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The Los Angeles business is expanding with a new location on Montana Ave.

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Clara Harter

LA County preparing for potential refugee wave amid ongoing Ukraine war

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County Supervisors voted unanimously, 5-0, to request County CEO Fesia Davenport's office to rally services for Ukrainian refugees, should any resettle in the County during or after the ongoing war in Ukraine.

"As of last week, more than 2.5 million

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Ellis Act reform bill seeks to limit rent control evictions

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Since passing in 1985, the Ellis Act has been the ire of rent control supporters, who are frustrated by the rate at which it drives no-fault evictions of rent controlled tenants. After several past failed attempts at legislative reform, a bill has been reintroduced in Sacramento that aims to limit Ellis evictions and was co-authored by

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House votes to further restrict Russian trade after invasion

KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

The House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to suspend normal trade relations with Russia and Belarus, preparing for President Joe Biden to enact higher tariffs on more products and further weaken the Russian economy in response to its military assault on Ukraine.

The U.S. has already taken steps to shut off the importation of Russian oil, liquefied natural gas, seafood, alcohol and diamonds. The vote on Thursday sets the stage for making it more expensive to import certain steel, aluminum and plywood items, among other goods.

The House vote was 424-8. The Senate is expected to take up the measure soon for final passage.

The broad trade action, which would revoke "most favored nation" status for Russia, is being taken in coordination with the European Union and Group of Seven countries. The House vote came one day after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pleaded with Congress and U.S. allies to do more to deter Russia.

"I'm asking to make sure that the Russians do not receive a single penny that they use to destroy people in Ukraine," Zelenskyy said in a video address to Congress.

In a joint statement introducing the trade bill, Reps. Richard Neal, D-Mass., and Kevin Brady, R-Texas, said Zelenskyy's remarks "only strengthened our resolve to further isolate and weaken" Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"We must do all we can to hold Putin accountable for senselessly attacking the Ukrainian people and undermining global stability," the two lawmakers said. "The suspension of normal trade relations is an essential part of our effort to restore peace, save lives and defend democracy."

World Trade Organization rules generally require each member to provide its lowest tariff rates to all WTO members. Russia joined the WTO in 2012 and Congress overwhelmingly approved legislation that year providing the president with the authority to extend normal trade relations status with Russia. But countries can enact exceptions to protect security interests.

Still, the revocation would carry mostly symbolic weight. The earlier sanctions on imports of Russian oil, gas and coal already cut off about 60% of U.S. imports from the country, but certain sectors of the economy could feel an effect.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said, "To date, both parties, Democrat and Republican, remain united in sending Putin a clear message: His inhumane violence

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California lawmakers vote to make abortions cheaper

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California lawmakers on Thursday voted to make abortions much cheaper for people on private health insurance plans, bringing California closer to becoming the fourth state in the country to ban insurance fees for the procedure.

Thursday's vote is part of lawmakers' strategy to make reproductive care more accessible in preparation for a potential U.S. Supreme Court decision this summer that could overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 case that banned states from outlawing abortions.

California already requires private health insurance plans to cover abortion services. But insurers are allowed to charge people things like co-pays and deductibles, which adds an average of $543 to the cost of a medication abortion and $887 to the cost of a procedural abortion, according to an analysis by the California Health Benefits Review Program.

The Assembly approved a bill that would eliminate out-of-pocket costs for abortions on private health plans. While the bill would reduce the cost of abortions, it would also slightly increase monthly premiums for patients and their employers. But the savings from eliminating out-of-pocket costs would be greater than the increase in monthly premiums.

Three other states ban these fees: Illinois, Oregon and New York, according to a legislative analysis of the proposal. The bill now heads for a procedural vote in the state Senate before heading to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk for his review.

"Protecting access to abortion is important now, more than ever, as our fundamental right to reproductive care is under attack in state houses across the country and in the chambers of our U.S. Supreme Court," said Assemblymember Akilah Weber, who is also an OB-GYN.

Jonathan Keller, president of the California Family Council, which opposes abortion, said eliminating out-of-pocket costs provides an extra incentive for patients to seek abortions "beyond any other health care choice."

"The real tragedy is in the state we now are really treating abortion like we treat no other health care services," he said. "We do not see the Assembly today, for example, vote to make dialysis free. We did not see the Assembly vote to make insulin free."

The bill is the first of a number of pieces of legislation Democrats plan to pass this year to strengthen access to abortion in the nation's most populous states. Other liberal states are doing the same thing,

