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MLB All-Star Oceanfront Festival coming to Santa Monica beach and Pier

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

With the success of the Super Bowl Pregame Show already a glowing memory, the Pier is ramping up for more major sporting festivities — this time celebrating the MLB's annual All-Star Game coming to Dodger Stadium.

With the big game set for July 19, Major League Baseball is planning a series of "All-Star Week" events for Angelenos to enjoy. While activations typically take place in the immediate vicinity of the hosting stadium, this year the MLB plans to kick the festivities up a notch with a three-day beach-themed "All-Star Oceanfront" festival in Santa Monica from July 15 to 17.

The festival is intended to be a

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Girl Scout's pet project earns Gold Award



Courtesy photo

GOLD: Emma Brownrigg has achieved the Girl Scout Gold Award.

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Every dog owner has felt the creeping dread of realizing, 10 minutes away from home, that they forgot to restock their pet waste baggies before heading out on their evening walk with Fido.

And as unpleasant as it is to come across another pooch's mess (or find one on your front lawn), it's also an ecological issue; pet waste deposits harmful bacteria into Santa Monica's soil, much of which will eventually wash into the ocean.

Sunset Park residents and dog walkers who traverse Pearl Street have likely noticed a new addition to their neighborhood that's

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Vikings Softball



Emily Sawicki

SAMOHI: Samohi Vikings softball hosted the Torrance High School Tartars on Tuesday afternoon, falling 6-4 to their non-league foes. Junior Brielle Minor, No. 25, scored a solo home run, with Cienna Burgos also earning an RBI on a sacrifice bunt. Two more runs came in on Tartar errors. The loss brings the Vikings to a 3-5 record for the season, with the next game a home contest against Bishop Montgomery on Friday. League play begins next week.

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Calls to suspend gas taxes across U.S. grow as prices surge

DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

With gas prices at record highs across the U.S., an increasing number of governors and state lawmakers are calling for the suspension of gas taxes to provide relief to motorists who are facing the prospect of even higher pump prices as the country cuts off Russian oil imports.

Proposals for a "gas tax holiday" to counter inflation had been moving slowly in Congress and state capitols before Russia invaded Ukraine, but they have gained momentum this week amid surging prices that averaged $4.25 a gallon on Wednesday, according to AAA.

Republican legislative leaders in Michigan and Pennsylvania announced proposals Wednesday to suspend or reduce state gas taxes. That came after the Republican governor of Georgia and Democratic governor of California both called for relief from state gas taxes Tuesday, when President Joe Biden ordered a ban on Russian oil imports.

Meanwhile, the Democratic governors of Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin sent a joint letter to congressional leaders urging them to support legislation suspending the federal government's 18.4-cent-a-gallon gas tax through 2022.

Critics of the proposals say there is no guarantee the savings would get passed on to consumers and worry that suspending gas taxes could hurt funding for road projects. Even so, the eye-popping prices at the pump are prompting lawmakers to act.

"In the past several days, we have seen gas prices skyrocket to historic levels," Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman, a Republican running for governor, said in a memo seeking co-sponsors for the legislation. "We must do all that we can to address this now at the state government level and offer our support to hard-working families."

Pennsylvania's 57.6-cent-a-gallon gas tax is the highest in the nation, just ahead of California's. Corman said he is introducing legislation for a roughly one-third reduction through the rest of the year. The lost gas tax revenue would be offset by directing $500 million of federal COVID-19 relief aid to state police and issuing $650 million in bonds to ensure infrastructure projects remain funded.

Legislation pending in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate also would offset lost revenue from a gas tax suspension by transferring an equal amount of general fund dollars to the accounts that fund state highway and public transit programs. The legislation is opposed by groups that advocate for road and bridge funding. They fear a tax suspension would set a poor precedent and become politically difficult to restore, if politicians are cast as supporting a tax hike when it kicks back in.

The potential for lost infrastructure funding has been one of the biggest obstacles to those seeking to suspend or reduce gas taxes, but some state officials say they can afford the financial hit. Many states ended their 2021 fiscal years with record cash balances due to an influx of federal pandemic aid and a resurgent economy that yielded greater income and sales tax revenue than expected.

Suspending Michigan's 27.2-cent-a-gallon fuel tax for the remaining six months of the state fiscal year would cost about $750 million, Republican legislative leaders said.

"Michigan has billions of dollars in surplus revenue available," House Speaker Jason Wentworth said in statement Wednesday. "The solution here isn't complicated.

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Newsom wants tax rebate, touts 'California Way' of governing

ADAM BEAM AND DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed sending money back to taxpayers to offset record-high gas prices but rejected calls to increase oil drilling, saying he wants to free the state "once and for all from the grasp of petro-dictators."

The average price for a gallon of gas in California is the nation's highest at $5.44, according to AAA — a number that is likely to increase after President Joe Biden banned Russian oil imports on Tuesday in response to the country's invasion of Ukraine.

Newsom's proposal, announced during his annual State of the State address, would likely come in the form of a tax rebate. But the governor gave no specifics, saying he will work with legislative leaders "to put money back in the pockets of Californians to address rising gas prices."

Dee Dee Myers, Newsom's senior adviser, told reporters one option is to send the rebate to California residents who have a car, including people who are living in the country illegally. The money could go out as soon as this spring, pending legislative approval.

In a wide-ranging address, Newsom also warned that authoritarianism isn't just rising overseas, using his election-year speech to offer "a California Way" as the antidote to what he called the "agents of a national anger machine."

Newsom, a Democrat who handily beat back a mid-term recall campaign last year, also touted his administration's progress on homelessness, the economy, education and climate change in a speech to assembled lawmakers in an auditorium near the state Capitol. By contrast, last year's speech — given mid-pandemic — was delivered outdoors in an empty Dodger Stadium, which was being used as a mass-testing site.

This year, coronavirus case numbers and hospitalizations are plummeting and the nation's attention is drawn to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the accompanying spiraling gas prices. Republicans nationally and in California want to see the Biden administration increase drilling. Newsom rejected that call.

"Drilling even more oil," he said, "only leads to even more extreme weather, more extreme drought, more wildfire."

"We need to be fighting polluters, not bolstering them," Newsom said. "And in the process of so doing, freeing us once and for all from the grasp of petro-dictators."

As he did throughout the speech, Newsom offered "California's leadership" as the alternative, calling clean energy "this generation's greatest economic opportunity."

California is one of the nation's most oil-rich states and Republicans, who are a small minority in the Legislature and hold no statewide offices, see high gas prices as an election year issue they can exploit. California taxes gasoline at 51.1 cents per gallon, second only to Pennsylvania, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators.

"Gas prices are out of control. Let's suspend the gas tax, stop using foreign oil and focus on energy independence policies that don't place new burdens on working families," Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares said in the Republican "prebuttal" to Newsom's speech.

Newsom has additionally proposed pausing a slight increase in the state gas tax scheduled to take effect this summer. But Democratic leaders in the Legislature have balked at that proposal, arguing it would make it harder to maintain the state's roads while only providing barely noticeable relief at the pump.

Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher said Republicans, while critical of Newsom in other areas, can work with him on the tax rebate.

"If we have nearly a $60 billion surplus in the state, it means that people are overtaxed and we should be giving the voters and citizens of this state back some of their money, especially in the trying times that we're in when the cost of living is through the roof," Gallagher said.

The governor otherwise has been pushing to wean California, famous for its car culture, from the internal combustion engine.

Newsom has ordered the state to ban the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035 and halt all in-state oil drilling by 2045.

The Newsom administration has issued 632 oil drilling permits in 2021 and so far this year, but about 300 of them have not been used yet, according to the governor's office.

Several environmental groups said Newsom should impose an immediate moratorium on oil and gas development.

Newsom punched back at Republicans blaming Democratic policies for rising crime. He said California is funding increased crime-fighting efforts but will not "revert to heavy-handed policies that have marked the failures of the past."

Newsom began and ended his speech as if addressing a national audience as he decried developments elsewhere while promoting California's efforts at "finding new solutions to big problems." Democracy is in danger, Newsom warned.

"While we might not have strongmen literally waging war in our country, we are plagued by agents of a national anger machine, fueling division, weaponizing grievance," he said. "Powerful forces and loud voices — stoking fear and seeking to divide us, weakening the institutions of our democracy."

He offered as an alternative California's history of "expanding the horizon of what's possible."

"We know that government cannot be the entire solution, but we also know that government has always been part of the solution," Newsom said.

He said governments' goals should include promoting the private sector, encouraging diversity and "unifying toward common purpose."

Polls routinely show homelessness as one of the most pressing issue for California voters. The state has the largest homeless population in the nation and Newsom has budgeted a record $12 billion for various programs and initiatives but encampments still proliferate.

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2694 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO AMEND SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.36.290 TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF COMBUSTIBLE FUELS ON AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SANTA MONICA PIER WITHOUT A PERMIT

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2694 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The City Council previously adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 2681 on August 24, 2021, which added provisions to the Santa Monica Municipal Code prohibiting the use of combustible fuels on or in close proximity to the Pier. Emergency Ordinance Number 2694 (CCS) now prohibits the possession of combustible fuels on or in close proximity to the Pier without a permit and authorizes the impounding of unpermitted combustible fuel and tanks. The ordinance contains an exception for relatively small amounts of fuel, tanks less than 150 milliliters, as well as for fuel in vehicle fuel tanks used to propel the vehicle.

The Ordinance took effect upon adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 268 CALLS ON MARCH 8

Vandalism 2000Blk Ocean Ave 12:02 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:30 a.m.
Speeding 4th St / Interstate 10 12:34 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800Blk Pico Blvd 12:35 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:51 a.m.
Burglary 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:58 a.m.
Burglary 1200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:36 a.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk Harvard St 4:59 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:52 a.m.
Burglary 1000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:55 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Palisades Park 6:18 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved Franklin St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:19 a.m.
Vandalism 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:27 a.m.
Assault 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:09 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 2200Blk Virginia Ave 7:54 a.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Alta Ave 7:59 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 3200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:08 a.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk Harvard St 8:13 a.m.
Auto Burglary 800Blk Wilson Pl 8:34 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:43 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500Blk California Ave 8:49 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 400Blk 20th St 8:50 a.m.
Vandalism 3100Blk 4th St 9:14 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:17 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1000Blk California Ave 9:32 a.m.
Auto Burglary 3000Blk Linda Lane 9:35 a.m.
Fraud 2400Blk Virginia Ave 9:43 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1900Blk 4th St 9:51 a.m.
Burglary 2400Blk 28th St 10:13 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Donald Douglas Loop / Airport Ave 10:23 a.m.
General Parking Problem 3000Blk 3rd St 10:24 a.m.
Smoking Violation 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:31 a.m.
Vandalism 3100Blk 4th St 10:31 a.m.
Petty Theft 1500Blk 6th St 10:33 a.m.
Found Property 1500Blk 7th St 10:35 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1500Blk 18th St 11:08 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:43 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:46 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2100Blk Montana Ave 11:47 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1200Blk 5th St 11:52 a.m.
Expired Registration 2600Blk Highland Ave 11:54 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:12 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1900Blk Olympic Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 12:41 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1500Blk Princeton St 1:14 p.m.
Fraud 800Blk Wilson Pl 1:39 p.m.
Burglary 2400Blk 28th St 1:39 p.m.
Burglary 2400Blk 28th St 1:40 p.m.
Battery 2400Blk Ocean Front Walk 1:57 p.m.
Arson 2100Blk Olympic Blvd 1:57 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk Harvard St 2:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:09 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1200Blk 16th St 2:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 11th St / Pacific St 2:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 100Blk Georgina Ave 2:49 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 100Blk San Vicente Blvd 2:50 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1800Blk 7th St 3:05 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2500Blk 2nd St 3:10 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 23rd St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:15 p.m.
Battery 1300Blk 18th St 3:25 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600Blk Appian Way 3:31 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:40 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500Blk Beverley Ave 3:47 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 3:50 p.m.
General Parking Problem 17th St / Pico Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1900Blk 17th St 4:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900Blk 18th St 4:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:27 p.m.
Auto Burglary 700Blk Idaho Ave 4:30 p.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk Harvard St 4:42 p.m.
Battery 16th St / California Ave 4:43 p.m.
Battery 1300Blk 14th St 5:08 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1900Blk 6th St 5:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 2300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:12 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:15 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 34th St / Pico Blvd 5:31 p.m.
Rape 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:39 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200Blk Ocean Ave 6:03 p.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Olympic Dr 6:21 p.m.
Vandalism 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:09 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:54 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Broadway 7:59 p.m.
Public Intoxication 00Blk Seaview Ter 8:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:34 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:53 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:17 p.m.
Burglary 2800Blk 6th St 9:23 p.m.
Suicide 800Blk Wilson Pl 9:26 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 18th St / Broadway 9:29 p.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 9:36 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:48 p.m.
Prowler 1000Blk 6th St 10:53 p.m.
Found Property 1600Blk 7th St 11:04 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk 2nd St 11:10 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON MARCH 8

EMS 1100Blk 5th St 12:00 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 12:05 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Pico Blvd 2:31 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 19th St 3:36 a.m.
EMS 900Blk California Ave 4:10 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Hill St 6:02 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 9th St 6:04 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Marine St 6:14 a.m.
Vehicle Fire Franklin St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:17 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:26 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 6:30 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 4th St 7:37 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2700Blk Pennsylvania Ave 8:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 10th St 8:38 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 18th St 9:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1900Blk 4th St 9:51 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2000Blk 6th St 10:33 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1500Blk 7th St 10:34 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Arizona Ave 11:18 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 11:27 a.m.
EMS 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:13 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 100Blk Hart Ave 12:54 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 1:55 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:24 p.m.
Assist LAFD 200Blk Rose Ave 2:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 2:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300Blk Ocean Ave 3:05 p.m.
Wires Down 300Blk 11th St 3:20 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:21 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 18th St 3:56 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk Kansas Ave 4:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:27 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk Ocean Ave 4:41 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 14th St 5:14 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Ocean Ave 5:38 p.m.
EMS 26th St / Pico Blvd 5:54 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 6:21 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 6:54 p.m.
EMS 200Blk California Ave 7:50 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Wilson Pl 9:27 p.m.
EMS 500Blk San Vicente Blvd 10:03 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 10:28 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2200Blk Centinela Ave 8:09 a.m.

