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Juneteenth and Cesar Chavez Day become official Santa Monica holidays

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The longstanding Black and Latino populations of Santa Monica now have two new holidays officially recognized by the City that commemorate their communities' contributions to American history: Juneteenth and Cesar Chavez Day.

Juneteenth has been celebrated by Black Americans since 1865 and became a federal holiday in 2021, while Cesar Chavez Day has

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California settles with 'drinkable sunscreen' maker

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A company that marketed and sold a "drinkable sunscreen" has agreed to a legal settlement to resolve allegations of deceptive advertising, California's attorney general announced Wednesday.

Marketing and sale of the product called UVO stopped during the investigation, Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a statement.

"We may want a shortcut, but the truth

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Zelenskyy pleads for help in impassioned speech to Congress

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy summoned memories of Pearl Harbor and the Sept. 11 terror attacks Wednesday in an impassioned live-video plea to Congress to send more help for Ukraine's fight against Russia. Lawmakers stood and cheered, and President Joe Biden later announced the U.S. is sending more anti-aircraft, anti-armor weapons and drones.

Biden also declared that Russian President Vladimir Putin is a war criminal — his strongest condemnation yet — the day after the Senate unanimously asked for international investigations of Putin for war crimes in Ukraine.

In a moment of high drama at the Capitol, Zelenskyy livestreamed his speech to a rapt audience of lawmakers on a giant screen, acknowledging from the start that the no-fly zone he has repeatedly sought to "close the sky" to airstrikes on his country may not happen. Biden has resisted that, as well as approval for the U.S. or NATO to send MiG fighter jets from Poland as risking wider war with nuclear-armed Putin.

Instead, Zelenskyy pleaded for other military aid and more drastic economic sanctions to stop the Russian assault with the fate of his country at stake.

Wearing his now-trademark army green T-shirt, Zelenskyy began his remarks to "Americans, friends" by invoking the destruction the U.S. suffered in 1941 when Japan bombed the naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon by militants who commandeered passenger airplanes to crash into the symbols of Western democracy and economy.

"Remember Pearl Harbor? ... Remember September 11?" Zelenskyy asked. "Our country experiences the same every day right now."

To end the invasion, Zelenskyy told the American lawmakers: ""I call on you to do more."

Nearing the three-week mark in an ever-escalating war, Zelenskyy has used the global stage to implore allied leaders to help stop the Russian invasion of his country. The young actor-turned-president has emerged as a heroic figure at the center of what many view as the biggest security threat to Europe since World War II. Almost 3 million refugees have fled Ukraine as the violence has spread, the fastest exodus in modern times.

Biden, who said he listened to Zelenskyy's speech at the White House, did not directly respond to the criticism that the U.S. should be doing more for the Ukrainians. But he said, "We are united in our abhorrence of Putin's depraved onslaught, and we're going to continue to have their backs as they fight for their freedom, their democracy, their very survival."

Later, leaving an unrelated event, he declared of Putin: "He's a war criminal." — the sharpest condemnation yet of Putin and Russian actions by a U.S. official since the invasion of Ukraine.

Biden noted that Russia has bombed hospitals and held doctors hostage.

At the White Hose, Biden described new help he had already been prepared to announce. He said the U.S. will be sending an additional $800 million in military assistance, making a total of $2 billion in such aid since he took office more than a year ago. About $1 billion in aid has been sent in the past week. Biden said the new assistance includes 800 Stinger anti-aircraft systems, 100 grenade launchers, 20 million rounds of small arms ammunition and grenade launchers and mortar rounds and an unspecified number of drones.

"We're going to give Ukraine the arms to fight and defend themselves through all the difficult days ahead," Biden said.

Zelenskyy, speaking from the capital of Kyiv, showed the packed auditorium of lawmakers a graphic video of the destruction and devastation his country has suffered in the war, along with heartbreaking scenes of civilian casualties.

"We need you right now," he said.

Lawmakers gave him a standing ovation, before and after his short remarks, which Zelenskyy began in Ukrainian through an interpreter but then switched to English in a heartfelt appeal to help end the bloodshed.

"I see no sense in life if it cannot stop the deaths," he said.

Among the new military hardware that Biden approved are 100 Switchblade 300 missile system drones that Zelenskyy had been seeking, according to a U.S. official familiar with the decision. The official was not authorized to comment publicly by name about the sensitive matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Lawmakers, with rare unity, appeared moved by the speech. Sen. Angus King, the Maine independent. said there was a "collective holding of the breath" in the room during Zelenskyy's address. Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said, "If you did not look at that video and feel there is an obligation for not only the United States but the free countries of the world to come together in support of Ukraine, you had your eyes closed." Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin called the address heartbreaking and said, "I'm on board with a blank check on sanctions, just whatever we can do to stop this Russian advance."

Outside the Capitol demonstrators held a large sign lawmakers saw as they walked back to their offices. "No Fly Zone=World War 3."

The Ukrainian president is no stranger to Congress, having played a central role in Donald Trump's first impeachment. As president, Trump was accused of withholding security aid to Ukraine as he pressured Zelenskyy to dig up dirt on political rival Biden. Zelenskyy spoke Wednesday to many of the same Republican lawmakers who declined to impeach or convict Trump, but are among the bipartisan groundswell in Congress now clamoring for military aid to Ukraine.

He thanked the American people for the outpouring of support, even as he urged Biden to do more.

"You are the leader of the nation. I wish you to be the leader of the world," he said "Being the leader of the world means being the leader of peace."

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Fed begins inflation fight with key rate hike, more to come

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

The Federal Reserve launched a high-risk effort Wednesday to tame the worst inflation since the early 1980s, raising its benchmark short-term interest rate and signaling up to six additional rate hikes this year.

The Fed's quarter-point hike in its key rate, which it had pinned near zero since the pandemic recession struck two years ago, marks the start of its effort to curb the high inflation that followed the recovery from the recession. The rate hikes will eventually mean higher loan rates for many consumers and businesses.

Under Chair Jerome Powell, the Fed is hoping that the rate hikes will achieve a difficult and narrow objective: Raising borrowing costs enough to slow growth and tame high inflation, yet not so much as to topple the economy into recession.