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 295 CALLS ON MARCH 18

Auto Burglary 1200Blk 4th St 12:00 a.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / Palisades Ave 12:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Franklin St / Colorado Ave 1:54 a.m.
Loud Music 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:27 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:10 a.m.
Vandalism 1200Blk 10th St 5:20 a.m.
Vandalism 1200Blk 10th St 6:36 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 300Blk Georgina Ave 6:56 a.m.
Petty Theft 2700Blk Main St 7:33 a.m.
Vandalism 1700Blk Delaware Ave 7:43 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 8:10 a.m.
Auto Burglary 800Blk 22nd St 8:14 a.m.
Vandalism 2300Blk 6th St 8:16 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:30 a.m.
Smoking Violation 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:35 a.m.
Fraud 1200Blk 23rd St 8:39 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Stanford St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:59 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000Blk 19th St 9:15 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:18 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300Blk Palisades Beach rd 9:26 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300Blk Stanford St 9:27 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700Blk 7th St 9:28 a.m.
Vandalism 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:38 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 11th St / Pico Blvd 9:44 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Fraud 1300Blk Ocean Ave 10:16 a.m.
Grand Theft 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:17 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:42 a.m.
Burglary 400Blk 18th St 10:47 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:01 a.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 11:11 a.m.
Auto Burglary 900Blk 22nd St 11:11 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1200Blk 11th St 11:22 a.m.
Petty Theft 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:27 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2500Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:34 a.m.
Panhandling 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100Blk Yorkshire Ave 11:41 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1200Blk 4th St 11:43 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:58 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:14 p.m.
Battery 9th St / Michigan Ave 12:14 p.m.
Fraud 1400Blk 18th St 12:17 p.m.
Petty Theft 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:20 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:40 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:43 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 19th St / Olympic Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600Blk Navy St 12:56 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 12:59 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1300Blk 2nd St 1:16 p.m.
Loud Music 100Blk Strand St 1:18 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Found Person 400Blk Santa Monica Pier 1:45 p.m.
Auto Burglary 100Blk San Vicente Blvd 1:46 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:48 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:49 p.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:50 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 2:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:23 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 900Blk 9th St 2:29 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600Blk Appian Way 2:32 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 23rd St / Oak St 2:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 23rd St / Oak St 2:36 p.m.
Death Investigation 1500Blk 18th St 2:44 p.m.
Speeding 12th St / California Ave 3:00 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1100Blk Pico Blvd 3:32 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk 9th St 3:43 p.m.
Speeding Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 3:48 p.m.
Identity Theft 2300Blk 2nd St 3:57 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk 6th St 4:17 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 4:26 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1300Blk 11th St 4:41 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300Blk Palisades Beach rd 4:54 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:57 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:06 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 20th St / Colorado Ave 5:11 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1700Blk Appian Way 5:33 p.m.
Speeding 15th St / Colorado Ave 5:44 p.m.
Traffic Miscellaneous Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 5:53 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 6:26 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1600Blk Ocean Ave 6:40 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 6:55 p.m.
Sexual Assault 2900Blk Pennsylvania Ave 7:05 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1000Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:11 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:20 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:55 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 8:06 p.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery 300Blk Pico Blvd 8:07 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1700Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Pico Blvd 8:18 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 10th St 8:23 p.m.
Battery Now 1400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:46 p.m.
Construction Noise 1400Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:09 p.m.
Loud Music 1900Blk 17th St 9:19 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:39 p.m.
Battery Now 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:55 p.m.
Party Complaint 1500Blk 6th St 10:10 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1000Blk Expo Line 10:11 p.m.
Loud Music 400Blk Broadway 10:57 p.m.
Battery 1500Blk The Beach 10:58 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 5th St / Broadway 11:18 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1500Blk 2nd St 11:19 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:19 p.m.

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EMS 100Blk Hart Ave 2:41 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Princeton St 2:49 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:03 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 200Blk Strand St 4:59 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 7:03 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 2nd St 8:33 a.m.
EMS 15th St / Arizona Ave 8:44 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:34 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 11th St / Pico Blvd 9:44 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 9:52 a.m.
Broken Water Main 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:07 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200Blk Ocean Ave 10:15 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 11th St 10:17 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:45 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 200Blk Broadway 11:06 a.m.
EMS 15th St / Arizona Ave 11:56 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 15th St 11:59 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:47 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 4th St 2:00 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk 7th St 2:22 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 18th St 2:43 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 2:53 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Pacific St 2:54 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 3:05 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Idaho Ave 4:12 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:37 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:59 p.m.
EMS 16th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:20 p.m.
Request Fire 1500Blk Ocean Ave 6:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000Blk Pacific St 6:34 p.m.
Public Assist 900Blk 3rd St 7:49 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:51 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 9:03 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 9:04 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 10:27 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Broadway 11:11 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 7th St 11:18 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2600Blk Pearl St 11:25 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 FRIDAY, MARCH 4 AT 12:09 P.M.

Officers were dispatched to TJ Maxx near the 1200 block of 4th St. regarding a theft. The reporting party explained that they observed the subject take a ticket scanner (worth approximately $1200) from the register and put it in her sweater pocket. The employee asked her to return the item and the subject refused. An SMPD Public Service Officer located the subject on the 1300 block of 3rd St. Kristal Geraldine Alexis was arrested for Grand Theft.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Los Angeles Marathon 2022 Course Closures

