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Multi-million dollar construction projects headline SMMUSD meeting

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Construction endeavors at Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) campus sites will be examined during the district's Board of Education meeting March 20.

The board is recommended to approve three construction-related matters relating to Measure SMS projects, two at Santa Monica High School (Samohi) and one on the campus of Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) and John Muir Elementary School. Passed in November 2018 with 72 percent support from local voters, Measure SMS approved a $485 million general obligation bond, anticipated for primary use in implementing the Samohi campus plan.

As of this month, over $225 million has been committed to Samohi, with another $26 million anticipated at the school. Other SMMUSD campuses have had just over $164 million committed thus far, with another $80 million anticipated. The combined total and future commitments across the district are equal to a shade over $495 million, with an SMS report stating the plans are currently $10.82 million over the budget. However, the report states that anticipated state funding will help aid the remainder of the planned projects.

"If there are no further unanticipated cost impacts, no additional projects, and no additional scope added to any of the current projects, it is not anticipated that significant additional funding will be required to complete the Measure SMS projects currently planned and underway," reporting to the board states.

The board will hear about the current SMS budget as well as the three projects, starting with the

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

CONSTRUCTION: Work continues for the Samohi Exploration Building and Gold Gym project, slated to be completed during the summer.

First candidate declares run for City Council

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Dan Hall is the first person to formally declare their intent to run for City Council in this year's election.

Four seats will be up for election in November, all currently occupied by incumbents (Gleam Davis, Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra). Hall is the first person to publicly announce an intent to run, but formal paperwork to become a candidate won't be available for several months.

In his announcement, Hall described himself as an Army veteran, Santa Monica Pier Board Member, and former Democratic Club Vice President.

He said he was motivated by the housing affordability, evictions, and street safety crises causing an increase in homelessness and bicyclist and pedestrian deaths,

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Local man accused of national prostitution and child abuse scheme

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A Santa Monica man has been arrested on accusations he operated a nationwide scheme sexually grooming and abusing children.

The FBI's Philadelphia Field Office is seeking to identify potential victims of John Douglas Burch, 54, of Santa Monica. Burch has been charged by federal indictment with traveling to engage in illicit sexual conduct and enticement of a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct and prostitution.

According to the FBI, Burch has known victims in several states (including Pennsylvania and North Carolina) and internationally with allegations of abuse starting as far back as 2014.

Burch is accused of posing as a fitness professional and using social media platforms to pressure women, both adult and children to enter his "sex slave training program."

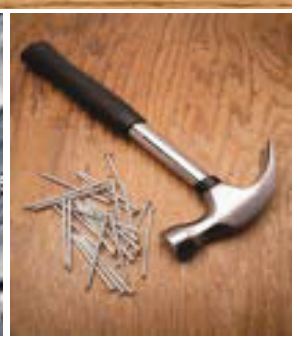
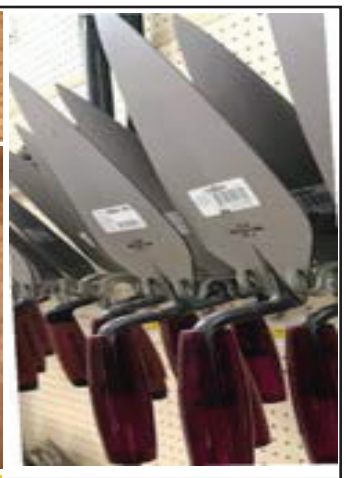
"This 'training' included, among other things, the requirement that females listen to explicit and sexually-charged audio recordings, watch violent pornography, create pornographic images and videos and transmit the content to him over the internet, the creation of online dating profiles designed to encourage sexual encounters and commercial sex, step-by-step instructions to perform specific sexual acts to be carried out during

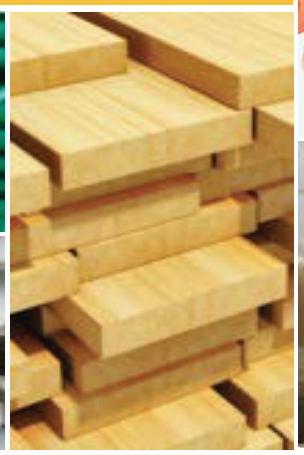
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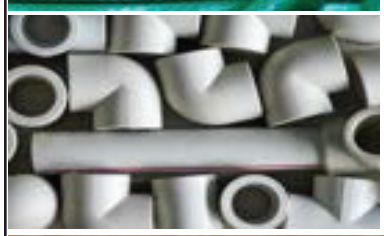
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Several controversial issues are sure to make Tuesday's City Council meeting eventful

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SMDP Staff Writer

The agenda for Tuesday's City Council's meeting is certainly packed and providing Council manages to get through all of it, there are a number of issues that will almost certainly provoke a lot of discussion and equally, a substantial amount of public input.

The endless unease surrounding the retail of recreational cannabis gets revisited in Tuesday's City Council meeting as a Study Session item, so it will almost certainly prompt plenty of back and forth conversation. Staff will recommend that Council review and discuss a presentation on cannabis social equity programs from other cities.

Back in June of last year, the first cannabis dispensary finally opened in the city of Santa Monica, more than a year and a half after the permit was granted in October 2021, six years after the application was requested in December 2017 and over 26 years since medical marijuana was made legal in the state of California. That dispensary is a branch of the Local Cannabis Company, which is owned by Massachusetts-based Calyx Peak.

However, this dispensary was only allowed to sell medical marijuana until a full recreational permit was issued in November of last year.

The request for applications ran from December 2017 through to February 2018 and saw over 21 different requests. A second dispensary, then known as Harvest of Santa Monica, was set to be situated at 1416 Wilshire Blvd was also approved, in January 2022. However, we only saw evidence of that coming to fruition two years later, in January of this year. Hopefully, there will be an update regarding an opening date for that outlet.

Another item that is almost certainly guaranteed to provoke discussion is a request from Councilmembers Gleam Davis, Caroline Torosis and Jesse Zwick that the City Council allocate a total of $22,500 out of its Discretionary Fund to the Pico Improvement Organization, Montana Merchants and Main Street Business Improvement Association, with each organization receiving $7,500.

The last City Council meeting took an unexpected twist when the seemingly administrative task of approving the 2023-24 Midyear Budget was derailed over Councilmember travel allowances. Councilmember Gleam Davis made a motion to move the original item and approve the FY 23-24 budget with one amendment, which was to take the proposed increase of $14,000, add $1,000 to it, transfer it back into the council discretionary fund and give $5,000 to each Business Improvement District for them to invest in community building and promoting local business.

And there's more. In the first of two items that address the seizure of the land where Silas White intended to open the Ebony Beach Club, Councilmembers Caroline Torosis, Jesse Zwick and Davis will direct the City Manager and City Attorney, to report back to the Council in 90 days with historical and legal documentation pertaining to the ownership claims of Silas White, together with any evidence that indicates the City of Santa Monica exercised racial animus in its decision to seize the property where the Viceroy Hotel now sits at 1811 Ocean Ave.

White, an entrepreneur and Santa Monica resident, purchased the land in 1957, with hopes of turning the space into the aforementioned Ebony Beach Club, a place where the local Black community could come together during a time when such establishments were sparse, to say the least. However, just one year later, the City of Santa Monica claimed the property through a process called eminent domain and within a few years, demolished the building.

According to the agenda, recommendations could potentially include options for financial compensation, an outline of steps that would be required to transfer the parcel of land, determining the rightful legal heirs and assessing the operational and financial impact to the City and the Viceroy Hotel.

A follow up item is also on the agenda, this one at the request of Vice Mayor Lana Negrete, Christine Parra and Oscar de la Torre, to look at the actual use of eminent domain by the City to acquire the property.

Also on the agenda, is a request and proposal to enter in an agreement with the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) as the "selected development team" for affordable housing on three City-owned, public parking lot spaces near Wilshire Blvd and 14th Street.