Speaking at a news conference, Powell stressed his confidence that the economy is strong enough to withstand higher interest rates. But he also made clear that the Fed is focused on doing whatever it takes to reduce inflation, over time, to its 2% annual target. Otherwise, Powell warned, the economy might not sustain its recovery from the pandemic recession.

"We're acutely aware of the need to restore price stability," the Fed chair said. "In fact, it's a precondition for achieving the kind of labor market that we want. You can't have maximum employment for any sustained period without price stability."

The Fed also released a set of quarterly economic projections Wednesday that underscored the potential for extended interest rate increases in the months ahead. The potential seven hikes would raise its short-term rate to between 1.75% and 2% at the end of 2022. Fed officials also forecast four more rate hikes in 2023, which would boost its benchmark rate to 2.8%.

That would be the highest level since March 2008. Borrowing costs for mortgage loans, credit cards and auto loans will likely rise as a result.

"Clearly, inflation has moved front and center into" the Fed's thinking," said Tim Duy, chief U.S. economist at SGH Macro Advisers.

The central bank's policymakers expect inflation to remain elevated, ending 2022 at 4.3%, according to quarterly projections they released Wednesday. The officials also now forecast much slower economic growth this year, of 2.8%, down from a 4% estimate in December.

But many economists worry that with inflation already so high — it reached 7.9% in February, the worst in four decades — and with Russia's invasion of Ukraine driving up gas prices, the Fed may have to raise rates even higher than it now expects and potentially cause a recession.

By its own admission, the central bank underestimated the breadth and persistence of high inflation after the pandemic struck. And many economists say the Fed has made its task riskier by waiting too long to begin raising rates.

At his news conference, Powell said he believed that inflation would slow later this year as supply chain bottlenecks clear and more Americans return to the job market, easing upward pressure on wages.

He also suggested that over time, the Fed's higher rates will reduce consumer spending on interest rate-sensitive items like autos and cars. Americans may also buy less as credit card rates increase. Those trends would eventually reduce businesses' demand for workers, slow pay raises, which are running at a robust 6% annual rate, and ease inflation pressures. Powell noted that there are a near-record number of job openings, leaving 1.7 available jobs, on average, for every unemployed person.

As a result, he expressed confidence that the economy remains sturdy enough for the Fed to carry out a series of rate hikes without causing a downturn.

"All signs are that this is a strong economy," he said, "one that will be able to flourish in the face of less accommodative monetary policy."

The Fed's forecast for numerous additional rate hikes in the coming months initially disrupted a strong rally on Wall Street, weakening stock gains and sending bond yields up. But stock prices more than recovered their gains soon after Powell began his news conference and suggested that the Fed would remain flexible in its approach to rate hikes.

Most economists say that sharply higher rates are long overdue to combat the escalation of inflation across the economy.

"With the unemployment rate below 4%, inflation nearing 8%, and the war in Ukraine likely to put even more upward pressure on prices, this is what the Fed needs to do to bring inflation under control," said Mike Fratantoni, chief economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association.

In a statement it issued after its latest policy meeting, the Fed noted that Russia's invasion of Ukraine and ensuing sanctions by the West "are likely to create additional upward pressure on inflation and weigh on economic activity."

Powell is steering the Fed into a sharp U-turn. Officials had kept rates ultra-low to support growth and hiring during the recession and its aftermath. As recently as December, Fed officials had expected to raise rates just three times this year.

One member of the Fed's rate-setting committee, James Bullard, head of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, dissented from Wednesday's decision. Bullard favored a half-point rate hike, a position he has advocated in interviews and speeches.

The Fed also said it would begin to reduce its nearly $9 trillion balance sheet, which has more than doubled in size during the pandemic, "at a coming meeting." That step will also have the effect of tightening credit for many consumers and businesses.

Since its last meeting in January, the challenges and uncertainties for the Fed have escalated. Russia's invasion has magnified the cost of oil, gas, wheat and other commodities. China has closed ports and factories again to try to contain a new outbreak of COVID, which will worsen supply chain disruptions and likely further fuel price pressures.

In the meantime, the sharp rise in average gas prices since the invasion, up more than 60 cents to $4.31 a gallon nationally, will send inflation higher while also probably slowing