Elysian Park Ave. from Dodger Stadium to Sunset Blvd. 4 to 9 a.m.
Sunset Blvd. from Park Avenue** to Figueroa St. 4 to 9:20 a.m.
Cesar Chavez Ave. from Bunker Hill to Alameda St. 4 to 9:32 a.m.
Broadway from Cesar Chavez Ave. to Alpine St. 4 to 9:35 a.m.
Alpine St. from Hill St. to Alameda St. 4 to 9:35 a.m.
Spring St. from College St. to 1st St. 4 to 9:35 a.m.
1st St from Hope St. to San Pedro St. 4 to 9:50 a.m.
Los Angeles St. from Temple St. to 5th St. 4 to 9:50 a.m.
4th St. from Los Angeles St to Main St. 4 to 9:50 a.m.
Main St. from 5th St. to Temple St. 4 to 9:50 a.m.
3rd St. from San Pedro St. to Hill St. 4 to 9:50a.m.
Hill St. from 4th St. to Temple St. 4 to 9:50 a.m.
1st St. from San Pedro St. to Hope St. 4 to 10:05 a.m.
Grand Ave. from Cesar Chavez Ave. to 2nd St. 4 to 10:05 a.m.
Temple St. from Alameda St. to Glendale Blvd. 4 to 10:20 a.m.
Edgeware Rd. from Temple St. to Boston St. 4 to 10:20 a.m.
Bellevue Ave. from Sunset Blvd. to Glendale Blvd. 4 to 10:20 a.m.
Glendale Blvd. from Temple St. to Sunset Blvd. 4 to 10:40 a.m.
Sunset Blvd. from Echo Park Ave. to Virgil Ave. 4 to 11:10 a.m.
Hollywood Blvd. from Hillhurst Ave. to La Brea. 4 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Orange Ave. from Hollywood Blvd. to Sunset Blvd. 4 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Sunset Blvd. from Highland Ave. to Doheny Dr. 5 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
San Vicente Blvd. from Sunset Blvd. to Melrose Ave. 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Santa Monica Blvd. from La Cienega Blvd. to Sierra Dr. 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Doheny Dr. from Nemo St. to Wilshire Blvd. 5 a.m. 1 p.m.
Burton Way from Robertson Blvd. to Rexford Dr. 5 a.m. 1 p.m.
S. Santa Monica Blvd. from Rexford Dr. to Moreno Blvd. 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Rodeo Dr. from Santa Monica Blvd. to Wilshire Blvd. 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wilshire Blvd. from Beverly Dr. to Santa Monica Blvd. 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Santa Monica Blvd. (WB & EB Lanes) from Wilshire Blvd. to Sepulveda Blvd. 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sepulveda Blvd. from Santa Monica Blvd. to Wilshire Ave. 5 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Wilshire Blvd. (WB & EB Lanes) from Sepulveda Blvd. to Barrington Ave. 5 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
San Vicente Blvd. from Wilshire Blvd. to Saltair Ave. 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Ave of the Stars from Santa Monica Blvd. to Olympic Ave. 8 a.m. on 3/19 to 8 p.m. on 3/20.

** Traffic will be allowed to exit at Sunset at and Douglas St up until 8 a.m. and again after 8:45 a.m. Access north on Sunset from Douglas to Portia will also be allowed throughout the event.

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Bill promotes California as US refuge for transgender youth

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California could provide legal refuge to displaced transgender youth and their families under a proposal announced Thursday that joins a growing list of initiatives from the nation's most populous state aimed at counterbalancing actions in Texas and other conservative places.

Democratic state lawmakers said they will introduce legislation to offer California as a safe haven for parents in other states who risk having their transgender children taken away or from being criminally prosecuted for supporting their children's access to gender-affirming procedures and other health care.

The measure is a response to moves in several Republican-dominated states and particularly Texas, where Gov. Greg Abbott has directed state agencies to consider removing transgender children from their families and placing them in foster care. A Texas judge last week temporarily blocked that effort, although the state is appealing.

California Democratic state Sen. Scott Wiener said his bill would ensure that "California is a place of refuge for transgender children and their parents as a wave of criminalization sweeps through Texas and other states."

"They have a safe place to go if they're threatened with prosecution," he added. "California will not be a party to this new wave of deadly LGBTQ criminalization."

Jonathan Keller, president of the conservative California Family Council, responded to the proposal by citing the story of a woman who said last week that her 16-year-old daughter killed herself while receiving gender-affirming treatment against her mother's wishes.

The mother spoke during a forum by The Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington, D.C.-based think tank, entitled Protecting Our Children: How Radical Gender Ideology is Taking Over Public Schools & Harming Kids.

"California should not be complicit in the sterilization and permanent disfigurement of American's children," Keller said.

The bill to provide refuge to transgender youth and their families is the latest effort by California officials to counter moves on generally liberal vs. conservative issues like abortion and gun control in other states.

Wiener's approach is similar to the provisions in another pending California bill responding to efforts in other states to restrict abortions.

It would bar the enforcement of civil judgments against doctors who perform abortions on patients from other states. It's among several measures designed to make California a sanctuary for people seeking or providing abortions.

In a spinoff move, California is also advancing efforts to target illicit assault-style weapons with legislation patterned on Texas' attempt to restrict abortions, by allowing private citizens to take legal action against gunmakers.

Like the abortion bill, the transgender bill would reject any out-of-state court judgments removing transgender children from their parents' custody because they allowed their children to receive gender-affirming healthcare.

Because the judgments in other states wouldn't be enforced in California, families could move to California to avoid having their children taken away from them.

It would also prohibit California officials from complying with out-of-state subpoenas seeking medical or related information about people who travel to California for gender-affirming care. To be blocked, the subpoena would have to be related to attempts to file criminal charges or remove children for receiving gender-affirming care.

> "They have a safe place to go if they're threatened with prosecution"

The measure would also make it California's policy that any out-of-state criminal arrest warrants based on an alleged violation of another state's law against receiving gender-affirming care would be the lowest priority for law enforcement in California.

"We will not allow other states to hunt our community within California's borders," said Tami Martin, legislative director at Equality California, which says it is the largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization in the U.S. Her organization is co-sponsoring the bill with Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California.

Arkansas last year became the first state to pass a law prohibiting gender-confirming treatments for minors, and Tennessee has approved a similar measure.

Idaho legislators introduced legislation that would make it a felony for parents to allow their children to obtain gender-affirming care, though the measure failed.