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2695 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING AMENDMENTS TO SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.08.780 TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE BY PROHIBITING CERTAIN ITEMS AT PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2695 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The City Council previously adopted Urgency Ordinance Number 2680 (CCS) on August 24, 2021, amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.08.780, to prohibit the carrying or possession of items that can readily be weaponized and serve no legitimate purpose at ban at community events and public assemblies. The ordinance was adopted with a sunset clause of 180 days, and direction to staff to return before February 28, 2022, for extension or other action. Emergency Ordinance 2965 (CCS) keeps the amendments to Section 4.08.780 previously imposed in effect until June 30, 2022, to allow for additional review.

The Ordinance took effect upon adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

TAX

FROM PAGE 2

Republicans are going to take action today and put a real plan on the governor's desk to actually lower the cost at the pump."

Though average gas prices are at record levels, they are not yet the highest that Americans have paid when adjusted for inflation. The previous record high of $4.10 a gallon in July 2008 would be equal to about $5.24 in today's dollars.

Proposals to suspend gas taxes are based on an assumption that the savings would be passed on to consumers.

"Money saved at the pump translates into dollars back in consumers' pockets for groceries, childcare, rent, and more," the six Democratic governors wrote in their letter Tuesday to Democratic and Republican congressional leaders.

But transportation advocates say that because of other factors affecting gas prices, the full amount of tax cuts may not be reflected at the pump.

On average, only about one-third of the value of previous gas tax cuts or tax increases were passed on to consumers, according to a 2020 report from the American Road & Transportation Builders Association that analyzed 113 state gas tax changes enacted over several years. That's because retail gas prices are influenced by complex factors, including the price of crude oil and supply-and-demand pressures.

"The real problem with this approach at both the federal and the state level is that there's no way to ensure that the people will see this savings when they go to the gas pump to fill up their cars, their SUVs and trucks," said Jim Tymon, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Last year, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp suspended state motor fuel taxes for several days to offset increasing prices after a computer hack led to the shutdown of a key pipeline that carries fuel to much of Georgia.

Kemp on Tuesday said he again wants to suspend the state's 29.1-cent-a-gallon gas tax because of rising prices, though details remain to be worked out in legislation introduced in the General Assembly.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom also renewed a call to provide relief from rising gas prices during his State of the State address Tuesday, after a previous proposal gained little traction in the Democratic-led legislature. The average price for a gallon of gas in California reached $5.57 on Wednesday — the highest nationally, according to AAA.

After Newsom's speech, California Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon issued a joint statement saying they plan to pursue tax relief from the general fund instead of "a small cut to the gas tax that might not get passed on to consumers."

Virginia lawmakers also were negotiating this week whether to suspend a recent gas-tax hike for one year. The proposal was a key campaign pledge of Gov. Glenn Youngkin, a Republican elected last November. The Republican-controlled House included the temporary 5-cent gasoline tax cut in its budget proposal, but the Democrat-controlled Senate did not.

Before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida had proposed a five-month pause on the state's gas tax this summer as part of a broader package of tax relief. Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker of Illinois also had proposed to halt an automatic 2.2-cent increase in the state's motor fuel tax as part of a broader tax-cut plan.

Lawmakers in other states — including Maryland, Minnesota, New York and Ohio — also have proposed to suspend or roll back gas taxes. A day after Russia invaded Ukraine, Missouri state Rep. Andrew Schwadron, a Republican, filed legislation to suspend the state's motor fuel taxes for six months, citing an emergency to protect consumers from rising prices.

"The quickest way that we could provide that relief would be by temporarily suspending that gas tax," he said.

Associated Press writers from across the U.S. contributed to this report.

Letter to the Editor

John Medlin Send comments to editor@smdp.com

In May 1942 LTG Johnathan Wainwright was the Commanding General at Corregidor. After five months of fighting the Japanese his 12,000 troops were surrounded, running out of food, ammo and medical supplies. When he surrendered to the Japanese he felt he would later be court marshaled. Instead in 1945 he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Corregidor - "his presence provided the example and incentive that helped make the gallant efforts of these men possible. The final stand on beleaguered Corregidor, for which he was in an important measure personally responsible, commanded the admiration of the nation's allies.".

Today Ukraine, after fighting a civil war in the Donbas Region since May 2014 with 14,000 Ukrainians already killed and with atrocities on both sides, is fighting a war against an invading Russia. Zelensky, elected President in 2019 to combat corruption and improve relations with Russia, was not successful in ending the civil war in Donbas, nor in getting elections for that region. Today he calls out from his bunker in Kyiv for Ukrainians to continue the fight – "Glory to Ukraine, Glory to Heroes". It has been inspiring to Ukrainians and brought admiration from around the world. However, I wonder how long it will be seen as heroic if the Russian Army continues to destroy Kyiv, Kharkiv, et al, resulting in the deaths of 100,000 or more Ukrainians. Russians have a history of destroying the cities of its enemies, civilians included: Berlin 1945, Budapest 1956, Grozny 1999, Aleppo 2016.

Perhaps its time for Zelensky to consider what is essential to the future of Ukraine. Are Crimea and the Donbas Region essential for a new Ukraine? Is it essential that Ukraine be a member of NATO or the EU? Is it essential to Ukraine, NATO and the US to risk a nuclear exchange so Ukraine can continue its fight against Russia? As it stands tonight likely 20,000 Ukrainians – civilian and military have died – and 5,000 Russian military. If this war continues until the end of March, those numbers will likely double or quadruple. How necessary is it to Ukrainian democracy that it "defeat" the Russians and throw them out of all of Ukraine? How many cheers will fill the air at the cemeteries for the fallen?

As a former U.S. Army Assistance Officer during the Viet Nam war I delivered the American Flag to an 18 year old widow of a 19 year old husband of six weeks. There was no glory in it, no heart warming cheers.

In 1956, President and former General of the Armies Dwight D Eisenhower made the hard choice to let the Hungarian Revolution fail. Over 30,000 Hungarians died. There was no glory in that decision. There were no cheers as we listened to the last message from Radio Free Hungary. Millions of Hungarians and Americans are alive today who likely wouldn't have been had the U.S. attacked Russia to save Hungary. Ike's choice was "difficult." As is life.