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 263 CALLS ON MARCH 15

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600Blk Pier Ave 12:33 a.m.
Battery 5th St / Colorado Ave 12:41 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 600Blk Broadway 1:15 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:43 a.m.
Death Investigation 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:04 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Main St / Hill St 3:14 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Kensington rd 3:19 a.m.
Grand Theft 7th St / Alta Ave 3:44 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:01 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Santa Monica Pl 4:22 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 6:27 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 9th St 6:53 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1300Blk 22nd St 6:59 a.m.
Auto Burglary 300Blk California Ave 7:02 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 7:36 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk Ocean Ave 7:50 a.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 2nd St 8:13 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2800Blk Arizona Ave 8:30 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2300Blk Virginia Ave 8:38 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Santa Monica Pl 8:44 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 26th St 9:05 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 00Blk Pico Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Stalking 800Blk Broadway 9:27 a.m.
Public Intoxication 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 9:37 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900Blk 14th St 9:46 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Main St / Bay St 10:19 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 200Blk Palisades Beach rd 10:35 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:38 a.m.
Rape 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:38 a.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 10:44 a.m.
Auto Burglary 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:44 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:57 a.m.
Fight 1300Blk 2nd St 11:16 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 3000Blk 3rd St 11:17 a.m.
Burglary 900Blk 14th St 11:19 a.m.
Expired Registration 1500Blk Princeton St 11:19 a.m.
Bike Theft 1000Blk 5th St 11:20 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 16th St / San Vicente Blvd 11:23 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Interstate 10 / Lincoln Blvd 11:24 a.m.
Lost Property 2800Blk Barnard Way 11:37 a.m.
Burglary 800Blk 2nd St 11:38 a.m.
Panic Alarm 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:39 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 12:04 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Colorado Ave 12:07 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1500Blk Palisades Park 12:46 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1400Blk Ocean Ave 12:47 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900Blk 7th St 12:58 p.m.
Burglary 1200Blk Yale St 1:02 p.m.
Battery 800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Public Intoxication 600Blk Hill St 1:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500Blk Ocean Ave 1:27 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400Blk Pico Blvd 2:09 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 900Blk Broadway 2:12 p.m.
Encampment 1600Blk The Beach 2:45 p.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 2:45 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2200Blk The Beach 2:49 p.m.
Expired Registration 2800Blk Virginia Ave 2:55 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500Blk 5th St 2:57 p.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:07 p.m.
Expired Registration 1900Blk Yorkshire Ave 3:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 3:22 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 3:23 p.m.
Burglary 2900Blk 31st St 3:29 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1200Blk 6th St 3:34 p.m.
Vandalism 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:35 p.m.
Panic Alarm 500Blk 15th St 3:38 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 3:43 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk 20th St 4:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 300Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:03 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500Blk Ocean Ave 4:04 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:05 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500Blk The Beach 4:18 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 200Blk Ashland Ave 4:26 p.m.
Panic Alarm 800Blk Pico Blvd 4:27 p.m.
Bike Theft 1500Blk California Ave 4:33 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1600Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:57 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 5:05 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1200Blk Princeton St 5:09 p.m.
Burglary 900Blk 2nd St 5:29 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600Blk 30th St 5:41 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 6:01 p.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Palisades Ave 6:10 p.m.
Assault 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:12 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200Blk 4th St 6:17 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:35 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 7th St / Pico Blvd 6:42 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:47 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Pine St 6:52 p.m.
Lost Property 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:57 p.m.
Auto Burglary Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 7:07 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700Blk Pine St 7:20 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Santa Monica Pl 7:21 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400Blk 4th St 7:33 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 8:07 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2400Blk Main St 8:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 3200Blk Arizona Ave 8:12 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation Ocean Ave / Marguerita Ave 8:16 p.m.
Assault 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:31 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk 14th St 9:10 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Broadway 9:27 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk 10th St 9:30 p.m.
Burglary 1500Blk Euclid St 9:40 p.m.
Petty Theft 900Blk 15th St 9:57 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 10:09 p.m.
Of Shots Fired 00Blk Seaview Ter 10:18 p.m.
Domestic Violence 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:52 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:26 p.m.
Party Complaint 1300Blk 2nd St 11:32 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1300Blk 2nd St 11:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 32 CALLS ON MARCH 15

Ladder Request 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:22 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk Pier Ave 12:11 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:13 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 12:15 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 12:47 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Ocean Ave 1:25 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:00 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk California Ave 4:30 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 5:43 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Washington Ave 8:07 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Georgina Ave 8:09 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:11 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:38 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300Blk 12th St 10:20 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:52 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Ocean Ave 11:37 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 12:09 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Urban Ave 12:58 p.m.
Vehicle Fire 300Blk Ocean Ave 1:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 3:22 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:37 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 2nd St 3:40 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 16th St 3:53 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk Broadway 4:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600Blk 16th St 5:07 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Virginia Ave 5:21 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:29 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Neilson Way 7:04 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700Blk Ocean Ave 7:09 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:21 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / Palisades Ave 9:27 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:18 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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 SATURDAY, MARCH 5 AT 11:03 A.M.

Officers responded to the Apple Store on the 1400 block of the 3rd St. promenade regarding a Grand Theft. A suspect was detained nearby while Officers spoke to the employees. The employees relayed that the suspect had entered the store through an unsecured rear door and accessed new inventory, taking several items totaling $10,745. Obafemi Emanuel Ajayi was arrested for Grand Theft and Possession of Stolen Property.

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HOLIDAY

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been celebrated in California since 1995. As part of the City's ongoing efforts to include and uplift residents of all races, City Council unanimously passed a motion on March 15 declaring them both as official holidays, meaning that all City facilities and programs will close on those days in observance.

Cesar Chavez Day will heretofore be recognized by the City on the last Monday of March (March 28 this year), and Juneteenth will be recognized on June 19 (June 20 this year as June 19 falls on a Sunday).

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre, a native Santa Monican who has long been a voice for the rights, recognition and inclusion of Latino residents, expressed joy at this motion.

During the Council meeting he fondly recounted the day in 1990 when he alongside around 300 Santa Monica High School students staged a walkout from fifth period to join Cesar Chavez at a picket to support farmworkers in front of the Loews Hotel. According to de la Torre, a year later he met Chavez while attending Chico State University and Chavez expressed great gratitude for the students of Santa Monica who showed up that day as the picket was initially very sparsely attended.

"He (Cesar Chavez) goes 'when you guys showed up you guys saved the day.' He goes 'you all were like angels, when you turned the corner, it was like a prayer was answered,'" said de la Torre. "The students from Santa Monica High School from all different backgrounds really made history that day and it was very, very powerful."

De la Torre also said he was proud to be able to vote to celebrate Juneteenth and acknowledged 65 year Santa Monica resident Laverne Ross for her role in bringing the celebration to Santa Monica.

Ross, who moved to Santa Monica in 1957 when she was 15 years old, established the City's first ever Juneteenth celebration in 1992 as she had grown up celebrating the holiday in her home state of Texas and was sad it wasn't recognized locally. Since then a Juneteenth celebration has taken place in Santa Monica every year, with the exception of the pandemic years when the celebration took place virtually.

Juneteenth recognizes June 19, 1865 when Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce that all slaves were free. Although President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier, the news had not yet reached many slaves in the deep south who had continued to toil in servitude.

Cesar Chavez day is a comparatively newer holiday, which recognizes the work of the influential Mexican American labor leader and civil rights activist Cesario Estrada Chavez. Chavez lived from 1927 to 1993 and helped improve the lives and working conditions of millions of Latino farm workers nationwide through union organizing.

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SUNSCREEN

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of the matter is: There's no evidence that alternative sunscreen products like UVO's so-called 'drinkable sunscreen' provide protection. You've got to wear your sunscreen, not drink it," Bonta said.

The legal settlement is a stipulated judgment that is subject to a court's approval.

The defendant, Dermatology Industry Inc., doing business as UVO and DRINK UVO, did not admit the allegations made against it but consented to the agreement to avoid the time and expense of litigation, according to the stipulated judgment.

Jim Prochnow, an attorney for Dermatology Industry Inc., said Wednesday the settlement speaks for itself and the company had no further comment.

