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Mountain lion killed in it-and-run collision

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A young male mountain lion was struck and killed Wednesday morning in a hit-and-run collision on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu.

The male cougar, identified by his tag P-104, was the first mountain lion to be killed on PCH in the Santa Monica Mountains in the 20 years since the National Park Service began collaring and tracking the local mountain lion population there; the latest cougar to join the study, P-104 had been captured, tagged and released on March 8, just two weeks before his death on the highway. He was estimated to be around two or three years old and officially classified as a "subadult."

The collision occurred around 7 a.m. Wednesday on PCH just west of Decker Road in the northern end of Malibu, according to NPS Public Affairs Officer Ana Beatriz Cholo. NPS staff came across the remains, which had been left in the middle of the road after apparently being struck by someone driving a vehicle who departed the scene without reporting the incident.

Law Enforcement Park Ranger Coby Bishop was out picking up a cup of coffee on Wednesday morning when he spotted the mountain lion's remains on the highway.

"There were no cars stopped or anything and there were pieces of the car there," Cholo said. "He [Bishop] said that it appeared that the car may have been going at a good speed, just based on what he saw: the remains of the mountain lion in the middle of the roadway."

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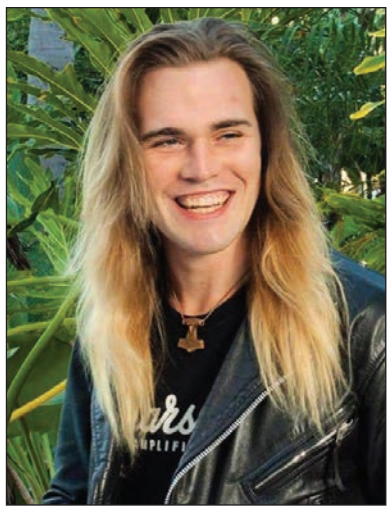
City to pay $1.75 million settlement to civilian shot by SMPD officer

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The City has agreed to a $1.75 million settlement with Wolfgang Mountford, who received a non-fatal shot to the head by former SMPD officer Eloy Rodriguez in 2019.

The incident took place around 2:15 a.m. on July 14, 2019, when police responded to multiple calls for service regarding a disturbance at 10th St. and Pacific Avenue.

According to SMPD, Mountford was allegedly creating a disturbance by yelling loudly, throwing trash cans around and trying to open car doors. Officers Rodriguez and Matthew Jones had already encountered Mountford once that morning and when they were called back for a second time SMPD said Mountford ran at and struggled with an officer who proceeded to shoot him with a bullet that grazed the back of his head. Mountford was treated on the scene by officers and Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) paramedics before being transported to a local hospital.



Courtesy photo
WOLFGANG MOUNTFORD

Mountford, a Van Nuys resident, was charged with resisting, delaying, or obstructing an arrest, vandalism, and assault/battery. On Sept. 9, 2019, he entered a no contest plea to the charge of battery and the remaining counts were dismissed.

On Aug. 11, 2020, Mountford and his attorneys filed a civil complaint against the City of Santa Monica and the SMPD. The complaint claims Mountford was running away from the officers at the time of the shooting.

"Plaintiff was completely running away from Rodriquez and Jones unarmed, with nothing in his hands, and with his back to both defendants. Then Rodriguez turned, pointed his firearm at plaintiff and carelessly, recklessly, maliciously, intentionally, excessively, unnecessarily and violently fired one round, striking plaintiff in the