Proposals from nine teams were reviewed and HCHC were selected based on the team's "overall experience in development, design, operations and supportive services, including the strength of its proposal for the sites."

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FBI

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these meetings, documentation of these meetings via photos and videos," said the FBI in a statement.

Officials said Burch would then travel to meet the victims, forcing them to partake in illegal and non-consensual sexual acts.

The FBI are also investigating the possibility that Burch may have also coerced adult women into "recruiting" minors via social media.

Burch used several online services and names including:

Snapchat: Just 9×6.5a (Display Name), Mr. Bigc0ck (Account Name)

KIK: Mstr_Trainer

Discord: @TheBurch9567

Telegram: Burch

Instagram: "@food_is_not_enemy"; "@notyourfitguru2"; "@not_your_fit_guru_original"; "@backup_notryourfitguru

Facebook: Notyourfitguru

Anyone with information about Burch can contact the FBI via an online form (https://forms.fbi.gov/burchvictims/view)

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Who is Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and why is he running for president?

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The lack of excitement many Americans feel about a presidential rematch has heightened interest in alternatives to the major-party candidates, none more so than Robert F. Kennedy Jr., whose famous name has helped him build buzz for his independent bid.

Kennedy is a huge longshot to win Electoral College votes, much less the presidency. But his campaign events have drawn large crowds of supporters and people interested in his message. He plans to announce his vice presidential nominee later this month in Oakland, California, and is stoking expectations that he might pick New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers or former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura.

Here is a look at his campaign and what he's stood for:

WHO IS RFK JR?

Kennedy, 70, is a member of perhaps the nation's most famous political dynasty. His uncle was President John F. Kennedy. His father served as attorney general and a U.S. senator before seeking the Democratic nomination for president. Both were assassinated.

RFK Jr. built a reputation of his own as an activist, author and lawyer who fought for environmental causes such as clean water.

More recently, his activism has veered into conspiracies and contradicted scientific consensus, most infamously on vaccines. Some members of his family have publicly criticized his views. Dozens of his family members posed with President Joe Biden at a St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House in a photo his sister Kerry Kennedy posted to social media.

Kennedy founded Waterkeeper Alliance, which works to secure clean water, and Children's Health Defense, an anti-vaccine group that saw its reach grow rapidly during the pandemic.

Children's Health Defense has a lawsuit pending against a number of news organizations, among them The Associated Press, accusing them of violating antitrust laws by taking action to identify misinformation, including about COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines. Kennedy took leave from the group when he announced his run for president but is listed as one of its attorneys in the lawsuit.

He's married to actress Cheryl Hines.

WHAT DOES KENNEDY'S CAMPAIGN LOOK LIKE?

Kennedy's need to collect thousands of signatures to get on the ballot has taken him to places that rarely see presidential candidates, including Hawaii, Wyoming and West Virginia.

At events in Phoenix and Las Vegas, hundreds of supporters queued up outside hours before he was scheduled to arrive. He attracts a legion of fans, many of whom have listened extensively to Kennedy's interviews on podcasts or YouTube videos.

In Nevada, massive graphics and photos were projected on three walls as upbeat music played. Drinks and merchandise were for sale.

Kennedy speaks in a quiet, strained voice, sometimes haltingly, the result of a neurological condition called spasmodic dysphonia.

WHAT DOES HE TALK ABOUT?

Kennedy frames himself as a truthteller with a track record of fighting for the middle class against powerful interests. He points to lawsuits he's won against corporate behemoths such as Monsanto and DuPont.

"I can fix this country," he said in Las Vegas in February. "All these agencies that intimidate normal politicians, I've sued every one of them. ... When you sue these agencies, you get a Ph.D. in corporate capture and how to unravel it." Corporate capture refers to private interests using their influence to control government decision-making, as when they help draft legislation.

Kennedy has been critical of U.S. support for Ukraine and supportive of Israel's war against Hamas. He wants to reduce military and health care spending because of the impact on budget deficits, and combat rising housing costs so young people can afford to buy homes.

Kennedy has found a loyal following among people distrustful of institutions and those who believe the government has been captured by corporations, especially pharmaceutical companies.

He hasn't shied away from his controversial views on health care and vaccines. He wants to dismantle the public health bureaucracy, saying he'd immediately tell the National Institutes of Health to refocus research away from infectious diseases and vaccines and toward chronic diseases.

Kennedy insists he is not anti-vaccine and claims he has never told the public to avoid vaccination. But he has repeatedly made his opposition to vaccines clear. He said on a podcast "there's no vaccine that is safe and effective" and has urged people to resist CDC guidelines on when kids should get vaccinated.

While there are rare instances when people have severe reactions to vaccines, the billions of doses administered globally provide real-world evidence that they are safe. The World Health Organization says vaccines prevent as many as 5 million deaths each year.

CAN HE WIN?

The United States has a long history of rejecting independent or third-party presidential candidates. In fact, the last president to win without a party's backing was George Washington, and he did it before there were political parties.

The last third-party candidate to make it to the White House was Abraham Lincoln with the newly formed Republican Party.

The last third-party candidate to pull more than single digits in the popular vote was Ross Perot, a businessman who won 19% in 1992 and 8% in 1996. But he won zero electoral votes.

And while the independent share of the electorate is growing, it is still dwarfed by voters who consistently support Republican or Democratic candidates, even if they identify as independent.

In other words, the odds are long.

Kennedy's case for optimism hinges on his relatively strong showing in a few national polls. Polls during the 2016 presidential

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.6**

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Easing mix of SSW swell and NW swell due for smaller surf. Morning winds look light but dawn patrol bogged down by the early AM high tide.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Surf is on the smaller side overall but there should be some occasional rideable waves as the AM high tide drops. Steep-angled NW swell backs down as some small new SW/SSW swell shows a little better. Watching the AM wind.

Weather

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 54. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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Fresh batch of YIMBY housing bills clash with coastal protections (again)

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Last year, state lawmakers broke from tradition by not including an exception for the California coast in a major housing law.

That deliberate omission came despite opposition from the California Coastal Commission — the voter-created state agency tasked since 1976 with scrutinizing anything that gets built, demolished, dug, divvied up, fixed, tamped down or clear cut within the California Coastal Zone. A stretch of land that grazes the entirety of California's 840-mile coast, the zone reaches inland from high tide, 1,000 feet at its narrowest and five miles at its thickest.

"Once you start exempting classes of development from the Coastal Act," Sarah Christie, the commission's legislative director, warned CalMatters at the time, "there will be no shutting that barn door."

Sure enough, a small herd of bills now trotting through the Legislature would further erode the commission's long-guarded authority in the interest of spurring more housing on some of California's most exclusive, valuable and tightly regulated real estate.

The bills — all by Democrats — take different tacks:

Exempt from the Coastal Act apartment projects that make use of density bonus law, a policy that lets developers build taller, higher and with fewer restrictions if they set aside units for lower income residents. It's by San Diego Assemblymember David Alvarez.

Make the same exception for accessory dwelling units, often known as granny units or casitas. It's by Encinitas Sen. Catherine Blakespear.

Force the Commission to more quickly process appeals of locally-approved apartment buildings, also a Blakespear bill.

Cut a chunk of San Francisco out of the Coastal Zone entirely. It's authored by that city's senator, Scott Wiener.

Together they show that many pro-housing legislators have taken heart from last year's battle for the coast.

"The Coastal Commission and the Coastal Act have been a bit of a sacred cow and that has meant that it has been carved out of a lot of bills," said Sen. Blakespear. Reevaluating whether that should be the case is "an area of an emerging focus from the Legislature."

The commission is opposed to Wiener's bill to redraw the San Francisco coastal boundary unless it's dramatically amended. While it has yet to take formal positions on the remaining bills, it's clear they don't welcome this legislative trend.

"We're troubled by the number of bills this year that seek to undermine the Coastal Act in the name of promoting housing," said Coastal Commission Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge in a written statement. "We know from experience that abundant housing and coastal resource protection are not mutually exclusive."