John Medlin, Santa Monica

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 FEBRUARY 26 AT 11:49 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1000 Block of 4th Street for a Fight in Progress call. A suspect description was provided by City Dispatchers along with information from the reporting party that a victim was repeatedly being kicked in the head. While en route to the location, officers observed an individual matching the description provided in an adjacent alley. David Rhodes Donovan Jr. was detained by officers pending their investigation. Based on video provided by a witness, a fight ensued in the alley over property. Donovan repeatedly struck the victim even after the victim stopped fighting back. Donovan was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked for Assault Likely to Cause Bodily Injury. Donovan remains in police custody pending a March 15 court date.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4421 TOWING SERVICES FOR BUS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Submission Deadline is March 24, 2022 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the City's Online Vendor Portal. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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Letter to the Editor

John C. Smith
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

I recently took a midnight stroll to the foot of Wilshire Boulevard and looked out from the Palisades Park bluffs at the always inspiring Pacific Ocean. To many of us who live here, the ocean is our front yard and the most beautiful sight in the world. Such sights are the reasons we have a California Coastal Commission, and the reason I'm writing.

Let me sum it up in one sentence: "The California Coastal Commission should vote to delay the Miramar makeover for four reasons: The size and questionable design of the project, conflicts of interest, it's controversial approval and the geological risks the project poses to the fragile bluffs in Palisades Park just 50 paces away across the street."

THE PROJECT ITSELF

Miramar owner Michael Dell is one of the world's richest men, but claims he needs to pay for his super-sized hotel by packing 60 luxury condos worth millions apiece into a giant cruise ship shaped like a boomerang above the bluffs. Every other luxury hotel in the city has somehow managed to profit without such condos. Also, moving the main entrance off Wilshire and onto Ocean, Second and California Avenues will clog up the city's ONLY direct route to and from PCH via the California Incline. It will also create a new quagmire of downtown traffic on Wilshire because hotel visitors will have to turn right onto Second before they turn left into the hotel's new entrance against opposing traffic. This unnecessary re-engineering will also funnel record numbers of vehicles directly into Santa Monica's densest and most-populous neighborhood. The underground parking scheme is another anomaly. Spaces will somehow be parceled out between condo owners, hotel guests, employees and others, but silly you if you think any of the hotel's expansive food, maid or service staff will ever be allowed a spot. All that underground parking (and three solid years of constant construction) will also encroach on and turn the city's most-treasured (and landmarked) Moreton Fig tree into the world's-biggest potted plant, while challenging its very existence. All for a bare-minimum amount of affordable housing built as cheaply as possible across the street.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The city's longest-serving Council member and former mayor decided (rightly so) to recuse herself from voting on the project, because it was uncovered that her husband had been working for Michael Dell for several years, including during the project's most formable stages. Yet this obvious conflict of interest was never disclosed publicly until just before the vote. Such a lack of local government transparency should never have happened. But it did. Also, many of the lawyers working on the project as well as their family members, made substantial donations to two Council members and the city's most-powerful (and development-friendly) PAC. We all know some of these same cheerleaders are the ones writing letters and emails of support for the project to the Coastal Commission and paying others to do so as well. If you listen in Thursday as the Commission debates the project and I do hope you will, you will also hear more people being paid to sing its praises.

Please believe residents instead. No one pays us. We won't make money off this project. We just love our city.

THE VOTE AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

The Santa Monica City Council approved the Miramar redesign two weeks before Election Day in 2020 by a vote of 4-2, with one recusal. Had the vote happened AFTER the election as so many residents had suggested, the project most likely would have never been approved. On that Election Day two weeks later, three of the four Council members who voted for the project LOST. Voters soundly replaced them with a "change" slate of three responsible growth candidates. The fourth vote in favor was cast by a Council member who had just been APPOINTED a few months before.

GEOLOGIC RISKS

Please don't take chances with the fragile bluffs just across the street from the current hotel. Imagine what kind of pounding three or four years of rumbling trucks, heavy cranes, tons of dirt and materials and constant construction will have on the fragile Palisades Bluffs. This risk was NEVER adequately addressed in the EIR for the project. Coastal Commissioners know all too well about the fragility of such bluffs up and down our coast. I remember moving here 25 years ago when the city had to close almost all of Palisades Park to replace the wall along the edge because the cliffs below much of the old one had eroded away. Our fragile bluffs demand and deserve the scrutiny only a through geologic examination ordered by the Commission can provide. To neglect to do so is counter to everything the Coastal Commission stands for.

At that very foot of Wilshire I spoke of earlier, just five or so steps from the edge of the bluffs, stands a statue of Saint Monica, our city's namesake. Out-of-towners probably don't know she stands on a grass pedestal shaped like a heart. Others may not be aware of the Catholic belief that she sheds a tear for her errant son. That edge of the bluffs where she stands is closer to Ocean Avenue than at any other point in Palisades Park. It's just a few feet away. Go there and see for yourself. The huge Miramar Mega-Hotel-Condo/Retail Complex would be just 50 paces away.

For this reason and others above, the Miramar makeover should never have been approved by the City Council. Its construction jeopardizes the bluffs that support one of the most beautiful coastal parks in the world. The project should not be approved by the California Coastal Commission as it stands.

Please, Coastal Commission. Delay this project. Examine the geology. The EIR neglected to do so adequately, as you will discover. Please protect our fragile bluffs. Protect our part of the coast. Protect our landmarked Park overlooking the Pacific. And protect the statue of Saint Monica that stands so perilously close to the edge of those bluffs. What a tragedy it would be to give her more reasons to cry should something preventable happen to the very ground she stands on… Thank You.

John C. Smith, Former Chair and current Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commissioner

City of Santa Monica

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

SUBJECT: **Proposed Extension of Interim Zoning Regulations Extending Timelines for Expiration of Planning Permits Due to Unavoidable Delays Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic and to Further Economic Recovery Efforts**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending interim zoning regulations established by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2688 (CCS) until December 31, 2022.

The interim zoning regulations amend Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.37.070 to codify the extension of timeframes for permits issued pursuant to the City's Zoning Ordinance that were previously established by emergency order due to unavoidable delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The interim zoning regulations also extend eligibility for such timeframe extensions through December 31, 2022 and allow for flexibility in requesting certain additional extensions to permit timeframes to further the City's economic recovery efforts. Specifically, the interim zoning regulations extend by two years deadlines to exercise and continuously pursue the rights granted under planning entitlements, permits, and approvals issued and still active between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2022 and for applications received between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2022. Such projects may also request a first time extension or other extension pursuant to SMMC Section 9.37.090(C)(1) and 9.37.090(C)(2) at any time at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the permit.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M.**

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 to listen to the meeting per the phone number that will be published on the meeting agenda.