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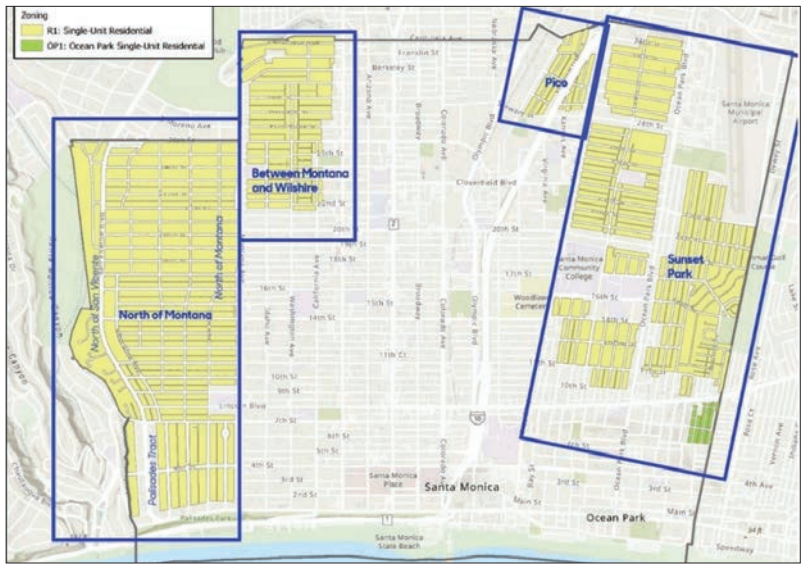
Council to put families first with housing bill SB 9

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City Council voted to oppose controversial housing bill SB 9 in 2021, but now that it has been signed into law by Governor Newsom, Councilmembers are seeking to guide its local implementation in a manner that encourages more family housing.

Ultimately, City Council has limited power over development spawned by SB 9 as it is a state law that Santa Monica must follow. However, the City is able to place extra requirements on new housing built under SB 9, and following Council's discussion of the bill in a March 15 meeting, staff will return with a proposed ordinance governing the bill's implementation in Santa Monica.

SB 9 seeks to increase the development of housing in neighborhoods zoned for single family housing. The bill allows property owners to do this through two pathways: they can split an existing lot into two lots via the lot split pathway or they can divide one household into two via the duplex pathway. Property owners



Courtesy image
SB9: The new law has a greater impact in the City's single-family neighborhoods.

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Mayor proposes new tax to fund housing and schools

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

A trio of Santa Monica officials are mounting a campaign for a new tax on real estate sales to fund homeless services, affordable housing programs and local education efforts.

Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich, her husband Michael Soloff (who is Co-Chair of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights) and Jon Katz (President of the Santa Monica Democratic Club) are soliciting public support for an additional real estate transfer tax on property sales greater than or equal

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Santa Monica for the purpose of creating funds for homelessness prevention, affordable housing and the schools by the enactment of an additional real estate transfer tax on property sales greater than or equal to $8 million. A statement of reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Fellow Santa Monica voters:

Do you believe Santa Monica should tax high-end real estate sales and wealthy developer interests to fund:

(1) rent subsidy and other homelessness prevention programs to help our severely rent burdened low income neighbors remain in their current Santa Monica homes with dignity, rather than be forced into the streets, especially our Santa Monica seniors, children and persons facing physical or mental challenges;

(2) programs to acquire and rehabilitate existing housing as deed-restricted affordable housing, and to build new deed-restricted affordable housing, in order to keep Santa Monica from becoming an economically gated community where only the wealthiest can live; and

(3) programs to ensure the continued excellence of our public schools for all of Santa Monica's children?

We—Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich, Co-Chair of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights Michael Soloff, and President of the Santa Monica Democratic Club Jon Katz—believe Santa Monica should tax high-end real estate sales and developers to fund these programs. **If you do too, you need to sign this petition** so Santa Monica voters can choose in November to require those who sell properties worth $8 million or more to pay five percent of the sale proceeds to the City for homelessness prevention, affordable housing and public schools. This tax will be largely paid by real estate investors selling high-end properties and developer interests—and will not be paid by ordinary homeowners or mom and pop landlords who sell their property for less than $8 million. And we believe it is fair that such real estate investors and developer interests pay this tax because they can sell their properties for so much money only because the quality of our community and taxpayer funded City services—including public education—create high real estate values in Santa Monica.

An eleven-member Citizens Oversight Board will be created to advise the City Council on how to spend the homeless prevention and affordable housing funds on the most important and cost-effective programs, and the City's independent auditors will review and publicly report on annual receipts and expenditures from the fund. We believe this tax will allow the City to spend annually at least three times the amount for homelessness prevention and affordable housing as the Santa Monica Housing Trust Fund spent each year on average before the State eliminated the main source of affordable housing funding to the City during the Financial Crisis. The measure also requires that the City provide at least $10 million of this tax annually to our public schools.