The commission is likely swimming against the political current. Last year's apartment boosting bill squeaked through the Assembly's Natural Resources Committee over the opposition of its chair, Arletta Democratic Assemblymember Luz Rivas.

That committee has a new chair now: Culver City Democratic, Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, whom many expect to be more receptive to housing production bills. Ditto for the Assembly as a whole. The new Democratic speaker, Salinas' Robert Rivas (no relation to Luz Rivas), has signaled that he wants the Legislature to do more than "chip around the corners" on housing policy.



Photo by Damian Dovarganes, AP Photo
COASTAL: Waves break near beach homes in Malibu on Dec. 28, 2023.

WHAT NEEDS PROTECTION?

In recent years, state lawmakers have passed a slew of bills stripping local governments of their ability to delay housing projects. In most of California now, a developer interested in building most forms of affordable housing or accessory dwelling units need not conduct an extensive environmental analysis, submit to public meetings or win over skeptical elected officials.

But whatever authority local governments have lost, the Coastal Commission has retained. That puts the Coastal Zone, which is largely undeveloped but also includes significant chunks of urbanized beach communities including Santa Monica, Venice, Long Beach, San Diego and Santa Cruz in a separate regulatory universe from the rest of the state.

And for good reason, say the commission and its defenders.

"Sea level rise is a serious threat along the coast and, in particular, in urbanized areas," said Joel Reynolds, western director of the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental legal advocacy nonprofit. "The Legislature was very aware of the fact that the scope of the (Coastal Act) was going to cover developed areas in addition to undeveloped areas. I think the case for that has only gotten stronger."

In 1972 voters — concerned that encroaching development was cutting off coastal access for all Californians, and outraged by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, passed an initiative to create the California Coastal Commission. Its rallying cry was "Save our Coast" — a determination to keep California's shores from becoming a West Coast version of Miami Beach.

Within a few years the Legislature made the commission a permanent agency with broad authority to protect the state's coastal resources. Those include the natural variety, such as wetlands, estuaries, creeks and the state's chalky, erosion-prone bluffs, but also human-centric benefits such as public access, cheap accommodations, ocean views, social and cultural diversity, and aesthetics.

Pro-housing advocates argue that the law should apply less rigidly in places where dense development already exists.

"A 10-unit mixed income project in Venice Beach simply does not have the environmental salience as the Santa Barbara oil spill," said Louis Mirante, a lobbyist with the Bay Area Council, which is co-sponsoring the Alvarez density bonus bill. "The Coastal Act is so dubious of housing it harms the environment."

The environmental case for more coastal construction goes like this: More apartments in downtown Santa Cruz or Santa Monica will allow more people to live closer to the state's job centers without the need for long commutes and air-conditioned sprawl.

That view represents a break from the kind of environmentalism that birthed the Coastal Act, in which restricting development and democratizing the planning process was seen as the best way to protect Earth. As public concern over climate change has eclipsed that conservationist impulse, a fissure has emerged within both the California and national Democratic coalition between development skeptics and a new coalition of liberal 'build-baby-build'-ers.

"The commission has very strong muscles to stop things, because that's most of their job. But their muscles to help things happen are basically non-existent," said Will Moore, policy director at Circulate San Diego, a transportation and housing advocacy nonprofit that is also co-sponsoring the Alvarez bill. As a result, the commissioners "protect us from a lot of bad things," he said. "But housing is a good thing."

He emphasized that the density bonus law, for example, only applies to places already zoned for multifamily housing: "Nobody is going out and building a skyscraper in the lagoon."

COASTAL ELITES

Just shy of 1 million people live in California's coastal zone, according to an analysis provided to CalMatters by Nicholas Depsky, a climate change research consultant at the United Nations Development Programme.

That sliver of the state population — less than 2.5% — does not represent the state as a whole. Roughly two-thirds of those coastal dwellers are non-Hispanic whites, according to Depsky's analysis. That would make the coastal zone roughly twice as white as California's population.

It's also an enclave of relative affluence. A UCLA School of Law research paper from 2011 found that neighborhoods just inside the Coastal Zone had lower population densities and fewer children than those just outside of it. The homes themselves were 20% more expensive, even after the researchers added statistical controls for a home's distance from the beach.

The researchers attributed the difference to the introduction of the Coastal Act and its tighter regulatory scheme on new housing, which "triggered both supply and demand effects that on net have gentrified the area."

Members of the Coastal Commission and its staff regularly counter that it has never rejected a proposed affordable housing project. In fact, even if rejecting housing projects was the commission's goal — which the commission stresses is not the case — it rarely gets the opportunity to do so.

In most of the cities that dot the coast, regulatory enforcement has been delegated to local authorities through commission-sanctioned development plans. The public can appeal projects approved by those local authorities to the Coastal Commission itself, but only in designated areas especially close to the shore and other protected waterways.

Those appeals are relatively rare.

Of the 1,261 coastal development permits issued by local governments last year, just 48 were appealed, according to commission data. In roughly two-thirds of those cases, the commission deferred to the local government and declined to review the project. The Commission only denied two of the projects after accepting their appeals.

Commission critics argue that looking solely at the number of appeals ignores all the housing that was reduced, slowed down or saddled with higher costs as it made its way through the regulatory process. They also point to a hypothetical universe of developments that would have been proposed in a more development-friendly regulatory regime but weren't, out of fear of the Coastal Act.

"I suspect a lot of projects don't get proposed knowing that there's going to be an additional delay and additional appeal risk," said Nolan Gray, research director for pro-development California YIMBY. "We only see the projects where the developer is like, 'YOLO!'"

A proposed condo development, Pisani Place, in Los Angeles' Venice neighborhood, is one recent example of a housing project that wasn't flat-out denied by the Coastal Commission, but died in the face of its regulatory scrutiny anyway.

Despite it being approved by the city of Los Angeles, the Coastal Commission took

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Vikings baseball stays hot, extends winning streak to six

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Vikings win 5-3

Batting:

Jacob Myrow (Senior): 0-3, RBI, K. Sage Douglass (Senior): 0-4, K. Bobby Munoz (Senior): 0-4, 2 K. Spencer Levin (Senior): 0-2, R, K. Blue Hunter (Junior): 2-4, 2 RBI, FC. Isaac Liberman (Junior): 3-4, R. Jackson Myrow (Junior): 1-4, 2 K, FC. Brady Satinover (Junior): 2-4, 2 R, RBI, BB. Manny Lares (Junior): 1-3, R

Pitching:

Eddie Jennings (Junior): 4.1 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 2 K, 1.62 ERA. Aaron Heirigs (Sophomore): 1.2 IP, W, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 K. Gavin Kirtley (Junior): 1.0 IP, 2 H, 1 K, SV

Friday, March 15:

Vikings vs Redondo Union

Vikings win 4-3

Batting/Baserunning:

Jacob Myrow (Senior): 0-1, SH/B, BB. Sage Douglass (Senior): 1-3, R, K. Bobby Munoz (Senior): 0-2. Spencer Levin (Senior): 0-2, R, BB, 2 K. Blue Hunter (Junior): 1-1, 2B, RBI, 2 BB. Isaac Liberman (Junior): 0-3, K. Jackson Myrow (Junior): 0-2, R, BB, K. Theo Smith (Senior): 0-1. Brady Satinover (Junior): 1-3. Manny Lares (Junior): 1-3, 2B, 2 RBI, SB. Trey Camp (Freshman): 0-0, R

Pitching:

Jackson Klein (Senior): 7.0 IP, W, 3 H, 3 R, 4 BB, 8 K, 0.00 ERA

Vikings Record: 11-2 (4-0 Bay League)

Next Game: Wednesday at Palos Verdes, 3:15 p.m.