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 22, 2022 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Permit Extensions IZO

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project, please contact Jing Yeo at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@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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Blues, Ballet, Tabla, Jazz, Piano



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MUSIC: Bluesman JOHN NEMETH

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

GERALD CLAYTON & Friends – Here are some things I might tell you: born in Utrecht, Netherlands but raised in LA in a royal musical family (Clayton Brothers Quintet, renowned bassist father's Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra), attended LACHSA and earned the 2002 Presidential Scholar of the Arts Award, studied at USC /Thornton under Billy Childs, after a year in New York with Kenny Barron, placed second in the prestigious Thelonious Monk Jazz Piano competition in '06 (God took first but is no longer allowed to enter), received a GRAMMY nomination for his debut album, and three more for his next two albums, continues as Musical Director of the Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour, recorded with Diana Krall, Roy Hargrove, Dianne Reeves, John Scofield, and has been associated nearly a decade with sax legend Charles Lloyd. But all you really need to know you will discover after just a few minutes of his virtuosic but sublime, fully engaged explorations of art and life, on the piano keys. He is immersed in his performance, and it is transcendent. Fri, Sat 7:30, 9 p.m., Sam First, LAX, $25.

LA OPERA presents BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION – Oh boy, oh boy, it's been months since LA Opera's last great production, classic Rossini riffs in "Cinderella" (like you'd never seen her), and then there was heavy Wagner in "Tannhauser" before that, how can they top that, well, possibly with the Bach opera that many consider one of the finest pieces of sacred music in the Western world, and with the Hamburg Ballet on stage as well. Sat, Thurs 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $23-292.

SOUTHSIDE SLIM – Thank you, Harvelle's, for once again making available, right here in downtown SM, a bluesman of rare talent and energy (and he is no kid!). Slim absolutely tore it up there recently, with his jaw-dropping guitar work and killer band pushing a mix of soulful blues both slow and frantic, jazz, funk, Latin, soul and R&B, and a guest vocalist who filled the dance floor. Sat 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

JOHN NEMETH – I almost missed this listing! Shame on me, because you shouldn't miss one of the best bluesmen around, and he's not even 80. But it seems like I "discovered" Nemeth so long ago, through some musician friend's A+ recommendation, either Wes Starr (TX) or Steve Mugalian (SM). (Hmmm - both are drummers.) He might just be both the finest blues shouter AND harp blower, and that is saying something. Mon 8 p.m., Maui Sugar Mill Saloon, Tarzana, $20.

EM the MASTER –Every Tuesday night, witness the magic of Em. I've been giving EM's show a HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for months now and still do. She sings, dances, has dancers. She crawls across the floor like a reptile, gripping the mic and never missing a beat. She doesn't play the piano, she attacks it. Uses her voice as an instrument in creative ways. Her energy is nonstop and seemingly limitless. Writes terrific songs perfect for her act. More talent than anyone has a right to. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10..

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - HAMILTON — Still with us, but only two more weeks. Tonight - Thurs, Fri, Sat, Tues, Wed, next Thurs 8 p.m., Sun 1 p.m., 6:30 p.m., also Sat 2 p.m., Pantages Theater, Hollywood, $49-3000+, depending on date/time.

JANIS IAN – Finally she's here! After being booked months ago under pandemic restrictions. Her End of the Line tour. She will probably have a lot to say. But it is months ago sold out, so bring a bunch of Benjamins and see if someone in line is more a fan of him than her. Fri, Sat 8 p.m, $40, Master Class Sun 12N (did you Spring your clocks forward?), $50, McCabe's, Santa Monica.

SOUNDS OF LA with SALAR NADER – This is part two of the Getty's revitalized short series of monthly world music concerts, and if the first one, led by Nobuko Miyamoto was any indication y'all should definitely catch the last two. This features tabla master Nader, musically celebrating the Afghani New Year (Nawrooz), with a rare lineup of fellow Middle Eastern virtuosi, Homayoun Sakhi (rhubâb), Chetram Sahni (dhol), with Hangama Zohra and Shamali Afghan (vocals). Sat 7 p.m., Sun 4 p.m. (did you Spring your clocks forward?), Getty Center, Brentwood, free with reservations, $15-20 parking.

LIBRARY GIRL presents "I'M GONNA FIND ME A RESTLESS WOMAN," Redux reading of play "TENT SHOW" – This should be great, an insight into the poet/writer SUSAN HAYDEN who created this series but usually gives the spotlight to the work of others. She put aside this play after its performance in Hollywood 30 years ago, spoke to me about four years ago about wanting to resurrect it, and here 'tis! With the original lead actress, O-Lan Jones! A lesson for artists of all stripes – don't abandon those old ideas you always thought had merit, they may be gold someday. Sun 7 p.m. (did you Spring your clocks forward?), Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica Airport, $20 (includes, I can testify, really yummy, cooked before you tacos and gorditas, plus, always, desert, 6 p/m.)

MIDORI – You've never caught her, in 35 years? Her "accuracy of pitch, clarity of tone,

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GOLD AWARD

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designed to make it easier to clean up after their dogs: plastic two-liter bottles zip tied to City signposts that work almost like a little free library, but for pet waste bags.

They're there thanks to Sunset Park resident Emma Brownrigg. The Samohi junior has just completed her Girl Scouts Gold Award, a prestigious honor offered by the 121-year-old institution.

Brownrigg, who has been a Girl Scout with Troop 15165 for 10 years — since second grade — had it in mind she wanted to earn the achievement, the highest honor awarded by Girl Scouts of the USA.

She didn't have to look far for inspiration.

"We started fostering dogs during the pandemic, through Wags and Walks Adoption Center," Brownrigg described. Her family had just experienced the death of one of their dogs and opened up their home to foster while everyone was at home full time. "I was responsible for taking care of the dogs. I was the dog walker; that was my job."

From there, Brownrigg said she realized she wanted her Gold Award project to focus on animals' wellbeing. The idea was a natural fit for Brownrigg, who since middle school has dreamed of studying pre med in college en route to becoming a psychiatrist or dietician.

"I've had that picture of me in my mind for a while — I want to focus on public health," Brownrigg said. "My project kind of has to do with public health. So that was also something that I wanted to tie in some way."

Walking the foster dogs up and down Pearl, Brownrigg said she would see lots of other neighborhood pooches out for a stroll and got to thinking about how many pets live in her neighborhood.

"There's been times where I've forgotten bags, and I've been like, 'Oh, crap. I need to go home, I feel terrible,'" Brownrigg described. "I can't just leave this here, in front of somebody's house. So, let me do something with this, you know, to help people out when they leave them behind or they need an extra one. So yeah, that's kind of when my inspiration struck."

Brownrigg began by building a prototype bag dispenser and presenting it to the local Girl Scouts Council, which signed off on the concept and offered guidance and advice. Then, she reached out to the City of Santa Monica for approval, which she received through the Office of Sustainability. She also discussed the project with her neighborhood association, Friends of Sunset Park, which also approved the plan.

Earning a Gold Award takes about 80 hours of service, and part of that process involves creating a team and getting the community involved. To that end, Brownrigg worked with Troop 4235, a group of middle school aged Cadette Girl Scouts, to collect bottles and construct dispensers. In all, Brownrigg said she collected 30 two-liter soda bottles, out of the 50 she ended up needing to complete the project. The Cadettes helped her turn them into bag dispensers.

Brownrigg said she hoped her project might inspire the younger Scouts, much in the same way she was inspired at their age.