Advocates of California's measure said there also are legislative efforts to restrict gender-affirming care pending in Alabama, Arizona and Louisiana.

Supporters of the California bill said efforts to suppress transgender youth can lead to fear and mental health issues including depression and suicidal thoughts.

Those problems can be magnified if youths are denied access to gender-affirming care including hormones and puberty-blockers, or if their parents were prosecuted, bill supporters said.

"Families will be separated and children will die because of these policies," said Alexis Sanchez, director of advocacy and training at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fairview Library

We miss you. We need you. The second oldest branch of the Santa Monica Library, you have consistently welcomed the most visitors. Four generations of my family have treasured you in our lives.

How sad it is now to walk by and see you there, empty and neglected. Even your plants look sad, many torn out for minimal maintenance of the plot.

You were closed, they say, because of the pandemic, for more than two years you have stood lifeless.

• No story time on the carpet to enchant toddlers with the magic to be theirs from books.

• No school kids doing their homework and researching term paper topics.

• Nobody browsing the aisles for a favorite author or a new one.

• No community meetings or lectures.

• No seniors resting with a magazine on a break from a neighborhood walk.

• No holiday displays.

• No answers for inquiring minds.

All the other branches are restoring services and partially reopening. You alone are not even mentioned. Last week the Montana Branch opening was celebrated for its "neighborhood-y" feel. Big whoopee for Montana, big ouch for you. Don't cry poor Fairview. You're the center of our neighborhood and we're sad too.

A few years ago the city invested nearly a million dollars in remodeling you - replacing windows, carpets and furniture, upgrading infrastructure and improving space functioning. Oh how hard it was to have you closed then for a year. It's all the more bewildering now to understand how the City can leave that great investment fallow.

But now, dear Fairview, your doors have been closed for more than two years.

When pressed about the return of services at Fairview, the City conveniently hides your neglect behind the lack of "budget". And yet, it continuously chooses what is, and what is not, in the magic budget. What kind of value system puts weekly street sweeping before a library? Why have you been singled out for some vague future funding?

We miss you Fairview. We love you. We need you. Stay strong, the neighborhood is eager to welcome you back.

And you there, looking over my shoulder – if you can read this letter, thank a library for contributing to your literacy. And let the Library Administration and the City Council know. Send a copy of this letter with your name and your comments or memories to the people listed below. I thank you. The neighborhood thanks you.

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Geraldine Kennedy, Santa Monica

RUSSIA

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against the Ukrainian people will come at a crippling price."

Tariffs make imports less competitive by increasing their costs to U.S. companies. Timothy Brightbill, a partner at Wiley Rein LLP who focuses on international trade law, said the effects on American consumers should be modest in most sectors as companies can generally turn to other suppliers. He said it's important for U.S. supply chains not to run through Russia any more and that consumers understand that.

"Most American consumers would be happy to pay a bit more to ensure that their products and raw materials don't support Russia and the Russian government," Brightbill said.

He also said that revoking Russia's trade status sends a strong signal to China that the United States would not tolerate hostile actions against Taiwan.

Eight Republicans voted against the House measure, but speakers from both parties forcefully advocated for its passage during the debate. Democratic Reps. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, and Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., introduced an earlier version.

"What Putin is doing in Ukraine, bombing civilians, targeting children, ... is outside the circle of civilized human behavior," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. "He is committing war crimes and he must be held accountable."

Rep. Victoria Spartz, R-Ind., who was born in Ukraine, said the bill sends a message to Putin and his allies that "the West is serious."

"They cannot just go kill a bunch of people, destroy cities, kill women and children and then go back and have business as usual," Spartz said.

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SP2638

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both Assemblymember Richard Bloom and Senator Ben Allen of Santa Monica.

The bill's principal author is Assemblymember Alex Lee, who represents the South Bay of San Francisco between the East Bay and Silicon Valley. He initially introduced the bill as AB 864 in 2021 and is reintroducing it as AB 2050 with minor tweaks to address assemblymember concerns.

If passed, the bill would prevent landlords from utilizing the Ellis Act to evict rent controlled tenants within their first five years of ownership. The aim of the bill is to return the Ellis Act to its original purpose, which is to assist mom and pops landlords in exiting the rental business when they are losing money on a property.

"Assemblymember Lee has introduced a common sense solution to protect tenants while preserving the purpose and integrity of the Ellis Act, which was passed in 1994 to allow mom and pop landlords to exit the rental business. The Ellis Act is currently being abused by speculative investors having no interest in the rental business but buying up rental property only to then turn around and evict the tenants because suddenly the investor wants to get out of the rental business," said Assemblymember Richard Bloom.

Detractors of the Ellis Act complain that it is utilized by speculative investors to snap up rent controlled housing, evict the tenants and then sell the property on for a higher profit. A 2014 study completed by Tenants Together & The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project found that 78 percent of Ellis Act evictions in San Francisco are commenced by landlords within their first five years of owning the property. AB 2050 is designed to deter investors from purchasing properties with the specific intention of using the Ellis Act to evict tenants.

"This is common sense reform and good governance, plain and simple. The Ellis Act was never intended to allow serial evictions of tenants in order to flip or to empty out properties for speculative profits," said Santa Monica Rent Control Board Commissioner Anastasia Foster. "This needs to be corrected, and this is the legislation to do it."