SANTA MONICA SOFTBALL:

Tuesday, March 12:

Lady Vikings at Redondo Union

Redondo Union win 1-0 (8 innings)

Batting:

Cienna Burgos: 0-3, K. Avey Thompson: 0-1. Maya Paysinger: 0-0, HBP. Drew Vudmaska: 0-3. Haley Riehl: 0-2, BB, K. Debbie Amezquita: 0-1, HBP. Sakura Krohn: 0-3, 2 K. Talia Yermian: 0-3. Andrea Castro: 1-3, K. Bella Myers: 0-3, K. Brooke Meshekow: 0-2, K

Pitching:

Drew Vudmaska: 7.1 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 4 K, 0.95 ERA

Wednesday, March 13:

Lady Vikings vs Banning- Torrance National Tournament

Lady Vikings win 2-1

Batting:

Cienna Burgos: 0-3. Avey Thompson: 0-2, K. Maya Paysinger: 0-1, SH/B. Jasmine Arana: 0-0, R, BB, 2 HBP. Drew Vudmaska: 0-3, K. Haley Riehl: 0-2, SH/B. Sakura Krohn: 1-2, RBI, SH/B. Talia Yermian: 0-2, R, BB, K. Bella Myers: 1-1, RBI. Brooke Meshekow: 1-2

Pitching:

Drew Vudmaska: 6.0 IP, W, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 4 K, 1.17 ERA

Friday, March 15:

Lady Vikings vs South (Torrance)- Torrance National Tournament

South (Torrance) win 4-0

Saturday, March 16:

Lady Vikings vs Garden Grove- Torrance National Tournament

Lady Vikings win 8-2

Lady Vikings vs Mira Costa- Torrance National Tournament

Mira Costa win 8-7

Lady Vikings Record: 8-8-1 (0-2 Bay League)

Next Game: Wednesday at Palos Verdes, 3:15 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BOYS LACROSSE:

Wednesday, March 13:

Vikings vs Peninsula

Peninsula win 9-8

Vikings Record: 3-5

Next Game: Wednesday at Redondo Union, 6 p.m.

SANTA MONICA GIRLS LACROSSE:

Friday, March 15:

Lady Vikings vs Marlborough

Marlborough win 15-3

Lady Vikings Record: 2-6-1

Next Game: Tuesday at Huntington Beach, 3:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesday, March 12:

Vikings at Mira Costa

Mira Costa win 3-0

Wednesday, March 13:

Vikings at Palos Verdes

Vikings win 3-0

Saturday, March 16:

Vikings vs Windward- Dos Pueblos Tournament

Vikings win 2-1

Vikings vs Newbury Park- Dos Pueblos Tournament

Vikings win 2-0

Vikings vs Venice- Dos Pueblos Tournament

Vikings win 2-0

Vikings vs Eagle Rock- Dos Pueblos Tournament

Eagle Rock win 2-0

Vikings Record: 11-7 (2-3 Bay League)

Next Game: Tuesday, April 9 vs Palos Verdes, 3:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

Tuesday, March 12:

Santa Monica/Coastal League Meet:

Mens 100 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 11.15 seconds. 2- Giovanni Crabtree-Ireland (Junior), 11.45 seconds. 3- Charles Rusler (Senior), 11.51 seconds

Mens 200 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 22.30 seconds. 2- Charles Rusler (Senior), 23.24 seconds. 4- Joshua Lesley (Junior), 23.41 seconds

Mens 400 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Joshua Lesley (Junior), 52.53 seconds. 2- Logan Harvey (Sophomore), 53.56 seconds. 5- Roman Nicodemus (Sophomore), 56.43 seconds

Mens 1,600 Meter Varsity Finals:

3- Lucas Yarmand (Junior), 5:12.46. 6- Daniel Ostrovsky (Sophomore), 5:28.26. 14- Rufus Ballatore (Sophomore), 6:03.11

Mens 3,200 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Alex Gonzalez (Senior), 10:57.59. 2- Peter Jarvis (Junior), 11:00.16. 3- Joshua Shaw (Junior), 11:08.14

Mens 300 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

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Why Prop. 1 foes are getting back in the fight

CALMATTERS

On March 12 — a week after primary day — opponents of Proposition 1 waved the white flag, conceding that Gov. Gavin Newsom's mental health ballot measure would likely pass.

Today, the anti-Prop. 1 campaign withdrew its concession and revived its efforts. What changed?

For one thing, the vote count tightened: As of late Saturday, Prop. 1 was leading by about 20,000 votes, with 7.5 million ballots counted and some 287,000 left to be tallied, according to the Secretary of State.

And for another, Newsom's political action committee put out an appeal for volunteers to reach out to Democrats who had their ballots rejected — for mismatched signatures or other reasons — to fix them and get them counted. The training was Sunday.

"Governor Newsom needs you.... The votes are being counted and it is CLOSE. Like, just a couple thousand votes close," the appeal said.

Prop. 1 opponents called that strategy "sleazy" and "an attempt to manipulate the final vote count by harvesting the votes of only some partisans in certain areas."

But the foes said they're launching a similar effort and refocusing their website to help voters confirm their ballots were counted and to assist voters whose ballots were rejected.

"We believe all ballots should be counted," Paul Simmons, a director of Californians Against Prop. 1, said in a statement. "We know that many Democrats voted against Prop. 1, so the governor's effort is no slam dunk. If you're a Republican or independent, we want you to know that your ballot might make the difference in this election. But the governor won't help you. We will."

"We don't know if reviving rejected ballots will change the outcome of this election," Simmons added, "but if the governor thinks it might, we for damn sure aren't going to let him have the field to himself."

The Prop. 1 results would have to get even closer, however, for a recount.

There are no automatic recounts for statewide ballot measures. But a campaign can request one in specific counties — if it's willing to pay for it. That could be a hurdle for the cash-strapped Prop. 1 opponents if the measure narrowly passes.

There's another provision in state law that could also come into play: The governor can order a state-funded hand recount of all votes statewide if the official results show a difference between "yes" and "no" votes on a ballot measure of 1,000 votes or less, or 0.00015 percentage points or less. As of the latest vote count, the second threshold is 1,055 votes for Prop. 1.

So if Prop. 1 fails that narrowly, it wouldn't be a surprise if Newsom uses this provision. Such a recount request would have to come within 36 days of the primary, or mid-April.

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KENNEDY

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campaign regularly put libertarian Gary Johnson's support in the high single or low double digits, but he ultimately received only about 3% of the vote nationwide.

Horse-race polls are also notoriously unreliable this far out from an election, and many Americans don't know who Kennedy is. A February AP-NORC poll found, for instance, that 29% of Americans don't know enough about Kennedy to have a view about him.

Some of the people who say they'd support him may also be reacting to his famous last name rather than his actual pitch as a candidate. A CNN/SSRS poll conducted last spring found that 20% of people who said they would consider supporting Kennedy for the Democratic nomination — for which he was running at the time — said that their support was related to his last name and Kennedy family connections. Only 12% said it was because of support for his views and policies.

But for any of that to matter, he has to get on the ballot.

HOW DOES HE GET ON THE BALLOT?

Forget getting elected; merely running for president is an arduous process, especially for candidates like Kennedy who don't belong to a party.

Every state has different rules, requiring an army of lawyers to make sure everything is done right. Most states require thousands of signatures.

A pro-Kennedy super PAC is helping pay for Kennedy's ballot access work in several states. His allies have created a political party to ease the process in some states by getting recognized as a party and making Kennedy its nominee.

He has been approved for the ballot in Utah. His campaign and super PAC say he's collected enough signatures to qualify in several other states, including the battlegrounds of Arizona, Georgia and Nevada, though election officials in those states have not yet affirmed his candidacy.

Kennedy has also said he's talked with officials from the Libertarian Party, though it's not clear what a tie-up between the two might look like.

WHO IS WORKING FOR HIM?

Kennedy is looking to his family and his allies in the anti-vaccine world to staff his campaign, building a leadership team that is light on experience working in politics.

His campaign manager is Amaryllis Fox Kennedy, his daughter-in-law who served as a CIA officer and has not worked in politics before.