"When I was at their level, we had a couple older Girl Scouts present their projects to us, and I remember being like, 'Oh my gosh, that's so cool. I can't wait to do that.' I just remember being super excited to be at that level and make an impact on my community," Brownrigg said. "So, I hope I had that same effect in inspiring these girls to do the same and, you know, to stick with it and continue."

On Feb. 19, Brownrigg (with her mom's help) set up the bottles, which can be found on every street corner from 34th Street to Lincoln Boulevard along Pearl Street. Each one was placed with 10 biodegradable bags already inside, plus a laminated label describing the project and including a QR code to a website Brownrigg built with more info (erbrownrigg.wixsite.com). Two weeks later, she went back and did an inventory of the bottles to see if they were holding up and being used by the community, which they were.

In earning her Award, Brownrigg joins a prestigious group of Scouts. Fewer than six percent of Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award, which takes an average of one to two years to achieve. Those awardees are often offered college scholarships reserved for Gold Award recipients and may even enter the U.S. military with a higher rank. According to the Girl Scouts, approximately 1 million Scouts have earned the award or its equivalent since 1916.

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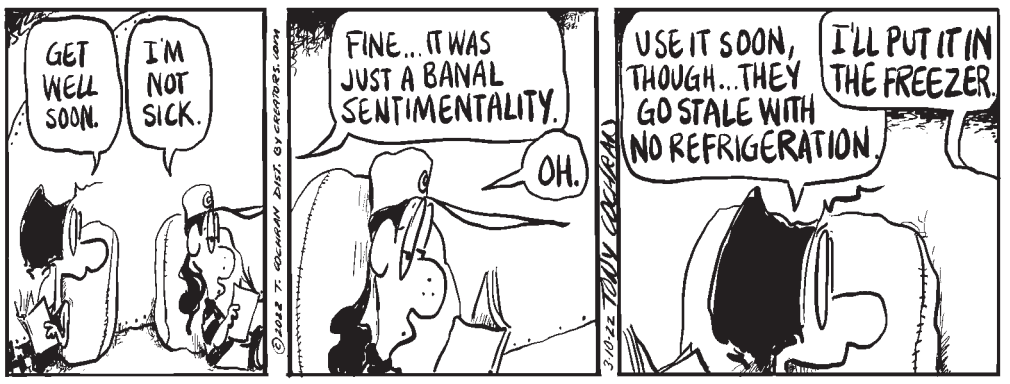
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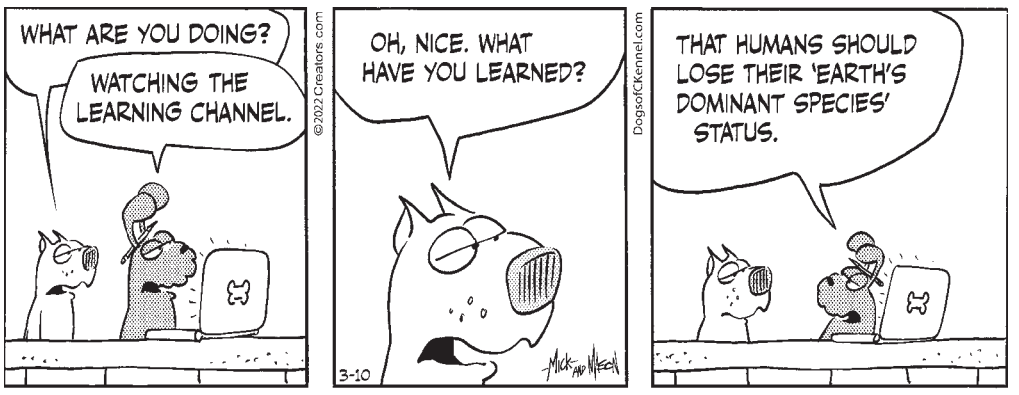
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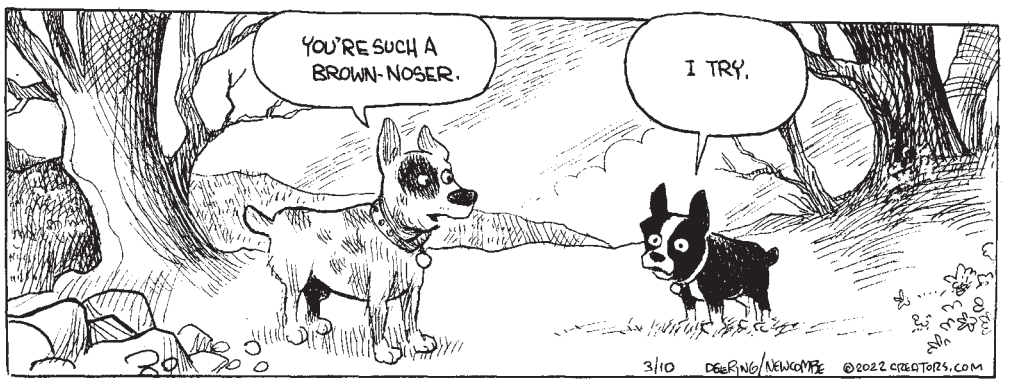
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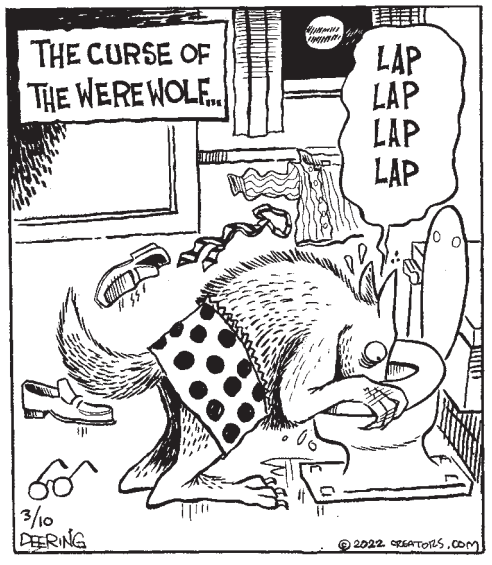
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.3°

THURSDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
NW swell bumps up a notch. Wind trending more favorable for the morning. Onshore flow likely for the afternoon, then wind may clock back offshore before dark.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee
Another day of trace NW swell. Breezy offshore flow likely for the morning.