The earlier version of the bill AB 864 faced strong pushback from owners of rental properties. It was nicknamed as the "Stay in Business Forever Act" and criticized for forcing property owners to stay in the rental business even if they are losing money on a property. The California Apartment Association was strongly opposed to the bill and coordinated an email writing campaign calling on Assembly members to reject it.

Both AB 864 and the updated AB 2050 contained exceptions so they would not apply to mom and pops landlords. This is designed to ensure that such landlords can still use the Ellis Act at any time if they cannot economically sustain their rental business.

The Ellis Act is currently the primary means by which rent-control tenants are forcibly evicted and rent controlled buildings are taken off of the market. In Los Angeles, the law has resulted in over 27,000 evictions since 2001.

Assemblymember Lee pitched both AB 864 and AB 2050 as a means to help confront the affordable housing and homelessness crisis by protecting rent controlled tenants from losing their homes. The bill has drawn support from tenants' rights organizations.

"Any effective effort to address our affordable housing crisis must prioritize preserving our existing affordable housing along with producing new affordable housing for we will never solely build our way out of our affordable housing emergency," said Larry Gross, Executive Director of the Coalition for Economic Survival. "The Ellis Act undermines meaningful efforts to do so, and the passage of AB 2050 must be seen as a crucial component to meeting the state's affordable housing needs."

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New owners keep high standards at both McCall's locations

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FOOD: David and Michelle Sarraf bought the business in 2021.

The Los Feliz gourmet meat and fish grocer with a cult-like following has opened a shop on Montana Ave. with hopes of creating a fresh neighborhood of McCall's fanatics.

According to new Co-owner Michelle Sarraf, McCall's today stays true to the original owners' vision of being a chef's pantry, meaning it carries a carefully cultivated collection of ingredients to build an entire gourmet meal from scratch. Accordingly, the new Santa Monica location offers McCall's classic collection of top tier meats and fishes as well as farmers' market fruit and vegetables; fresh pasta and sauces; and a whole range of specialty products like membrillo quince paste, white truffle olive oil and black pearl caviar.

"When McCall's started it was like you couldn't go anywhere in the city and find the same level of quality of meat. We were doing it like your Michelin restaurants. No one was portioning fish the way that we do, no one was cleaning the same way, they weren't paying attention to the detail," said VP of Operations Olin Schneider, who first joined the McCall's team in 2011, a year after the original store opened. "So for us it was like how do we just provide the best quality, best tasting product imaginable?"

Michelle and her husband David Sarraf took over the business from Nathan McCall and Karen Yoo in 2021. They seek to stick to the original McCall's mission of being a purveyor of excellent meats and fish, while bringing the company to a new level with fresh offerings like grab-and-go deli sandwiches and expanded retail and delivery services.

The original Los Feliz location has a devoted following of neighborhood foodies and the Sarrafs recognized that a similar desire for high-end products exists in Santa Monica.

"We looked at several different areas and I think ultimately we kept coming back to Montana because we felt Santa Monica can appreciate what we do," said David.

Both locations are staffed with knowledgeable butchers and fishmongers who can prepare meats and fish exactly to customers specifications, provide advice for preparation and customize what they order in each week to match individual customers' culinary desires.

"Oh you want to make a rabbit roulade and you've never made it before? Great. We have the talent here that we can take that, we can prep that rabbit for you, we can show you how to cook it," said Schneider. "It's that high-end restaurant, fine detail and skill set that sets us apart from everyone else."

The McCall's team prepares their products to make the cooking process as easy as possible for the customer. According to Schnieder, the shrimp always come peeled, the branzino gutted and the salmon perfectly deboned and descaled.

The meat is sourced from farms all across the country and comes in a wide variety of cuts and custom preparations. Some of their sources include Mary's Chicken, Beeler's Pork, Niman Ranch, and Salmon Creek Farms. Audrey Grewe is the Santa Monica store manager and recommends customers try one of their house made sausages, such as the popular beef short rib sausage with porcini mushrooms and Gruyere cheese.

Grewe hails from the quaint town of Middlebury, Indiana, where she grew up wrapping packages of burgers, brats, smoked baby back ribs, and more at her father's historic meat shop and smokehouse Old Hoosier Meats. She said she enjoys working at McCall's because of the level of customer community and loyalty that is built around picking out products.

"We're not even two months in and I'm already on a first name basis with a lot of customers," said Grewe. "I'm excited to get to know more people and really find those people who want to come in on a weekly basis or they're doing their monthly big cookout, they want to get something special, so they come through to us."

