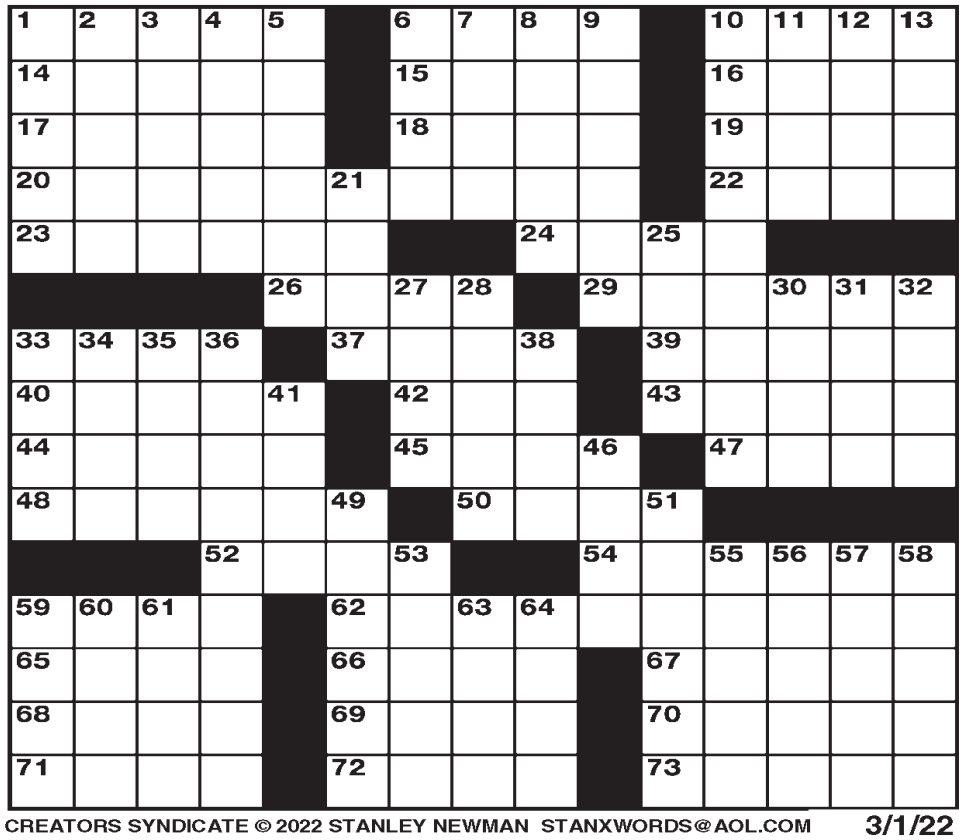
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26 Highway or street
29 Sewing implement
33 More than half
37 Made a sketch
39 Once more
40 Keep away from
42 Cubes in a cocktail
43 With the audio turned off
44 Combine two companies
45 College housing
47 Untidy spot
48 Patriotic song
50 Sit with a book
52 Quick haircut
54 Fine meal
59 Bit of a constellation
62 Stretchable toy in a plastic egg
65 Angelic light
66 Trade fair, for short
67 Group of Girl Scouts
68 At the summit of
69 Floor coverings
70 Therefore
71 Fence's entryway
72 Minor disagreement
73 Searches for

DOWN
1 Dip for taco chips
2 Circus comedian
3 Performer's portrayals
4 Bride's new relative
5 Annoy constantly
6 Fictional Karenina
7 Song superstar Celine
8 Keen, as eyesight
9 High-IQ club member
10 Stretchable pink chew for kids
11 __ about (approximately)
12 "Barbed" fencing material
13 Dinner from a slow cooker
21 Urge to move
25 Package of copier paper
27 Dry as a desert
28 Style of furnishings
30 Line near the top of an invoice
31 Isn't honest
32 Finish lines
33 Middle of the Three Bears
34 Where a cake bakes
35 Arrange in some order
36 Stretchable path for a circus acrobat
38 Used to be
41 Animal with antlers
46 "Little lamb" owner
49 Penny pinchers
51 Oceans' low points
53 Misunderstanding
55 Baby food's consistency
56 Make amends
57 Available inventory
58 Works at a keyboard
59 Layered haircut
60 "Bye-bye!"
61 Very many
63 Grp. of expert women putters
64 Misplaced



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

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 librarythemed 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 orrance 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

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. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Arizona Ave. & 2nd St.

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.

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 walkup 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.

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.

SATURDAY | MARCH 5

LACROSSE
Cheer on the Samohi boys' varsity lacrosse team as they host Chaminade, 1 p.m., 601 Pico Blvd.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended. Open to all ages. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

SUNDAY | MARCH 6

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 2640 Main St.