UVO sun protectant was a mixture of vitamins and dietary supplements that purported to be a drinkable form of sun protection.

The attorney general's statement said the company claimed that drinking the product provided "3-5 hours of sun protection from head to toe including your eyes," that UVO "is the first drinkable supplement to provide sun protection" and that "if you drink UVO you will have baseline protection that will help minimize the likelihood of burning even if you forget to use sunscreen."

UKRAINE

FROM PAGE 2

This was Zelenskyy's latest visit as he uses the West's great legislative bodies in his appeals for help. He invoked Shakespeare's Hamlet last week at the British House of Commons, asking whether Ukraine is "to be or not to be" and telling Congress that people in his country want the same as Americans: "Democracy, independence, freedom."

He often pushes for more help to save his young democracy than world leaders have so far pledged to provide.

Biden has insisted there will be no U.S. troops on the ground in Ukraine.

"Direct conflict between NATO and Russia is World War III," he has said.

Zelenskyy appeared to acknowledge the political reality beyond certain limits.

"Is this too much to ask, to create a no fly zone over Ukraine?" he asked, answering his own question. "If this is too much to ask, we offer an alternative," he said, calling for weapons systems that would help fight Russian aircraft.

Congress has already approved $13.6 billion in military and humanitarian aid for Ukraine, and the newly announced security aid will come from that allotment, which is part of a broader bill that Biden signed into law Tuesday.

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A look at what could happen in the women's NCAA Tournament

DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

The women's NCAA Tournament field is set and now the fun begins, with 68 teams trying to win the national championship — starting with the first-ever First Four games.

The tournament returned to some normalcy this year after it was played in its entirety in San Antonio last year because of the coronavirus pandemic. The top 16 seeds will host the first rounds, with the Final Four in Minneapolis.

When picking a bracket there are a couple of rules to live by:

NO. 1 RULES: A No. 1 seed has won the national championship the past nine years and 13 of the last 14. All four of the 1 seeds have reached the Final Four three times since the 2012 tournament.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE UPSETS GONE?: Looking to pick a 14, 15 or 16 seed for an upset? Might want to look elsewhere as there has been only one victory by any of those seeds in the 38-year history of the tournament. That was when 16th-seeded Harvard knocked off No. 1 Stanford in 1998. The No. 14, 15 and 16 seeds are winless since. Last season 13th-seeded Wright State knocked off Arkansas. There have only been 10 wins by 13 seeds in the tournament. Only three double-digit seeds made it out of the first round last year when games were played on neutral sites.

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE 12s: Just like in the men's bracket, the 12 seeds have some success in recent years upending the 5s. At least one 12 has made it out of the first round in four of the last five tournaments.

And now the picks, with a small disclaimer that it's no fun to just pick all the favorites to win, so there are some potential upset choices in here:

GREENSBORO REGION

Analysis: South Carolina has gone 11-0 when playing other Top 25 teams this season, although the Gamecocks enter the NCAAs coming off a loss to Kentucky in the SEC Tournament championship game. Dawn Staley's team is the favorite to win the national championship and it's hard to see anyone in the region knocking them off before a potential matchup with No. 2 Iowa in the regional final.

Players to watch: Aliyah Boston, South Carolina, Caitlin Clark, Iowa, Ashley Joens, Iowa State, Aneesah Morrow, DePaul.

Upset watch: If DePaul makes it through the play-in game against Dayton, the Blue Demons could make a run to the second weekend of the tournament. Morrow is the best freshman in the country and Doug Bruno's team loves to put points on the board. They led the country in scoring at 88.3 points a game. Georgia should be on alert. Other teams that could pull off opening round stunners include No. 12 Stephen F. Austin and 13th-seeded UNLV.

First-round winners: South Carolina, Miami, Stephen F. Austin, Arizona, DePaul, Iowa State, Colorado, Iowa.

Second-round winners: South Carolina, Arizona, DePaul, Iowa.

Regional semifinal winners: South Carolina, Iowa.

Regional champion: South Carolina.

WICHITA REGION

Analysis: There's a lot of talent in this region, led by Baylor's NaLyssa Smith and Michigan's Naz Hillmon. The two met in December, with the Wolverines coming away with a six-point overtime win. They could meet again in the Sweet 16 for a chance to face off against No. 1 seed Louisville. The Cardinals might have to get past a seasoned Oregon team.

Other players to watch: Hailey Van Lith, Louisville, Maddy Siegrist, Villanova, Shaylee Gonzales, BYU, Sedona Prince, Oregon.

Upset Watch: No. 13 Buffalo is no stranger to playing Power Five schools, having competed in a tournament in the Bahamas over Thanksgiving. Bulls star Dyaisha Fair can take over a game and Tennessee is struggling heading into the tournament with six losses in its last 10 games. Watch out for Belmont, too, which knocked off fifth-seeded Gonzaga last year in the opening round.

First-round winners: Louisville, Gonzaga, Oregon, Buffalo, Villanova, Michigan, Ole Miss, Baylor.

Second-round winners: Louisville, Oregon, Michigan, Baylor.

Regional semifinal winners: Louisville, Michigan.

Regional champion: Michigan.

SPOKANE REGION

Analysis: No other region has three different coaches who have won national championships, including Stanford's Tara VanDerveer, who cut down the nets last year. The Cardinal are definitely the favorite to get back to the Final Four with most of the team back, including Haley Jones — the Most Outstanding Player at the Final Four in 2021. The Cardinal will need to potentially get through Brenda Frese's Maryland squad and maybe even Kim Mulkey's LSU team or Texas, which handed Stanford one of its few losses this season, to get to Minneapolis.

Other players to watch: Angel Reese, Maryland, Kierstan Bell, Florida Gulf Coast, Khayla Pointer, LSU, Rori Harmon, Texas, Elizabeth Kitley, Virginia Tech.

Upset watch: Florida Gulf Coast has Bell, one of the most prolific scorers in the country. The Eagles like to shoot a lot of 3-pointers, which could cause fits for the Hokies and Kitley.

First-round winners: Stanford, Georgia Tech, Florida Gulf Coast, Maryland, Florida State/Missouri State, LSU, Arkansas, Texas.