McCall's is open at 1426 Montana Ave. Ste 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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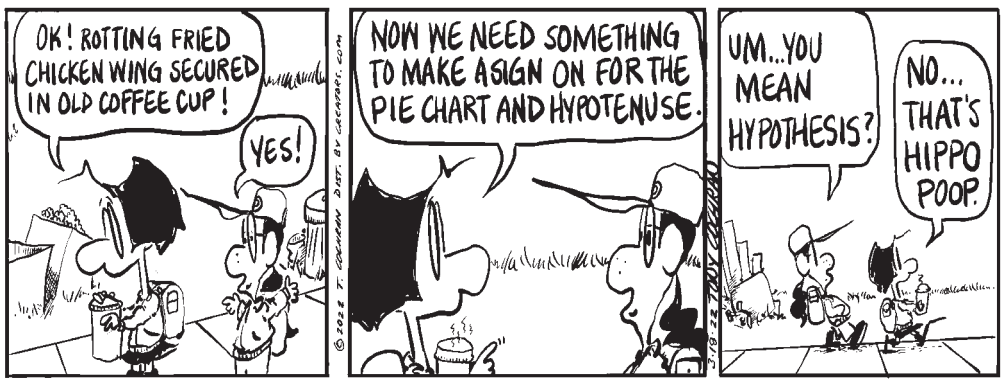
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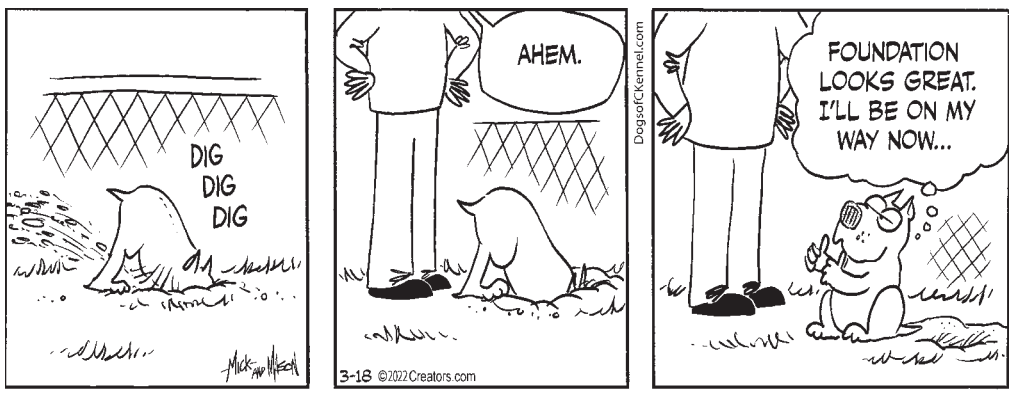
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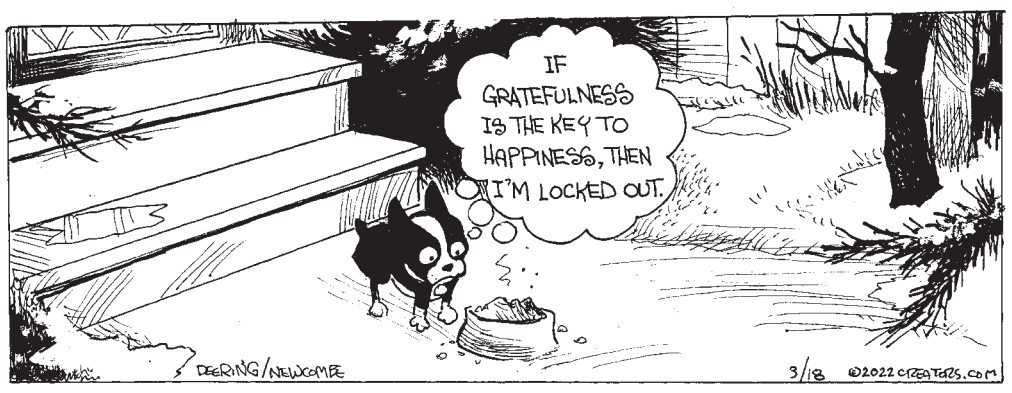
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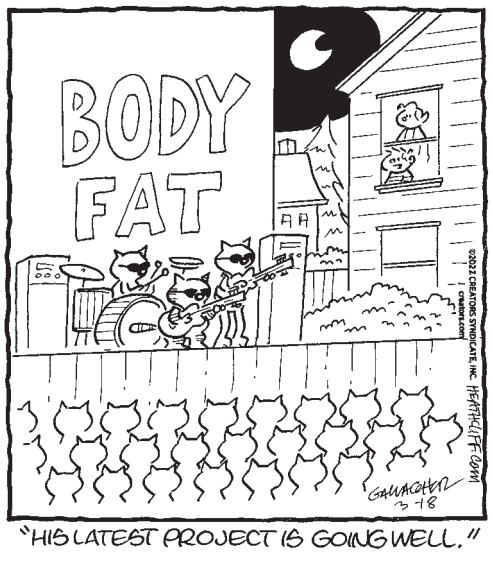
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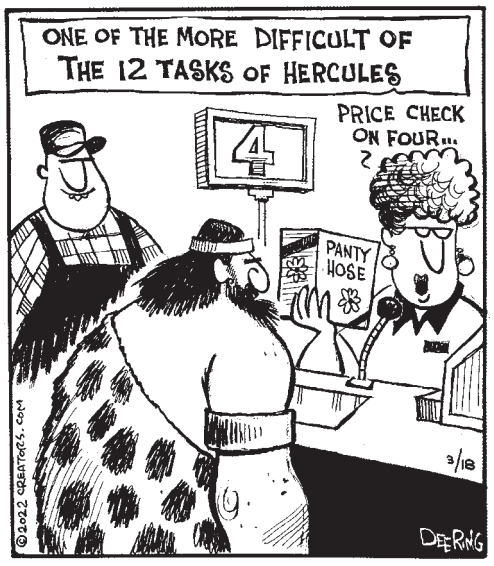
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Strange Brew