His communications director, Del Bigtree, is founder of the Informed Consent Action Network, an anti-vaccine group. He also produced "Vaxxed," an anti-vaccine film that promoted the discredited idea that the vaccines cause autism.

Press secretary Stefanie Spear was an editor for the Children's Health Defense news website. Charles Eisenstein, a New Age author, is an adviser.

Kennedy also has staff and volunteers spread throughout states and focused on gathering signatures to get him on the ballot.

Associated Press writer Ali Swenson in New York contributed to this report.

HOUSING

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issue with the designs and overall benefits of the project. The project included affordable units, but they were half the size of the market-rate condos and located partially below the sidewalk

Commission staff noted that the project raised concerns about the "equitable distribution of environmental benefits," that its various density bonuses were not "the least impactful on coastal resources," and that the proposed building was "out of character with the surrounding structures because it does not respect the prevailing height or mass of the existing residences."

Rather than redesign the project under the Coastal Commission's guidance, the developers withdrew their application this month.

A MIDDLE GROUND ON THE COAST?

Robin Rudisill, co-founder of Citizens Preserving Venice who appealed the project, said the developer never made a compelling case that the project's use of state density bonus law was consistent with the Coastal Act. She blamed the Los Angeles for approving the project anyway.

"If the city had done its job, this poor developer would have understood the correct regulations along the way and maybe he could have made modifications that would have made things work," she said.

Current law requires that the Coastal Act and state density bonus law be "harmonized so as to achieve the goal of increasing the supply of affordable housing in the coastal zone while also protecting coastal resources and coastal access."

What that means in practice — especially when the two statutes often seem to require opposite outcomes — isn't always easy to say. Rudisill said she knows of a "reasonable" middle ground when she sees it, pointing to a handful of density bonus projects sitting in the planning pipeline for Venice.

"They're getting a lot of extra units. They're getting extra height and, you know, some variances and open space and yards and everything," she said. "But they're not asking for the max. They're not getting greedy."

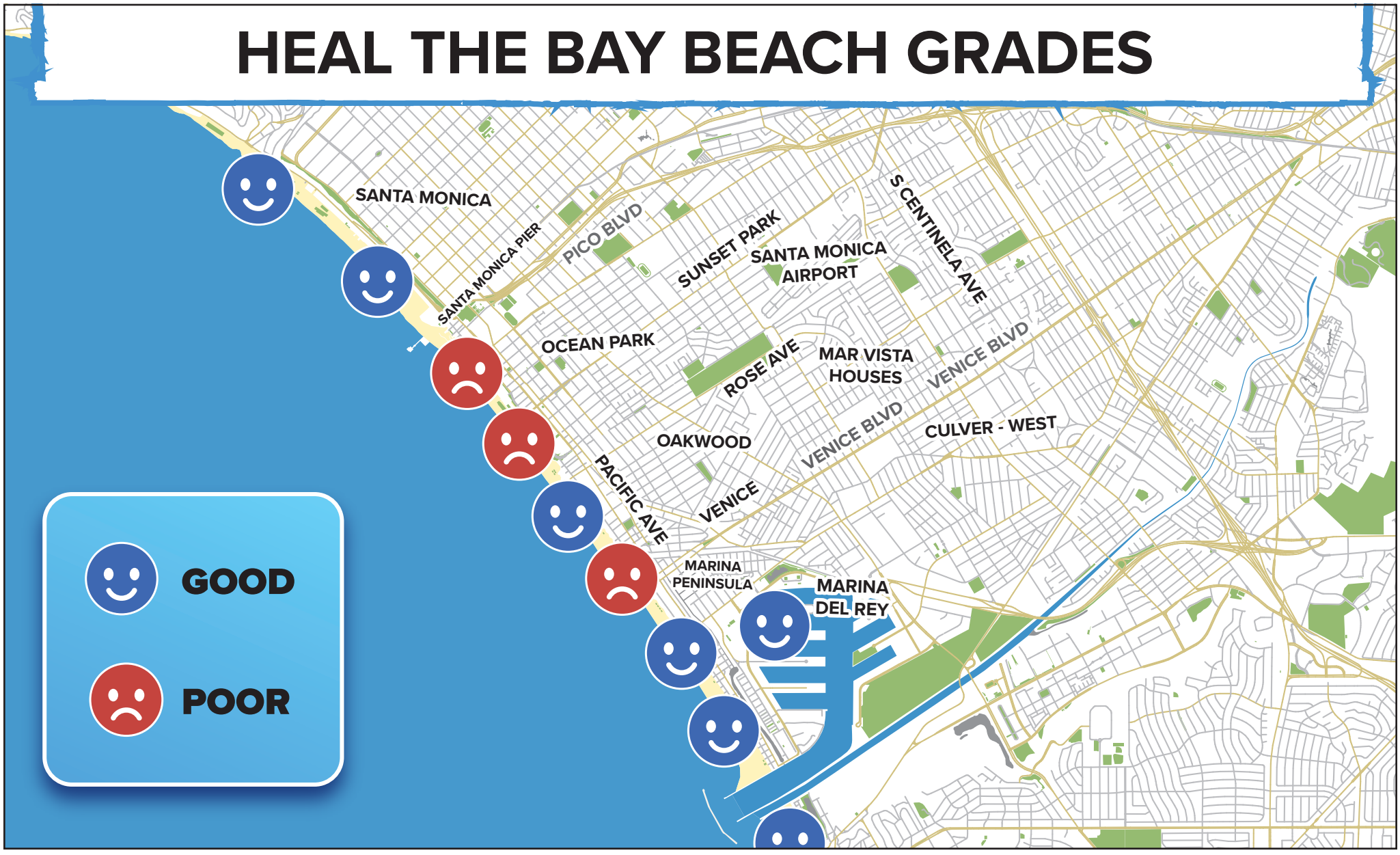
The current regulatory system allows for a nuanced debate, said Rudisill. "It may take some hard meetings and listening to the community and really understanding the impact," she said. "That's why it's a discretionary decision."

From the outside, that nuanced debate — which the bills under consideration this year would do away with or severely limit — can look a lot like haggling.

In Santa Cruz, a density bonus project proposed along the San Lorenzo riverwalk was appealed to the Coastal Commission last October. The commission rejected the appeal, allowing the project to move forward, after the developer agreed to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on affordable housing and to construct a series of publicly accessible walkways through the property.

Exempting that project from the Coastal Act would mean "then we wouldn't be having any of these debates about 'community character,'" said Lee Butler, the city's planning director. "But we could also be vulnerable to the scenario where we are seeing density bonus used to preclude public access.

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SPORT

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2- Dylan Fanselow (Senior), 48.21 seconds

Mens Shot Put Varsity Finals:

1- Alberto Villasenor (Senior), 40-06.00. 2- Isaiah Fernandez (Sophomore), 37-06.00. 4- Ryan Wells (Junior), 32-09.00

Mens High Jump Varsity Finals:

1- George Frank (Sophomore), 5-04.00. 2- Mario Ducille (Freshman), 5-02.00. 3- Wyatt Brown (Sophomore), 5-00.00

Mens Long Jump Varsity Finals:

5- Cedric Mogol (Sophomore), 15-03.50. 8- Ian Oakes (Freshman), 14-01.50. 11- Angel Cooley-Knotts (Senior), 12-02.00

Mens Triple Jump Varsity Finals:

2- Angel Cooley-Knotts (Senior), 31-02.50

Womens 100 Meter Varsity Finals:

2- Rickell Lewis (Senior), 13.80 seconds. 3- Della Turner (Junior), 13.82 seconds. 4- Kayla Yee (Sophomore), 14.11 seconds

Womens 200 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Tessa Levine (Sophomore), 26.74 seconds. 3- Rickell Lewis (Senior), 28.39 seconds. 4- Shenandoah Markos (Sophomore), 28.40 seconds