Second-round winners: Stanford, Maryland, LSU, Texas.

Regional semifinal winners: Stanford, Texas.

Regional champion: Stanford.

BRIDGEPORT REGION

Analysis: N.C. State drew the short straw among No. 1 seeds, having to go to Connecticut and potentially face UConn in its home state in the regional final. The Huskies have advanced to every Final Four since 2008 and now that they're healthy look poised to make it back to another one. The Wolfpack have a deep team led by versatile post Elissa Cunane.

Other players to watch: Paige Bueckers,

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LOUDON III x 2, EM, HH, POP



Dian Andrews

MUSIC: Stanley Clarke plays with Salar Nader, Getty, free!

I could hardly believe my ears, and my good fortune. I was thoroughly enjoying the presentation Sunday afternoon at the Getty of the music and culture of Afghanistan, by tabla virtuoso Salar Nader. Then he trotted out an enthusiastic and skilled dance troupe, in gorgeous native costume, then the revered "Barbra Streisand of Afghani singers," then a solo dancer, in flowing costume but on point and performing ballet to an Afghan soundtrack. But then Nader blew all our minds when out marched none other than esteemed jazz bassist and composer Stanley Clarke, with whom Nader has been collaborating for four years. Clarke gave a short, touching rumination about the importance of artists in the world, then gave one of the finest single one-song performances I have ever heard, 15 minutes of "No Mystery" – "my favorite Chick Corea song," Clarke said. (They were in Return to Forever together.) Nader took his playing up to outer space as the blazing tabla "drummer" in this unusual trio.

And... it was a free show. Live music is like that, you never know what you will get. Sometimes – priceless. I strongly urge you to take in the last of the series next month, the music and culture of Hawaii.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

LA OPERA presents BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION – Oh boy, oh boy, it's been months since LA Opera's last great productions, classic Rossini in "Cinderella" (like you'd never seen her), and then there was weighty Wagner in "Tannhauser" before that. How can they top that? 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.

EM the MASTER –Every Tuesday night, witness the multi-talented Em, a force of nature. 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 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.

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III – If you're a fan, here's a reasonable suggestion: go both nights. Because I can't imagine the Bard of Buffoonery and Bald-faced Truths being able to remember exactly what he said and sang the night before. Even if he did, it will come out new, and natty. So why wait another couple of years between LWIII ecumenical extravaganzas, when you can get two in two nights? Mon, Tues 8 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica, $45.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - HILLARY HAHN – Hahn is a really interesting musician, always exploring and learning, as well as being regarded as one of the very best. She began playing violin at three, was admitted to the prestigious Curtis Institute at 10 and completed her university coursework at 16, but remained there three more years because there were so many courses she still wanted to take. Major orchestra debut at 11, and at 19 recorded the lyric Barber concerto, on the program tonight, that Gramophone Magazine called "one of the best ever." She has recorded for Oscar-nominated film scores, and with folk singers Tom Brosseau, who recently played at McCabe's and was for years a local fixture at the Church In Ocean Park, and also toured with Josh Ritter. She has recorded with rockers ...And You Will Know Us By the Trail of Dead. Since 2016, she has piloted free concerts for parents with infants, art students, a knitting circle, community dance workshop, and yoga class. Since a lot more people now know where Estonia is, bordering Russia, it is perfect timing for her performance of

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Water independence will be key to preparing for future impacts

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In February, major news organizations from Smithsonian Magazine to the Daily Mail published headlines declaring a "1,200 year drought," meaning it's drier in the Southwest now than it's been since roughly 800 BC. The news came out of a recent study published in the journal Nature Climate Change, which stated the years since 2000 have been the driest seen in California and surrounding states in the past 12 decades.

In response to that news, Santa Monica-based nonprofit Heal the Bay hosted a community conversation via Zoom on Tuesday evening, focusing on the Los Angeles area's ongoing efforts to prepare for the future.

At the water chat, Heal the Bay senior watershed specialist Mikaela Randolph asked panelist John Dorsey about local effects of climate change. Dorsey is a board-certified environmental scientist and a research fellow with the Coastal Research Institute.

"What's interesting is, all the modeling and everything — the models actually showing when we expected things to start changing from climate change? Everything's happening even earlier than the models show," Dorsey began.

"One thing is more extreme dry and wet seasons, especially during our wet seasons. The way the pressure systems line up in the North Pacific, we can get these things called atmospheric rivers," he continued. Dorsey called the phenomenon "climate whiplash," with extreme rain followed by extreme dry conditions, which results in a "rain grow, dry burn" cycle. Heavy rain also results in more intense urban runoff as well as mudslides in burn areas. At the same time, the drought cycle means less water from the snowpack.

"That means we're going to have to require a lot more reliance on local water instead of bringing in," Dorsey said.

Later in the conversation, another senior watershed specialist for Heal the Bay, Nancy Shrodes, asked about infrastructure that will protect against the effects of the extended drought.

"A study from February 2022 said that we are in the worst drought in 1,200 years," Shrodes asked a panelist. "So, it's a kind of multi pronged question: What does that look like for Angelenos? And what do we expect for the next water year and the years to come?"

Shrodes directed the question at Rob Beste, assistant general manager of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California.

"Well, the one thing we've done and really planned for is to store water and to get water into LA," Beste said. "As a state and as a region, we've really done that quite well."

Best went on to describe the District's WIN program — "water independence now" — which is an effort to push water agencies to reduce dependence on imported water as much as possible.

Locally, Santa Monica has spent the last decade hard at work to wean itself off of imported water and toward more stable, reliable and sustainable sources.

Reliance on imported water exploded to nearly 100 percent of the total local water use in Santa Monica due to methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) chemical contamination of local groundwater in the 1990s.

"When the MTBE contamination hit, it took out all of our local groundwater supply," Water Resources Manager Sunny Wang described in a later phone call with the Daily Press. "So, we had to switch to Metropolitan [Water District] imported water almost 100 percent overnight. So that kind of signaled that, hey, we can't just rely on one or two sources — we really need to diversify water supply."

Beginning in 2011, Wang said Santa Monica City Council began developing a sustainable water master plan, to the point where local reliance on imported water is now down to 30 to 40 percent of what it was in the 1990s.