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.2**

FRIDAY *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.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Lingering NW swell as modest SSW swell peaks. Wind doesn't look great but could be manageable. Most spots best early before the tide gets too deep.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North northeast wind around 5 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Chance of showers after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/03/18	Fri	4:22 PM	-0.28	L
2022/03/18	Fri	10:34 PM	4.95	H
2022/03/19	Sat	04:38 AM	0.26	L
2022/03/19	Sat	10:39 AM	4.93	H
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2022/03/19	Sat	11:02 PM	5.17	H
2022/03/20	Sun	05:22 AM	0.06	L
2022/03/20	Sun	11:23 AM	4.41	H
2022/03/20	Sun	5:14 PM	0.57	L
2022/03/20	Sun	11:32 PM	5.31	H
2022/03/21	Mon	06:12 AM	-0.02	L
2022/03/21	Mon	12:15 PM	3.78	H
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no more significant gift than your patience and love. Other things you could give might attract more attention but are far less impactful than the treasure of your abiding love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When things happen in your life, who's the first one you want to tell? This person is your No. 1 for a reason and will benefit from hearing you articulate the reason today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A conflict of interests will make it seem difficult to move forward with the same crew. Then again, maybe progress just looks different than you originally thought it would. A change-up will suit everyone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Are you showing your love? Since other people cannot technically feel your feelings, you make sure to express them well and give plenty of evidence of the emotions you want to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Money and love are more intertwined than is comfortable and there may be no graceful way to separate the two, but there are plenty of non-graceful ways. Who you give your money and attention to is your choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships take work, but how much is appropriate? Should it really be like a part-time job? If it's always work and never a coast, you'll wonder whether it's really a good match.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A dream is your subconscious trying to get your attention. The emotion of a dream is one of your best interpretive clues. To understand what it means, dive into the feeling of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some people prefer sweet lies over harsh truths. Even so, you may be able to tell the truth in a softer way, or compassionately reframe the story to highlight a different part of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is it possible that a song understands you in a way that other people in your life don't seem to? You'll be motivated, inspired and even healed by the magic of music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make alliances. Give new people a chance, especially if you already have a good feeling about them, but don't give them everything right away. People value what they earn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You realize just how futile it is to make certain requirements of people. It's a lot easier to observe what they like to do and count on them to do that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're busy today. That's as good an excuse as any to trust in the justice of the universe. Each will claim their rightful karma, so there is no reason to teach anyone a lesson, get revenge, punish or reward.

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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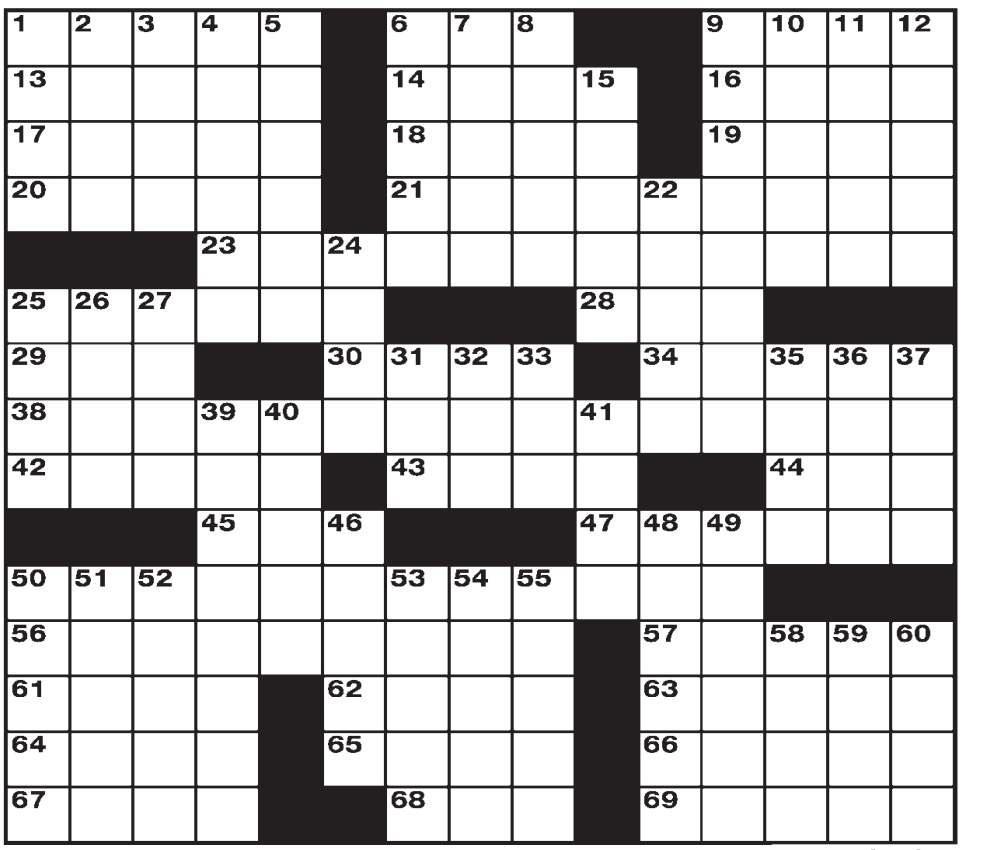
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6 Franchise concerned with DNA
9 Knight counterpart
13 Seiko's printer subsidiary
14 Pods that may be fried
16 "Craft" creations
17 Prom figures
18 Overcharge
19 Anchovy containers
20 Part of an Austin Powers costume
21 Worthy of respect
23 Concern for some resorts
25 Reporting triumphs
28 Finished off
29 Purely
30 Nap site
34 Twosomes in the news
38 James Brown nickname
42 Stuttgart souvenir
43 Converge
44 DoD intel org.
45 *Sábado*, e.g.
47 Far from refined
50 Assesses one's audience
56 Far-from-refined remark
57 Use for lawn clippings
61 Without additives
62 Nutrient in spinach
63 All together
64 Savory stimulus
65 Final course, frequently
66 "Not a chance!"
67 Counting intervals
68 Copy cats
69 Start of several Shelley titles