Womens 400 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Tessa Levine (Sophomore), 1:02.46. 2- Charlie Llorente (Freshman), 1:04.71. 3- Shenandoah Markos (Sophomore), 1:04.76

Womens 800 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Sofia Santoyo (Freshman), 2:34.99. 2- Ava Roker (Junior), 2:41.54. 3- Carla Santini (Junior), 2:51.32

Womens 300 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

1- Makena Weybright (Sophomore), 52.49 seconds

Womens Shot Put Varsity Finals:

1- Reign Snowden (Senior), 33-08.00. 3- Aurora Ahloo (Junior), 24-06.00. 4- Sara Gonzalez (Junior), 23-04.00

Womens Triple Jump Varsity Finals:

1- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 31-07.00

Friday-Saturday, March 15-16:

21st Annual California Relays, Wilson High School:

Mens 100 Meter Varsity Finals:

13- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 11.19 seconds. 18- Giovanni Crabtree-Ireland (Junior), 11.27 seconds

Mens 400 Meter Varsity Finals:

4- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 49.73 seconds. 21- Joshua Lesley (Junior), 53.16 seconds

Mens 4x800 Meter Relay Varsity Finals:

4- Nico Lombard (Senior), Landon Kozmor (Junior), Kingsley Lin (Freshman), Spencer Hotch (Senior), 8:20.44

Mens Shot Put Varsity Finals:

10- Alberto Villasenor (Senior), 41-00.00

Mens Discus Varsity Finals:

15- Alberto Villasenor (Senior), 110-11.00

Womens 100 Meter Varsity Finals:

31- Tessa Levine (Sophomore), 13.08 seconds. 55- Rickell Lewis (Senior), 13.73 seconds

Womens Shot Put Varsity Finals:

5- Reign Snowden (Senior), 34-09.00

Womens Discus Varsity Finals:

9- Reign Snowden (Senior), 89-00.00



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SPORTS: Samohi athletes took to the home track on March 12 for a successful meet.

SAINT MONICA BASEBALL:

Monday, March 11:

Mariners vs New Roads

Mariners win 7-1

Tuesday, March 12:

Mariners vs St. Genevieve

Mariners win 12-2

Friday, March 15:

Mariners vs St. Genevieve

Mariners win 7-3

Mariners Record: 6-4 (3-2 Camino Real League)

Next Game: Tuesday vs Amino Leadership, 3:15 p.m.

SAINT MONICA SOFTBALL:

Tuesday, March 12:

Lady Mariners at Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary

Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary win 8-2

Batting/Baserunning:

Bella Lopez: 1-3, R, FC. Savanna Hernandez: 2-4, R, RBI, SB. Bella Urbina: 0-2, BB. Bella Hernandez: 1-3, 2B, RBI. Ali Vogler: 0-3. Katrina Olmedo: 0-2, BB. Dylan Smith: 1-4. Annie Lu Rios: 0-2, BB. Megan Garcia: 0-3, FC, SB

Pitching:

Bella Urbina: 6.0 IP, L, 12 H, 8 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 5 K, 3.50 ERA

Thursday, March 14:

Lady Mariners at Firebaugh

Lady Mariners win 20-2

Batting/Baserunning:

Bella Lopez: 0-2, R, 2 BB, K. Savanna Hernandez: 2-4, 4 R, 2 RBI, BB, SB. Sophia Lopez: 2-2, 2B, 2 R, RBI, 2 BB. Bella Urbina: 2-3, 2B, 2 R, 2 RBI, BB. Bella Hernandez: 0-4, R, 2 RBI, BB. Katrina Olmedo: 3-4, 2 2B, 3 R, 2 RBI, HBP. Dylan Smith: 3-4, 3 R, 2 RBI, BB, SB. Annie Lu Rios: 0-0, 2 R, RBI, 3 BB, HBP. Megan Garcia: 1-4, 2B, 2 R, 2 RBI, BB, K

Pitching:

Bella Lopez: 3.0 IP, W, 4 BB, 2 K, 0.00 ERA. Sophia Lopez: 1.0 IP, 1 R, 1 BB, 0.00 ERA. Katrina Olmedo: 1.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7.40 ERA

Lady Mariners Record: 3-5-1 (1-3-1 League)

Next Game: Wednesday vs Harvard-Westlake, 3 p.m.

SAINT MONICA BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesday, March 12:

Mariners at Bosco Tech

Mariners win 3-0

Juliam Dowd (Sophomore): 4 Aces. Sam Zimmermann (Junior): 1 Ace, 33 Assists. Cooper North (Senior): 6 Kills. Garrett Robertson (Sophomore): 22 Kills, 3 Aces. Ivie O'Brien (Sophomore): 4 Kills. Christian Gonzalez (Junior): 1 Kill

Thursday, March 14:

Mariners vs St. Genevieve

Mariners win 3-0

Austin Keough (Freshman): 2 Kills, 1 Ace. Juliam Dowd (Sophomore): 1 Ace. Sam Zimmermann (Junior): 1 Kill, 1 Ace, 23 Assists. Cooper North (Senior): 3 Kills, 1 Ace. Charlie Meehan (Senior): 1 Ace. Garrett Robertson (Sophomore): 14 Kills, 4 Aces. Ivie O'Brien (Sophomore): 6 Kills, 1 Ace

Friday, March 15:

Mariners at Salesian

Mariners win 3-1

Mariners Record: 8-10 (4-0 Camino Real League)

Next Game: Tuesday at Bishop Amat, 5 p.m.

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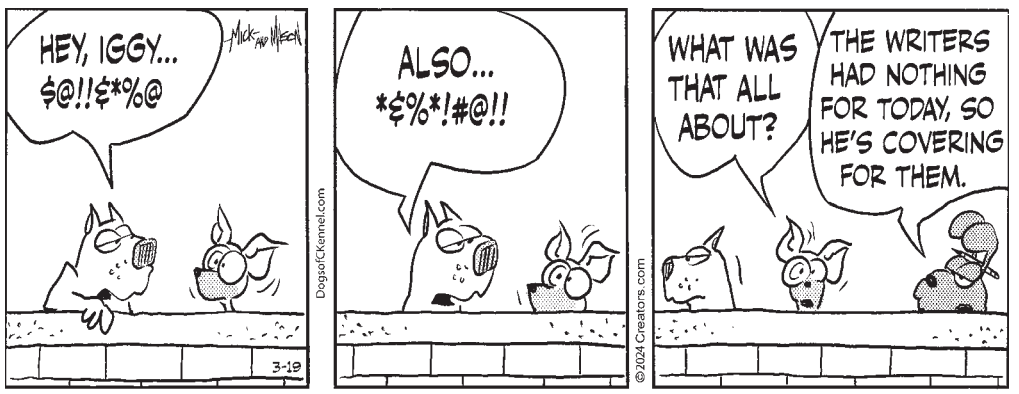
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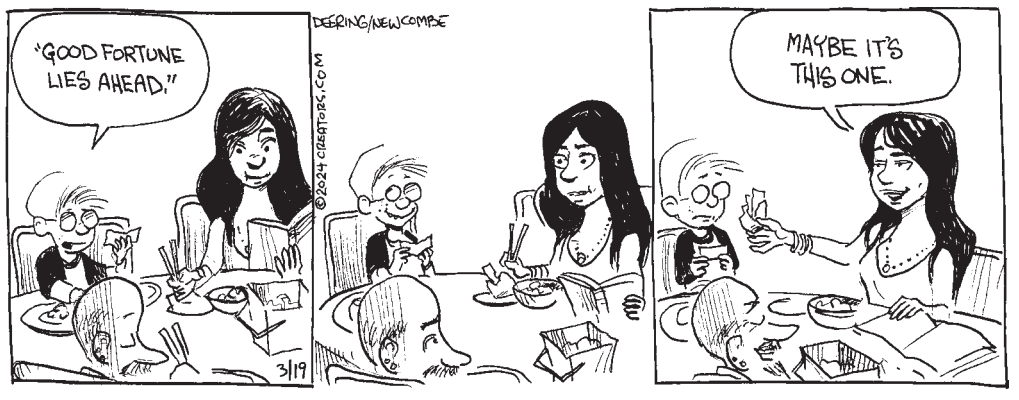
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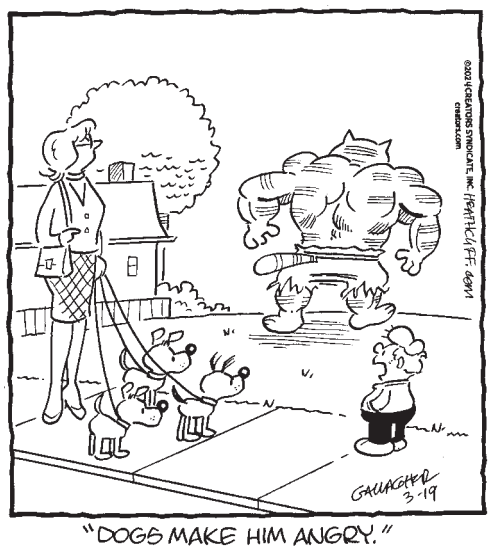
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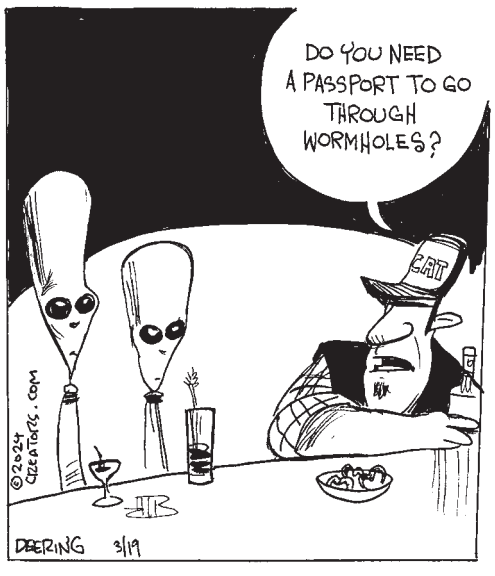
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed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