Santa Monica's next major water infrastructure project — SWIP, which captures and recycles both rainwater and sewer water — is set for completion by late summer 2022. A broad local push toward conservation, coupled with SWIP and other improvement projects, plus local groundwater supply being cleaned and coming back online, means that by next year, local reliance on imported water could be down to just one percent of what it was in 2011.

Beste said it would be decades before a lot of currently contemplated projects go online elsewhere in LA County.

"It's going to take time, but over the next 10 to 20 years, you're going to see a lot of projects that treat that wastewater, advance treat that wastewater, and move it so that it becomes usable water," Beste said. "And that's really our long term solution for these mega droughts that we're going to be … You're going to get more rainwater, less snowpack.

"We're going to have to take it on to ourselves to come up with solutions — and we will, you know," Best continued. "We're not going to run out of water in California."

One additional bonus of Santa Monica's early adoption of water independence: The City was first in line for funding from 2018's countywide Measure W water bond.

"Everybody wants to be construction ready — be shovel ready," Wang said. "Luckily, we were more than construction and shovel ready for funding agencies to fund us."

Of the $95.9 million pricetag for getting SWIP online, only about half comes from a City loan. The rest is paid for by $20 million in grants including Measure W; another $20 million comes from Santa Monica's funds: Measure V Clean Beaches and Oceans Parcel Tax fund and the local City Wastewater Fund.

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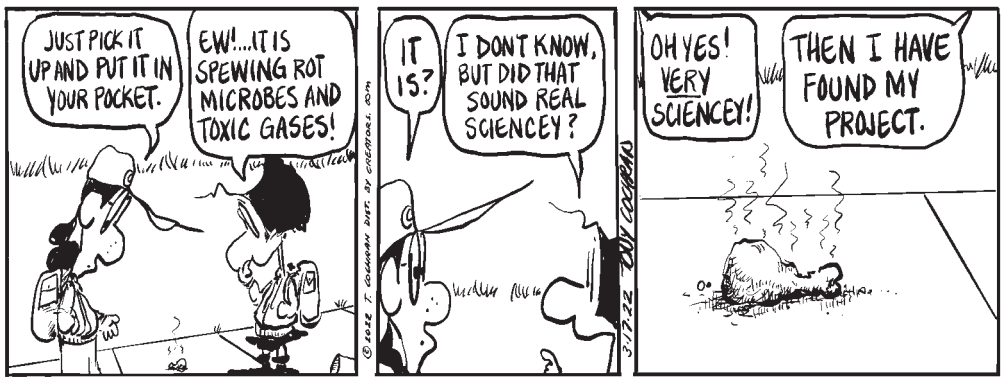
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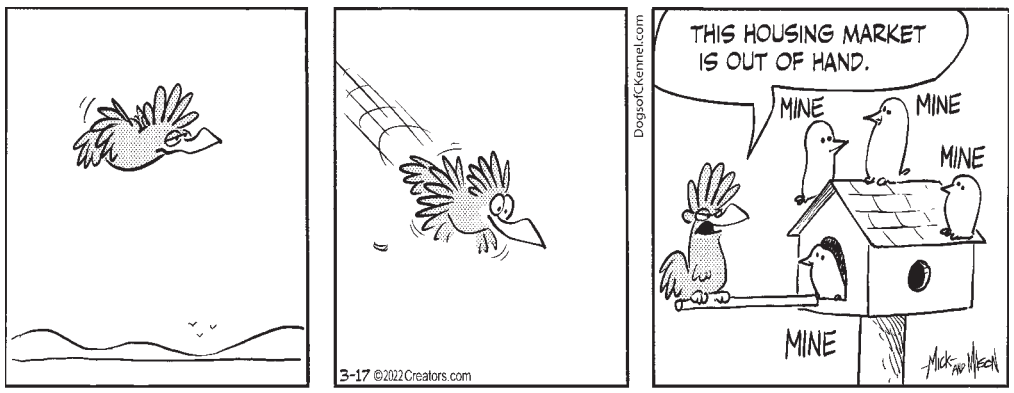
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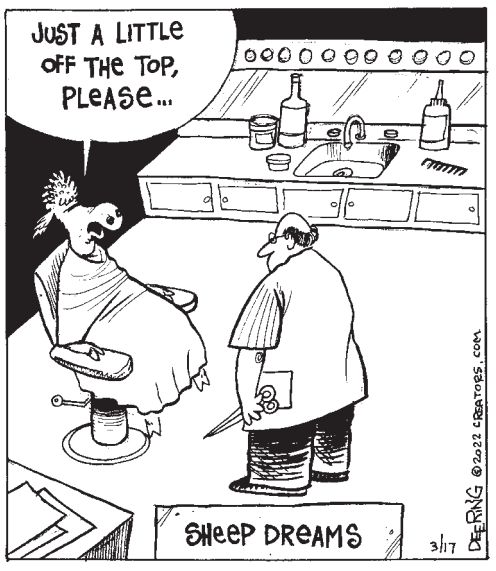
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THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder	NW swell mix to ease a notch through the day but overall conditions look much better. Cleanest in the morning just head somewhere that can handle the higher tide.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Looking like it could be nice and clean for at least the morning. Leftover NW swell mix keeps a few rideable waves running as SSW swell creeps up a notch. Combo breaks fun off the little mix.