DOWN

1 Test mode
2 African creatures
3 Short time, for short
4 One of the 2 Down
5 Marching with precision
6 Trig term
7 Small amount
8 Fit to be tied
9 Information files
10 Word from the Latin for "elsewhere"
11 Part of an Edison epithet
12 It's north of Cologne
15 Director Kurosawa
22 Central idea
24 Deputy: Abbr.
25 Lacks firmness
26 Clump together
27 Chaucer-era "ancient"
31 Bit of resistance
32 Cost for services
33 Equal
35 Long periods
36 Cornmeal dish
37 Cause to be highly 49 Down
39 Bluegrass entertainment
40 Biscotti flavoring
41 Italian *ocho*
46 Loft space
48 Sharp cheese
49 Entertained
50 Transplant, as plants
51 Be dripping with
52 It might say "Kiss the chef"
53 Distiller Walker
54 Draw forth
55 Extend a term
58 Sonnet subject
59 Site for tech blogs
60 One "unsung" in the three longest answers



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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.

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/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.

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

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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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Famous
Figaro
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REFUGEES

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people, mostly women and children from Ukraine, have fled the country because of [Russian President Vladimir] Putin's senseless war. Millions more have been displaced and will eventually seek refuge in neighboring countries," Supervisor Hilda Solis, who drafted the motion, said during a hearing on Tuesday, March 16. "This Board remains in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and I support the President's actions in regard to sanctions and applaud his decision to grant temporary protected status to Ukrainians who are currently here, which this Board requested thanks to the motion by Supervisor [Janice] Hahn. The President also said that the United States should welcome Ukrainian refugees with open arms and I agree, as we have done time and time again."

In her motion, Solis requested Davenport's office "coordinate with the Department of Public Social Services, the Office of Immigrant Affairs, and other relevant County departments" to provide help and services to refugees from Ukraine — which could include cash aid, medical and mental health care, workforce development, and immigration legal assistance.

The motion also requests the estimated 26,000 LA County residents of Ukrainian descent be provided with information about services for themselves and their potential relatives in Ukraine.

Solis said the motion was modeled after humanitarian efforts from European countries.

"Many Ukrainian refugees have fled to neighboring countries and may want to remain in Europe in case there's a chance to return to their home in the future," Solis said. "And countries in the European Union are providing Ukrainian refugees with short term residency and other benefits such as work authorization. The United States should do the same: provide humanitarian parole visas to Ukrainians who have family members in the United States and want to reside here." Solis said the motion was meant to prepare the County for such a move.

The decision came on the same day White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki addressed the issue during a press briefing. According to official White House transcripts, a reporter asked Psaki: "On the refugee crisis from Ukraine, is there any conversation about the role the U.S. could play to alleviate some of the burden felt by Poland? For example, either something similar to what we set up coming out of Afghanistan: airlifting people, expediting processing, especially for those who have family members in the U.S.?"

Psaki replied that the White House was "having ongoing, internal discussions about how we can play the most effective role in supporting the large number of refugees who are coming out of Ukraine."

Psaki added that the President would welcome Ukrainians coming to the United States, but details were sparse.

"Obviously, they currently — they could apply through the refugee process, but we're continuing to discuss what options may exist," Psaki said.

On Tuesday, Solis cited recent U.S. efforts to resettle Afghan refugees.

Afghan refugees in the United States will be allowed to stay for at least 18 months under temporary protected status, the government said Wednesday, a move that will help some of the thousands who arrived following the chaotic American withdrawal from their country.

The Afghans must already be in the U.S. and pass a background check to qualify for the program, which is intended to help thousands who were evacuated to the U.S. under a short-term status known as humanitarian parole as their country fell to the Taliban.

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ABORTION

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including Washington, which enacted a law on Thursday to prohibit legal action against people seeking an abortion or those who aid them.

These types of laws and proposals are in direct response to states like Texas, which has banned abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected, and Mississippi, which has banned abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

The U.S. Supreme Court has let the Texas law remain in effect while it faces a legal challenge. The court heard arguments about Mississippi's law last year, where a majority of the conservative-dominated court indicated a willingness to either let the law stand or overturn Roe v. Wade.

To prepare for that possibility, on Thursday California lawmakers revealed a bill that would create a mechanism for taxpayers to pay for women in other states where abortion might be illegal to travel to California to receive care.

The bill would create the Abortion Practical Support Fund, which would give grants to nonprofit groups that help women get abortions. The groups could use the money to pay for things like airfare, lodging, ground transportation, gas money, meals, dependent child care, doula support, and translation services.

The fund, which state Sen. Nancy Skinner said would be the first of its kind in the country, would accept private donations, but state lawmakers could also choose to put taxpayer money in it. That would require an appropriation in the state budget.

"We really wanted to double down on our effort to make sure that every Californian has access to the full range of reproductive services they need, including abortion," said Skinner, a Democrat from Berkeley who is a co-author of the bill along with Democratic Sen. Anna Caballero. "Of course, we have states around us where these restrictions may end up in place, and women who will feel like they have nowhere to turn but a state that is open to them."

The bill would also create a state-run website that would compile information about California's abortion providers and available supports in one place.

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