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It will be extremely lucky to initiate conversations, not just with people you're drawn to or with whom you share obvious similarities but also with those outside your usual realm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Nothing remains forever in one place — not a mood, not a state of being, not circumstance. You think of this when things feel good and when they feel bad, and the thought inspires your pacing and approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be strategic and discerning in how you allocate your resources, including, and most notably, your energy. Instead, prioritize your efforts where they can make the most significant impact. Don't fight battles you've already won.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships are susceptible to whims of timing. Openness and communication are wonderful in theory, but they're risky, too. Some restraint in this regard will keep you from undoing progress or creating unnecessary tension.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a talent for choosing upbeat company. You'll share this talent by introducing your friends to one another. Ultimately, when you connect good-hearted people together, you change the world for the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll take a leap of faith, and it will work out well for you. Your affections will be returned. Even so, you can afford to take your time in relationships. Avoid rushing into decisions based solely on the attention you're receiving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though a person may not intend to block your path, as they fulfill their own agenda, they could unwittingly create an obstacle for you. Waste no time in argument or negotiation. Go around the problem and keep moving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While favorable results are possible, be skeptical of miracle cures. If they were as good as advertised, everyone would know it and the problem wouldn't exist. Save your money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The sense of safety you establish creates an attractive environment. You can expect that people will come into your realm, get comfortable there and stay a while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are always a few different ways to look at a situation. Today, it's not so much about right and wrong, rather it's about what helps and what doesn't. Once you land on a way to see things that works for you, hold to the point of view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's only human to recall emotional highs and lows. The action that strikes an emotional chord will have impact. You can use this to your advantage today to create a memory or increase your influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll field opinions and you'll be happy for the information you get, too. Even so, there is no answer from the outside that can give you purpose. Your purpose can only come from you.

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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

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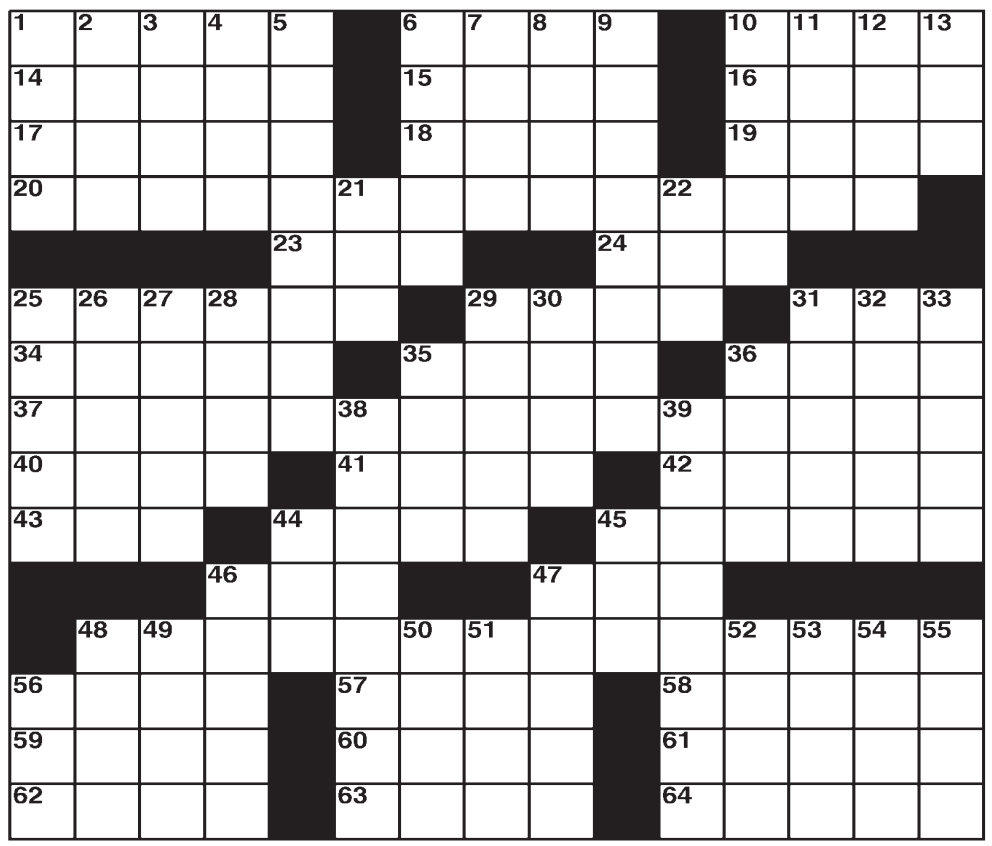
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ACROSS

1 "Greetings!"
6 Letters before ems
10 Single-handedly
14 Banish
15 Chowder or bisque
16 Give a nudge to
17 Stiff as a board
18 "Shrinking price" event
19 Enjoy a novel
20 Cutback among coworkers
23 __ Vegas, NV
24 Beer barrel
25 "Scram!"
29 "Class dismissed" signal
31 Pampering attention, for short
34 Stop blocking, as a river
35 Rescue
36 German wife
37 Price-lowering for collegians
40 "Tall" story
41 Calf's father
42 Fraction of a pound
43 __ for (choose)
44 Outlandishly funny
45 Black, as compared to gray
46 Ingest
47 Foldable bed
48 Cutback to proposed spending
56 Large mass of sea ice
57 Mysterious glow
58 Cornfield measures
59 Fury
60 Degrees for CEOs
61 Break a game's rules
62 Poems of praise
63 Wise person
64 Aussie bearlike beast

DOWN

1 The woman's
2 Leave a building
3 Women's links org.
4 Norse explorer Erikson
5 Former sweetheart
6 Four letters in "scissors"
7 Washerful of laundry
8 Amazing thing
9 Small spots on eggshells
10 Piece of parsley
11 Black-and-white cookie
12 Cash advance
13 A little strange
21 Sunbeam
22 __ Aviv, Israel
25 Enthusiasm
26 Served from a barrel, as beer
27 Grownup
28 Walk through water
29 In an inept manner
30 Diabolical
31 Elephant's nose
32 Jousting weapon
33 More adorable
35 Greatly surprise
36 One-third of a dozen
38 Celtics and Lakers
39 Place to hang jackets
44 Zig and __
45 Physician's nickname
46 Margins
47 Stop doing something
48 Round piece on a necklace
49 Strong craving
50 Big brass horn
51 Pull from behind
52 Bouncing sound
53 Region
54 Make airtight
55 "*¿Cómo __ usted?*"
56 Male sibling, for short



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CONSTRUCTION

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water intrusion repair project on the SMASH/John Muir campus. It is recommended that the board approve of a Lease-Leaseback Agreement contract amendment with Blach Construction Company for the project, with a total contract value of just over $37 million. Blach was initially awarded a contract on March 2, 2023, followed by five separate amendments to the contract, which district staff notes "were crucial for progressing without delay" and addressing early-stage requirements mandated by the Division of the State Architect.