WEATHER

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 64.
Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 46. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 69. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/03/11	Fri	12:07 PM	0.35	L
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a big heart. Move past the wrong someone did you. Wipe the slate clean. Love and forgiveness will weave together like entwined fingers of prayerful hands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Rejection is no fun, but you'll risk it for a chance at a dream. You'll get your pitch together, suit up, go where there might be opportunity, find someone to talk to and you'll make friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Mentally, you'll be sharp in the morning and then again late at night. Afternoons bring a slump — pleasant enough if you just give into it. Good company helps.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your identity is an ever-developing idea. You have your eye on a group you'd like to fit into. You'll think about how you might fit in, why you want to, and what it means to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may feel nostalgia for the past while simultaneously realizing that the time to be alive is now. The opportunities are many and you have more control over your life than ever before.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even when you're not looking for love, you don't rule out adding more of it to your life. Love, in its many forms, will be out there looking for you today. You'll soon consider yourself found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Every choice has a price. It is obvious that money, time and energy will be exchanged, but that is not all. Get tuned into the hidden costs that are difficult to calculate because they will add up over time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Send a message of appreciation, admiration or forgiveness to your own mirror. If there's something keeping you from doing this, identify the issue and brainstorm about what might help you get past it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone needs a little attention. Today is one of those days when you need more than usual. You will get it — perhaps from an audience. You're very entertaining and their laughter and applause are a balm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may worry whether your work is good enough, and you can take that as a sign that you'll excel. Because you care, you'll learn what matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Searching for shortcuts is a waste of time. You'll make the most progress by hoofing the known road, making people comfortable by doing the expected things, and keeping operations running smoothly by checking all the boxes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The frivolous things, the jokes, the celebrations, the details that no one seems to care about but you... these are worthy pursuits. Silly triviality will be the key to unlock a wondrous rush.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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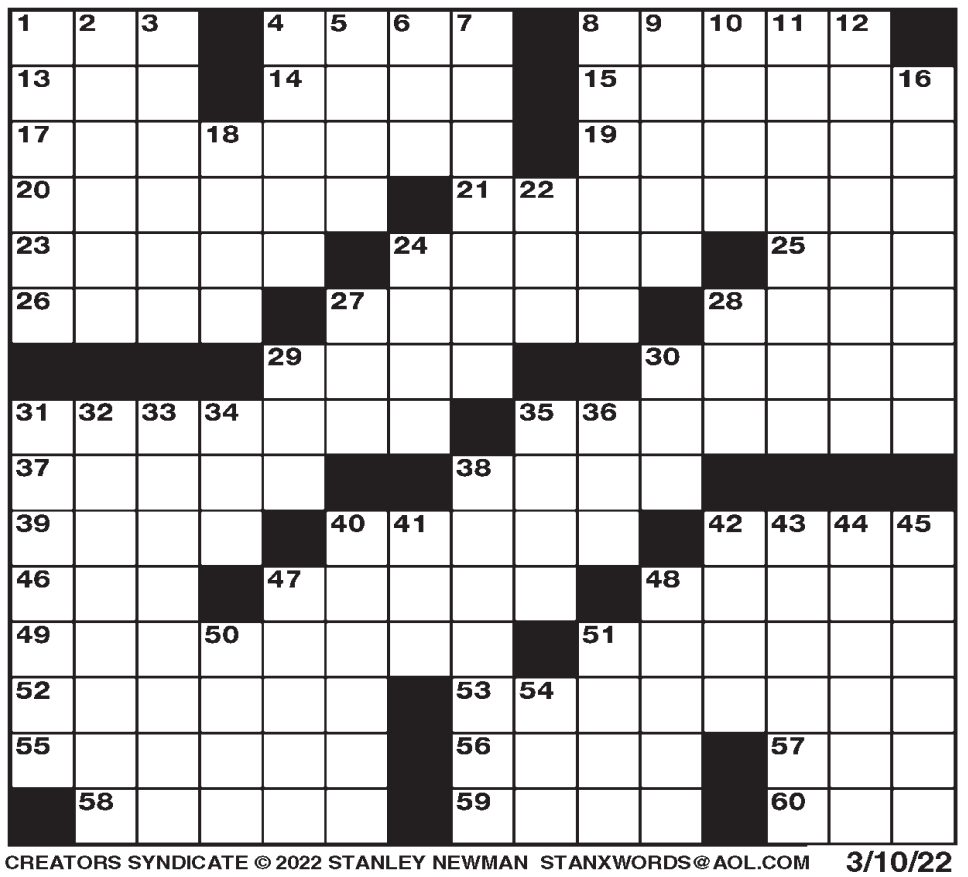
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 "Saturated" stuff
4 Wood processors
8 Coalitions
13 Water cooler
14 Source of the Niagara River
15 Small evergreen
17 The world of education
19 Slips on a slip, at times
20 Nary a soul
21 Be treacherous
23 Outlandish
24 Brake parts
25 Terse acknowledgment
26 Surface boundary
27 Heron habitat
28 Reach great heights
29 Brace (oneself)
30 Italy's "Supreme Poet"
31 Of the heart
35 Ranch-topped, say
37 Barnyard sound
38 Keep at it
39 "Poor" guy
40 Knock-down-drag-out
42 Tools made from yarn
46 Short break of a sort
47 Iron entryways
48 Soak for a spell
49 Classy quality
51 "Chill!"
52 Ultimately prevailed
53 Place for a horseshoe
55 Sound heard in *Snow White . . .*
56 Rental apartment
57 Seashells on a string
58 Henry Ford II's dad
59 Staying power, so to speak
60 Knack for discernment

DOWN
1 Future groom
2 Meeting of the minds
3 Something dunked at dinner
4 Ramshackle
5 Service group
6 Nintendo console
7 Flier over water
8 Opposite of "Yummy!"
9 Carefree escapades
10 What we share
11 WWII GI meals
12 Line on a 1 Down's to-do list
16 Done with difficulty
18 Short break of a sort
22 Ornery beast
24 Ste. Jeanne __
27 Hamm of soccer fame
28 Finnair rival
29 Western exclamation
30 Comfy retreat
31 *60 Minutes* producer
32 Isolated
33 Was back in business
34 Bit of toothpaste
35 Female rabbits
36 Expensive spread
38 Exultant
40 Hearth adjunct
41 Sentence shortener
42 __ number (SST stat)
43 Restaurant critic's voice in *Ratatouille*
44 "Rats!" relative
45 Arms-length image
47 Filmy fabric
48 Source for sugar
50 Walks away
51 Naval cell
54 Word on a dime



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | MARCH 10

ROCK N COMEDY
Carefully Curated Comedy Show at Rock N Pies in Santa Monica on the second Thursday of the every month. 8:30pm doors open and the show starts at 9pm. $10 online $15 at door. Comedians from NBC, Netflix, Amazon Prime, BET and more. Use code PIES for half off tickets while they last. 1120 Wilshire Blvd.

STORYTIME AT CAYTON'S MUSEUM
Join us for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays and, after storytime, enjoy the museum for FREE! Registration is required. Register here: https://bit.ly/SMPLCayton 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 395 Santa Monica Pl Suite 374 Level 3

FRIDAY | MARCH 11

ALICE BEASLEY QUILTS EXHIBITION
The California Heritage Museum is pleased to present a 30 year retrospective by Oakland quilt artist Alice Beasley. Quilt artist Alice Beasley has been making quilts since 1988. Fabric is her chosen medium of expression through which she creates realistic portraits of people and objects. The exhibition will open on Friday, March 11th and conclude on Sunday, June 12th , 2022, open Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 4pm. There will be a MEET THE ARTIST event on Saturday, March 12 from 2 to 5 p.m.