WEATHER

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. West wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anger is a searing emotion that is dangerous to wield yet hurts to hold on to. Sometimes you just have to drop it like it's hot. It is! Don't get burned. What would it take to cool this off?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The challenge gets harder. This is happening right on time — you were in danger of becoming bored, or worse, letting your skills get dull. Now you have something to sharpen yourself on and exciting reason to try your best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As you are well-aware, things are not always what you expect. Anticipation can be half the fun — sometimes it's 90% of it. For this reason, you savor these moments of not knowing what's coming next.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When life messes with your confidence, you see it as an opportunity to get stronger. Avoid seeking validation, acceptance or other forms of external security. Real security comes from within.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't get everyone's approval and that's a good thing. It's better to consider many different points of view. The most successful plans and solutions will come out of a diverse team.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are advantages to being less available. What's in short supply is more desirable. When people don't know where they stand with you, they will work to win you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Evidence tells the story of the detective who collected it. True facts can be arranged to form untrue stories. Just because a thing can be proven doesn't mean it's the only or the fullest version of the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The backup plan is taking up too much room. It's like an unused computer program occupying valuable megabytes that could be spent on a program you do use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll use resources in creative and fun ways. When it's time to be compensated, though, you tend to undercut yourself. Let friends and mentors help you set your price.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The amount of energy you have to throw at a problem will have a lot to do with last night's sleep, your nutritional intake and the current emotional demands. Address these areas to set yourself up for future success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You expect things to go a certain way, though oddly you may not even be aware of these expectations until things do, in fact, not. Unpack it. An exploration into deeper levels of your psyche will be a game changer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Feelings run deep; you'll speak from the heart, words flowing faster than you can process them. Consequently, even you may be surprised at what you have to say. What seems true in the moment isn't always so.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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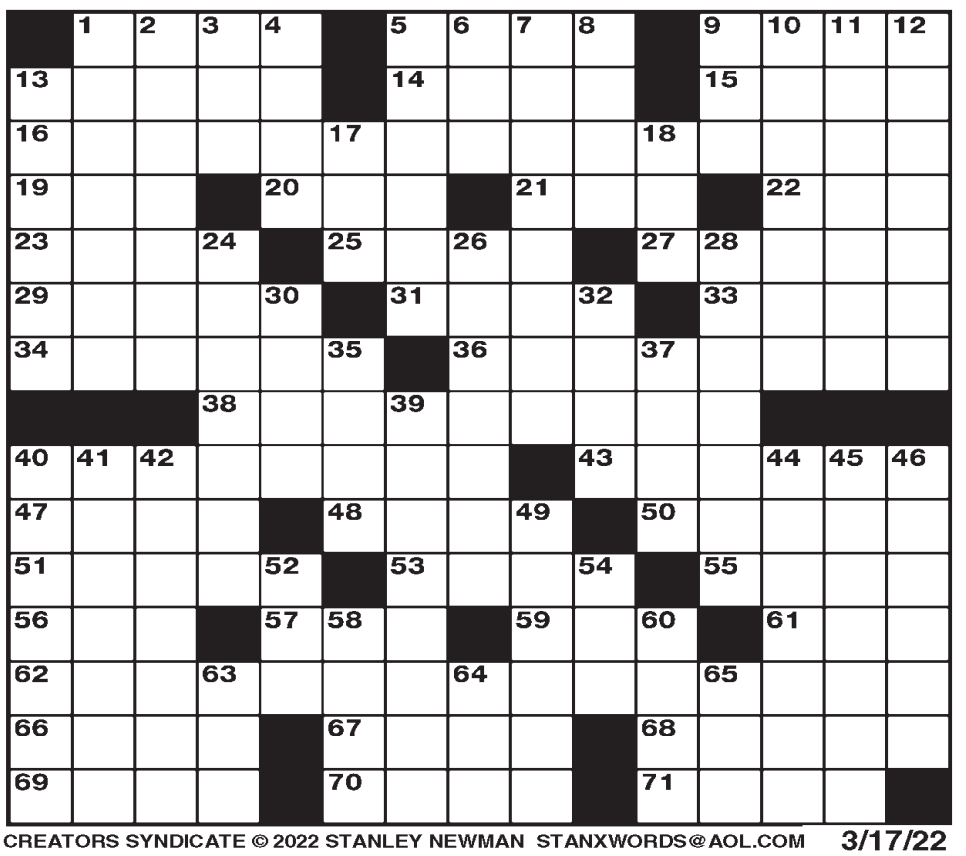
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Newsday Crossword

PARTNERS IN CRIME by S.N.
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Called to court
5 Tall and skinny
9 "Short" suffix in music
13 Prone to sulking
14 Jazz singer Laine
15 Significant times
16 Filmdom's "Master of Suspense"
19 Keep from entering
20 __ number on (psych out)
21 "Huh?"
22 Part of 53 Across
23 Winged Olympian
25 Kermit's greeting
27 Month after *junio*
29 Made like loose-leaf paper
31 Artist Chagall
33 *Star Trek* officer
34 A Baltic State
36 Theater backdrop
38 16 Across' costumer for 11 films
40 New Eng. ski resort
43 On the house
47 Art Deco artist
48 Letters of urgency
50 Ren Faire weapon
51 Overly ornate
53 Common cubicle comment
55 Hold in check
56 Toothpaste-approving org.
57 Parisian water
59 Crossed out
61 Lentil cousin
62 16 Across' composer for seven films
66 Microscopic
67 Minor miss
68 Throw out
69 Throw out
70 Sounds amazed
71 Current carrier

DOWN
1 Glass-walled rooms
2 At the outset
3 Ending like -arian
4 A new hue now
5 *Fiddler . . .* toast
6 Boxing great
7 Measure of financial health
8 '80s Big Apple mayor
9 The Common Market: Abbr.
10 Shakespearean character in the *Iliad*
11 Touch-related
12 Invites to dinner
13 Old phone company nickname
17 Homer's grunt
18 Pilgrimage to Mecca
24 Deleted a voice mail, informally
26 Twitter symbol
28 Something bought on a lot
30 Prank
32 Normandy city
35 Japanese electronics brand
37 Liverpool lockup
39 Workplace for 16 Across
40 Data storage measure
41 Swap with, in sports
42 Tudors' successors
44 Modest hand
45 High school department
46 Certain lessee
49 Screen dots
52 Biblical affirmative
54 Not "agin"
58 Oscar film for Affleck
60 Ended up even
63 What TR governed before becoming VP
64 Monarchal designation
65 Early 11th-century date



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | MARCH 17

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

FRIDAY | MARCH 18

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.

SATURDAY | MARCH 19

NOTABLE BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at the Pico Branch Library, 2100 Pico Blvd. 12 - 3 p.m.

SUNDAY | MARCH 20

COURTYARD & SPLASH PAD OPEN
The Annenberg Community Beach House gated area, including the courtyard and splash pad, are open to the public daily. Please note, from September - May hours are subject to change with short notice. Check the Beach House website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm.