SMASH/John Muir campus was closed in fall of 2022 due to issues involving mold and interior drywall, with the project remedying these issues anticipated to be completed by August 2025. The latest amendment includes necessary seismic retrofitting, water remediation and reconstruction efforts for campus buildings A, B, C and D.

The board will also hear an amendment to the contract with McCarthy Building Companies regarding the Samohi Exploration Building and Gym project, with the latest amendment proposing an increase of $6.98 million for an additional 80 working days. The added scope of work has several major tasks involved, such as the complete demolition and removal of the South Gym and the construction of a retaining wall, access stairs and ramp between the gym and athletic fields.

Demolition of the South Gym is intended to commence on the first day of summer recess, with all demolition anticipated to be completed before school resumes for the 2024-25 fall semester. The initial contract for the project was awarded to McCarthy in August 2020, and the latest amendment will not extend the anticipated completion date for the Gold Gym and Exploration buildings, slated to be completed in June and July, respectively.

Another Samohi project the board is recommended to approve is an assignment to CY Architects to provide architectural and engineering design services in an interim repairs and upgrades project. CY Architects, which has worked extensively on SMMUSD campus projects over the past eight years, will have several near-term endeavors tasked, such as complete design and approval of the Barnum Hall lobby window replacement project, designing a storm drainage project to mitigate potential flooding into Barnum Hall, and the design for new bleachers for the Samohi track.

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COUNCIL

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issues of racial and environmental justice, as well as failures at the City leading to the 'Builder's Remedy,' violence against local workers, and overspending resident tax dollars on travel junkets.

"As one of the Army's first out LGBTQ+ pilots, I am no stranger to tough fights and standing up for what I believe," said Dan in his launch announcement. "West Point taught me the values of duty, inclusivity, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage. These values have guided my professional career as an Army Officer, community organizer and public servant."

According to his website and announcement, Hall has already received endorsements from many of the city's existing politicians including State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur.

"Dan is exactly the kind of leader I want to partner with as we tackle tough regional issues like homelessness, environmental justice, growing anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination, racism, antisemitism, and all forms of hate," said Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, who represents Santa Monica in the state legislature. "As Santa Monica's second-ever out LGBTQ+ Councilmember, he will bring needed representation to the City Council. I urge Santa Monica to elect an extraordinary public servant and vote for Dan Hall."

Hall also lists current councilmembers Gleam Davis, Caroline Torosis and Jesse Zwick as supporters.

Candidates can declare an intent to run for office at any time but there is a formal process that includes gathering 100 signatures and paying fees. That process will begin in July but candidates often choose to announce a campaign far in advance as means of securing funding and support.

"There's a certain amount of strategy to every campaign, of course, but my main concern is to ensure that residents and community partners are being heard on these very important – life changing – issues," he said of his decision to enter the race at this point in the year. "I'm proud of the coalition of support this campaign is launching with from electeds and our union support, to my neighbor renters in Mid-City. Our message about values is resonating and I'm confident we're setting ourselves up for success in what we know will be a very contentious election year from the White House on down to City Hall."

Scott Snowden contributed to this report.

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TUESDAY | MARCH 19

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 20

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Enjoy Santa Monica's downtown farmers market from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

FREE SCREENING OF VULNERABLE INNOCENCE

A free screening of the award winning documentary "Vulnerable Innocence" will take place on Wednesday, March 20. The 45 minute film focuses on how easily children are sexually exploited online and a digital defense strategy to prevent it. Immediately following the film, FOX 11 News journalist Hal Eisner will moderate a discussion and audience Q & A with the film's director, a panel of prevention experts and a 27-year old survivor who was enticed online and sexually assaulted in the real world. The FREE event will take place on March 20 at 7pm at the Laemmle Monica Film Center, located at 1332 2nd Street. Tickets can be reserved at https://vilaemmle.eventbrite.com

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

Santa Monica residents can meet one-on-one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles to help with housing issues. Runs from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park's Park Center, 2200 Virginia Ave. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

L.A. TECH HAPPY HOUR

Startup Coil will be hosting a special L.A. Tech Happy Hour event at FoundrHaus, 1421 Abbot Kinney Boulevard, enjoying the sunset from the rooftop overlooking Abbot Kinney beginning at 6 p.m. Mingle by the bar on the patio. Refreshments are included with your entry ticket. Early Bird Tickets until day of $20. General admission tickets $30. To reserve a spot, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-tech-happy-hour-venice-beach-registration-842821871907.

2024 PERSIAN NEW YEAR PARTY

Join Iranian American Lawyers Association for the 2024 Persian New Year Party at 1212 Santa Monica, 1212 3rd Street Promenade, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Get ready for a night filled with delicious food, lively music and great company. Don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in Persian culture and traditions. Come dressed in your best attire. Tickets $75. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iala-2024-persian-new-year-party-tickets-857470345887.

THURSDAY | MARCH 21

LOCALS' NIGHT

Locals' Night on the Santa Monica Pier continues its monthly series of curated entertainment for locals, by locals. Activities begin at 3:30 p.m. with a Books & Cookies storytime in the Merry Go-Round Building. Other activities include Disco Renegade's Silent Disco from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., a Classic Car Show, and performances by Olivia Prado, Manny B. & DJ Survive and Blu & Exile.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING

Explore what it means to be an active and empowered bystander in this 60-minute introduction to bystander intervention by LMU Cares. Learn tools to help keep your community safe and disrupt hateful behavior when you encounter it. Begins at 6 p.m. in the Santa Monica Main Library Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

DISCO QUEEN

LouLou Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge, 395 Santa Monica Place #300, hosts the hottest new disco and drag party on the Westside beginning at 6 p.m. Disco Queen pays homage to Disco Queen nights in Paris filled with disco balls, smooth grooves and over-the-top talent. The top drag queens on the planet will host the hottest night out with resident DJ ARA playing classic disco hits. The launch event will feature a special performance by RuPaul's Drag Race fan favorite Morgan McMichaels. For more information, visit loulousantamonica.com.

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Zibby's Bookshop, 1113 Montana Ave., will host an in-person book launch party for Zibby Owens as she celebrates the launch of her debut novel "Blank," beginning at 6 p.m. Libby will be joined in conversation by Alexandra Potter, author of "Confessions Of A Forty-Something F**K Up." A copy of "Blank" is included in the price of each ticket. Tickets $20. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-launch-party-zibby-owens-with-alexandra-potter-tickets-782188064557.

EINSTEIN!

The Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., will host "Einstein! - Celebrating 100 Years of General Relativity," starring writer and performer Jack Fry who shares insight into Albert Einstein's early life. Begins at 7:30 p.m., please arrive 15 minutes early. Tickets $50, VIP tickets with early entrance and pick of seats $75. To purchase, visit: https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6236607

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