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

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I'd rather be fishing

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Aboard	Clam	Gaff	Parrot	Scale
Agile	Crab	Gear	fish	Shad
Bait	Dams	Haul	Penn	Shells
Banana	Dart	Item	Pike	Skill
prawns	Drag	Jigs	Pipi	Snake
Bass	Dried	Kelp	Port	Sold
Beer	Empty	Knife	Proof	Tench
Berley	Fees	Lead	Radio	Trace
Break	Flounder	Ling	Reef	Tuna
Bridge	Fly rod	Motor	Rivers	Worms
Cast	Fork	Mussels	Salmon	Yacht
Chips	Fresh	On ice	Sand	

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MASKS

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along with school board leadership, with regard to next steps in regard to relaxing indoor masking guidelines," an emailed statement from SMMUSD Superintendent Ben Drati said on Monday. Drati added that more information would be shared in coming days.

"With declining case rates and hospitalizations across the West, California, Oregon and Washington are moving together to update their masking guidance," the governors said in their Monday announcement. There are more than 7.5 million school-age children across the three states.

The new guidance will make face coverings a recommendation rather than a requirement at most indoor places in California starting Tuesday, March 1, and at schools on March 12, regardless of vaccination status.

The governors' announcement came shortly before the LACDPH released its own statement saying that it would align with State rules.

"LA County Public Health will align school masking measures with the state and shift to strongly recommending indoor masking requirements at childcare sites and K-12 schools beginning March 12," the LADPH news release stated. "School districts may continue to require masking at schools and during school activities and are encouraged to consult with teachers, staff, parents and students as they consider the appropriate safety protections for their school community, recognizing that many individuals may want to continue additional protections."

Drati's message on Monday added that there would be a health symposium scheduled on March 7 that would include an update on guidelines and more information for parents. Panelists at the symposium include Dr. Jamie Lloyd-Smith, a UCLA professor of ecology and evolutionary biology who has been studying COVID-19 aerosol and surface stability; Dr. Nava Yeganeh, a pediatric infectious disease physician and medical director for vaccine preventable disease control at LACDPH as well as a UCLA instructor; and Dr. Will Nicholas, the director of LACDPH center for health impact evaluation.

Federal mask requirements will still apply in high-risk indoor settings such as public transportation, airports and taxis. Rules for other high-risk indoor settings could also vary by state.

The milestone, two years in the making, comes as much of the country relaxes public health orders, including school mask mandates, in an effort to restore normalcy and boost economic recovery as Americans learn to live with the virus.

Earlier this month, California became the first state to formally shift to an endemic approach to the coronavirus with Newsom's announcement of a plan that emphasizes prevention and quick reaction to outbreaks over mandated masking and business shutdowns.

Newsom has come under growing pressure from Republicans and other critics to ease the school mandate, which has increasingly become a polarizing issue among parents in California.

While many parents still support wearing masks in schools, others have questioned why it's necessary when they are no longer required to do so in supermarkets and elsewhere. On Feb. 15, California ended an indoor mask requirement for vaccinated people, but at that time left the rule in place for the unvaccinated and for schoolchildren.

Starting Tuesday in California, masks will no longer be required but "strongly recommended" for unvaccinated individuals in most indoor settings. The same shift will apply to K-12 schools and child care facilities starting March 12, the statement said.

The powerful California Teachers Association said it expected a mixed reaction to the announcement at schools across the country's most populous state.

"Simply put, while some students are ready to immediately remove their masks, others remain very afraid," CTA President E. Toby Boyd said in a statement. The union has more than 300,000 members. "Change is never easy, and today's announcement is bound to disrupt and destabilize school communities. As we transition to the next phase of living with COVID-19, we must go forward with respect, understanding and care for each other."

A handful of California school districts have already dropped mask mandates for students in recent weeks in open defiance of the state mandate.

The West Coast announcements come after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eased the federal mask guidance Friday, essentially saying the majority of Americans don't need to wear masks in many indoor public places, including schools.

The new CDC guidance bases recommendations for restrictions such as masking on a new set of measures, with less focus on positive test results and more on what's happening at hospitals. Under the new system, the CDC said that more than 70 percent of Americans live in places where the coronavirus poses a low or medium threat to hospitals and therefore can stop wearing masks in most indoor places.

The CDC had endorsed universal masking in schools regardless of virus levels in the community since July, but it now recommends masks in schools only in counties at high risk.

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SAG AWARDS

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Awards, which are voted on by the Hollywood actors' guild SAG-AFTRA. Other awards went to Jean Smart of "Hacks," Kate Winslet of "Mare of Easttown and Michael Keaton of "Dopesick," who dedicated his award to his nephew, Michael. Keaton has previously said he died from fentanyl and heroin use in 2016.

The SAG Awards also coronated "The Queen" actress Helen Mirren. The five-time SAG winner was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

"Honestly, any achievement that I've succeed in is the result of my mantra which is basically: Be on time and don't be ass," said the 76-year-old Mirren. "Thank you, thank you, S-A-G so much for this. I hate to say the word 'sag' at my age."

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