MONDAY | MARCH 21

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING
The public can only attend this meeting via live stream at: https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/bzqpkgwe. DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1 (415) 466-7000 (US), PIN: 8508476 # 7 p.m. Agenda available online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/agendas/Architectural-Review-Board/2022/20220321/a20220321.htm

MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT MONDAYS
Competitors have just one minute to complete the challenge, with each week bringing a different challenge. Play solo or with friends and family! Top 10 times posted weekly. For families.
Week 3: Catch Me if You Can
Competitors get 1 minute catch 10 pencils from the top of their hands, starting with 1 pencil and then gradually adding more. If they miss, they start again from 1 pencil. Register at https://bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Main Library. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY | MARCH 22

STORYTIME: HELLO SPRING!
Let's say goodbye to winter and hello to spring with songs and stories. Ages 2 & up. Space is limited. Register here: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. 10:30 to 10 a.m. Pico Branch. Library

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Hot and bothered

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C	G	E	L	A	T	O	E	S	T	O	R	M	Y	F

Acute	Cyclone	Melt	Shower
Air vent	Drinks	Outdoors	Smog
Anomaly	Fans	Perspire	Stamina
Atmosphere	Fruit	Prawns	Sticky
Bake	Gelato	Rain	Stormy
Bare feet	Hat	Salad	Sunny
Beer	Haze	Scorch	Surf
Breathless	Horrendous	Screen	Swim
Cranky	Hose	Seafood	Trough
Cumulus	Hotter	Shade	Weary

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Best part of a meal

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INFLATION

FROM PAGE 2

growth — two conflicting trends that are notoriously difficult for the Fed to manage simultaneously.

In contrast to some analysts, Jason Pride, chief investment officer at Glenmede, said he thought Russia's invasion might lead the Fed to adopt a relatively go-slow approach.

"The war in Eastern Europe is unlikely to halt the Fed's tightening plans, but it may prompt caution on the speed of rate hikes as the economic effects of the conflict become better understood," Pride said.

AP Economics Writer Paul Wiseman contributed to this report.

NCAA

FROM PAGE 5

UConn, Ayoka Lee, Rhyne Howard, Abby Meyers, Princeton, Macee Williams, IUPUI.

Upset watch: No. 13 IUPUI has already beaten Iowa this season and barely lost to Michigan in overtime, so the Sooners better watch out. Oklahoma does have a talented group that can score, led by 3-point shooter Taylor Robertson. Kentucky is one of the hottest teams in the country, running through the SEC Tournament to the title, but the Wildcats better look out for a strong Princeton team.

First-round winners: N.C. State, Kansas State, Notre Dame, IUPUI, Kentucky, Indiana, UCF, UConn.

Second-round winners: N.C. State, IUPUI, Indiana, UConn.

Regional final winners: N.C. State, UConn.

Regional champion: UConn.

THE FINAL FOUR

Michigan crashes the Final Four party as a 3 seed, joining stalwarts South Carolina, Stanford and UConn. As good as Hillmon is in the post for the Wolverines, Boston is the best post player in the country for the Gamecocks and Staley's squad has enough around her to reach the championship game.

UConn hasn't reached the title game since 2016 and that drought will continue against Stanford as its hot 3-point shooting will propel the Cardinal to a second straight championship game. The Huskies did a great job overcoming an enormous amount of injuries this year and will be poised to win the title in 2023.

NATIONAL CHAMPS

Stanford and South Carolina met in late December and the Gamecocks rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit to beat the Cardinal at home. The rematch will go Stanford's way and a repeat champion will be had for the first time since UConn won four straight from 2013-16.

NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 6

"Silhouette" by the great, living Estonian composer Arvo Pärt, conducted by fellow Esto Paavo Järvi. And, you'll also get the exquisite, emotional 7th by Dvorak. What a profound music city we have. Fri 11 a.m., St 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $73-260.

TONIGHT! - HAMILTON — You kept putting it off. Now, after Sunday, you will have to fly to New York to see it. Tonight - Thurs, Fri, Sat 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.

PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT presents TCHAIKOVSKY'S "IOLANTA" – Hooray! The little opera company that could, that started out in SM at Miles Playhouse and has progressed to bigger stages and projects, is now back, in a nice theater in Little Tokyo that's not on a front lawn (but that was necessary recently, and just fine), with "Iolanta," a different kind of fairytale. (POP loves "different.") Cristina Jones, a.k.a. "The Blind Soprano," stars in the opera's title role about a princess who is unaware that she is blind. Their first opera in Russian. With a 32-piece orchestra. Founder and creative whirlwind Josh Shaw is directing. OK, I'm in. Sun 3 p.m,. Aratani Theatre, Little Tokyo, $12-60.

DAVID HIDALGO, RICK HOLMSTROM BAND – I've never heard Holmstrom but two things I know that are gold: he spent a lot of time in Mavis Staples' band, and his drummer this night is her drummer, local legend Steve Mugalian (he's everywhere!). That's good enough for me, and also good enough is opening act David Hidalgo of Los Lobos, worth the price of admission on his own. But it is sold out, so you will have to go and beg and/or bribe someone in line. Sun 8 p.m., McCabe's, Santa Monica.

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., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: LA OPERA presents BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 3/26, 27; PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT presents TCHAIKOVSKY'S "IOLANTA," Aratani Theatre, 3/26, 27; LA PHIL with Bychkov conducting, MAHLER'S 7TH, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3/26, 27; PETE ESCOVEDO, Vibrato, 3/30; JAVIER CAMARENA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 3/31, 4/2; LA PHIL with ZUBIN MEHTA, MOZART'S GREAT MASS, 3/31, 4/1, 2, 3; ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 4/6, 7; MEHTA Conducts BRUCKNER, BERG, 4/7, BLASTERS, Bourbon Room, 4/9; SOUNDS OF LA: "AUKAHI" (Flowing Harmony) with Kumu Hula Kealiʻi Ceballos, Daniel Ho, and Ohana, Gtty, 4/9, 10; "YEHEMANDJA" starring ANGELIQUE KIDJO, Broad Stage; 4/15; ROGER McGUINN, Smothers Theatre, 4/25.

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

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Summons

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