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 the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House.

SAMOHI THEATRE 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. Reserved seating is available at samohitheatre.org. Ticket $15 (Adults) and $10 (Students).

SATURDAY | MARCH 12

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LEON CYCLE SANTA MONICA GRAND OPENING
Leon Cycle will have food, drinks, music, free swag and we will be raffling off a free E-Bike at its grand opening celebration. Leon Cycle has a lounge with a complimentary espresso machine and offers demo bikes for test rides. The store is pet and kid friendly.

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. Tours are free for members and $10 for the general public. The reservation link is smc.givecloud.co/dwt. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

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SUNDAY | MARCH 13

ORCHESTRA SANTA MONICA CONCERT
Orchestra Santa Monica is bringing the full symphony orchestra to perform in the heart of Santa Monica. Led by Music Director Roger Kalia, the orchestra will perform Shostakovich's Symphony No. 9 and the Brahms Violin Concerto (soloist Nathan Cole). The concert will open with Seven O'Clock Shout, written by Valerie Coleman to honor front line workers. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Broad Stage, 1310 11th 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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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D J A C K A L I P E O S T P A
R O R E E D P X B G K K E E P
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W E A S E L D R A M I M O L E

Alpaca	Deer	Jaguar	Possum
Animals	Dingo	Koala	Puma
Apes	Display	Mink	Rabbit
Bats	Eland	Mole	Raccoon
Bear	Exit	Mouse	Rhinoceros
Bird	Fish	Musk	Sheep
Buffalo	Food	Okapi	Snake
Cages	Gorilla	Orang-utan	Specialist
Chimpanzee	Hound	Parrot	Water
Climb	Ibis	Pens	Weasel
Cubs	Jackal	Picnic	Zebra

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BASEBALL

FROM PAGE 1

celebration of Los Angeles' beach and athletic culture and will feature a range of sporting and wellness programming. The activities, which are free and open to all, will be hosted on the Pier deck parking lot and adjacent beach area.

"There are certain things that naturally come to mind when you think of summertime, and among those are, of course, Major League Baseball and the Santa Monica Pier," said Pier Corporation Executive Director Jim Harris. "So this opportunity for us to partner on this great event is going to make for a very, very special summertime experience here at the Pier!"

To commemorate and build excitement around the All-Star game coming to Los Angeles, a baseball diamond will be set up on the Santa Monica beach to host a series of community and celebrity games. Youth leagues from Santa Monica and the LA area will be invited to participate in games and clinics, and members of the public will be able to sign up online to play on the diamond for free. There will also be a game with special guests including a former player and celebrity fan.

For optimal game viewing, the MLB will be setting up temporary beachfront bleachers. The beach area will also include a yoga space, which will host a free class a day for approximately 200 people, in addition to photo opportunities and baseball themed sand sculpting.

Up on the Pier deck parking lot, there will be a series of baseball related activities as well as baseball themed food and drinks. The MLB intends on working with existing Pier vendors to supply the provisions and ensure that local businesses benefit from the festivities. Pier activities will include batting cages, pitching cages, Esports, a make your own custom baseball card station, MLB merchandise, giveaways and music from DJs and local artists.

Large scale events are not typically allowed on the Santa Monica beach during the busy summer months due to the City's desire to preserve maximum access for beachgoers.

According to a City staff report, the MLB worked closely with a range of City departments to ensure its event proposal was in line with community objectives. These include safety and security, sustainability, traffic management and supporting local businesses. Notably, the MLB aims to host a zero waste, water efficient and carbon neutral event that leaves the area in the same condition it was prior to the event.

The MLB's proposal was supported unanimously by City Council in a March 8 meeting, with the exception of Councilmember Kristin McCowan as she recused herself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

The staff report outlined several benefits the City stands to receive from the proposed event.

"Considerable benefit to the City's brand, global visibility, and reputation would accrue from one of its most iconic and picturesque locations being used as a key event site related to a major, globally followed sporting event," stated the report. "This was demonstrated as recently as February 2022 with the NFL's Super Bowl LVI in Inglewood, for which NBC Sports located one of its primary pre-game broadcast locations on the Santa Monica Pier with a stunning backdrop of the iconic Ferris wheel and beachfront. Such activations and brand enhancement provide long-term boosts to economic investment and regional, national, and international tourism in Santa Monica."

Other benefits include revenue generated from transient occupancy (hotel) taxes, sales tax and parking revenue from visitors who come to Santa Monica for the event as well from staff and sponsors who will be in the area for the week of the event activation. The festival will also provide the City with relevant experience in the lead up to the 2028 Summer Olympics when the beach volleyball games will take place on the Santa Monica beach.

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NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 6

and rhythmic care" (LA Times)? Me neither, but I intend to now, a sure bet. Mozart, Schumann, Bach, Skalkottas, Brahms, with piano accompaniment, by Özgür Aydin. Wed 8 p.m. (did you Spring your clocks forward?),Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $64-123.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — Have you gone to catch his unique show yet, every Sunday night at Harvelle's, here in SM? I've been recommending him for... decades. Choreographer to the biggest stars, smoky-voiced hep cat, creator of a unique floor show, with his dames, circus hoops, and a band that is truly a knockout. Trust me. You've never seen anything like Toledo. You will not forget this show and likely you will be back, friends in tow. Sun 9:30 p.m. (did you Spring your clocks forward?), Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

DANIEL ROTEM & "Wise One": Celebrating the Music of JOHN COLTRANE – Going out on a limb a little on this one because I'm not familiar with this ensemble, and only with two of the four players, but, those two are gold, BILLY CHILDS on piano and DAREK OLES on standup bass, and they are playing the music of COLTRANE so, worth a gamble. Wed 7:30, 9 p.m., Sam First, LAX, $25.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: HILLARY HAHN, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3/18, 19, 20; DAVID HIDALGO, RICK HOLMSTROM BAND, McCabe's, 3/20; LA OPERA presents BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION, 3/20, 23, 26, 27; IOLANTA, PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT, 3/20, 26, 27; LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III, McCabe's, 3/21. 22; FREDA PAYNE, Vibrato, 3/24; LA PHIL plays MAHLER 7th, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3/24. 26, 27; PETE ESCOVEDO, Vibrato, 3/30; JAVIER CAMARENA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 3/31, 4/2; LA PHIL with ZUBIN MEHTA, MOZART'S GREAT MASS, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3/31, 4/1, 2, 3; TOM RUSH, McCabe's, 4/6; ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 4/6; ELIZA GILKYSON with NINA GERBER, McCabe's, 4/8.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

NEWSOM

FROM PAGE 2

In his speech, Newsom touted his plan unveiled last week to create new Care Courts in each county that could force those with mental health issues off the street and into treatment.

But Gallagher, the GOP leader, said Newsom has already spent billions of dollars to fight homelessness, "and the problem has gotten worse. You can't just show up and do some cleanups with the camera around and another photo op and say, 'Mission accomplished.' That's not working."

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