Join us and help qualify this measure to support homelessness prevention, affordable housing and the schools by signing this petition to put this measure on the ballot.

Original signed by: Sue Himmelrich, Mayor; Michael Soloff, Co-Chair, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights; Jon Katz, President, Santa Monica Democratic Club

The City Attorney has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO ESTABLISH ADDED FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND SCHOOLS BY AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.96 TO PROVIDE A THIRD TIER TRANSFER TAX RATE FOR PROPERTY TRANSFERS OF $8,000,000 OR MORE WITH AN ELEVEN-MEMBER RESIDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.96 sets the City's real estate transfer tax. Currently, there are two tax rates. The First Tier Tax Rate ($3.00 per $1000 of value transferred) applies to transfers under $5,000,000. The Second Tier Tax Rate ($6.00 per $1000 of value transferred) applies to transfers of $5,000,000 or more. This measure would amend Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.96 to establish a new Third Tier Tax Rate for transfers of $8,000,000 or more. The proposed Third Tier Tax Rate would be $56.00 per $1000 of value transferred.

This measure would add Chapter 4.90 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code to establish: (1) a Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund; and (2) a new School Fund. These funds would be funded by the Third Tier Tax Rate. Out of the Third Tier Tax rate of 5.6%, 5% would be allocated to the School Fund and the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund ("Allocated Funds") and the remaining .6% would go to the General Fund.

The measure contains a specific annual distribution of the Allocated Funds. The first $10,000,000 of Allocated Funds must be deposited into the School Fund. The next $40,000,000 of Allocated Funds collected each year must be deposited into the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund. Any Allocated Funds collected above $50,000,000 each year would be deposited 20% into the School Fund and 80% into the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund.

The measure would require the City to provide the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District the Allocated Funds in the School Fund each year. In the event of a unification of Malibu schools, the school district serving residents of Santa Monica would be entitled to receive the School Funds. Any school district that is located outside of Santa Monica would not be entitled to any of the School Funds.

The measure allows the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund to be used to provide ongoing or emergency income assistance, acquire and rehabilitate existing rental properties as deed-restricted affordable housing, create new deed-restricted housing, and fund programs and services designed to preserve and improve affordable housing for lower income households.

The measure would establish an eleven-member Resident Oversight Committee to provide recommendations to the City Council regarding guidelines for eligible expenditures, local priorities and preferences, award procedures, budgeting, program evaluation, and public reporting procedures. The City's auditors will audit the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund annually and publicly provide the results to the Resident Oversight Committee and the Audit Subcommittee.

The School Fund and the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund are intended to provide additional support and not replace any existing funding under current agreements or prior advisory measures.

DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 270 CALLS ON MARCH 22

Trespassing 1500blk Montana Ave 1:56 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Ocean Ave 3:16 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1400blk 7th St 3:41 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 4th St / Bicknell Ave 3:58 a.m.
Trespassing 2400blk Main St 5:37 a.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 1000blk Ocean Ave 6:09 a.m.
Status Check 1700blk Ocean Ave 6:32 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200blk 7th St 6:43 a.m.
Trespassing 200blk Washington Ave 7:05 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk 7th St 7:15 a.m.
Status Check 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:31 a.m.
Status Check 1400blk 5th St 7:49 a.m.
Trespassing 00blk Village Pkwy 8:00 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 8:10 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 8:13 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:15 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:28 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1000blk 6th St 8:37 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 8:38 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 3100blk Virginia Ave 8:40 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:43 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:48 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:00 a.m.
Trespassing 100blk Pico Blvd 9:01 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 500blk Pacific St 9:11 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2600blk The Beach 9:17 a.m.
Fraud Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:27 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 2300blk 20th St 9:41 a.m.
Status Check 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:43 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1500blk 7th St 9:45 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2600blk 2nd St 9:54 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk 21st St 9:57 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 900blk Pico Blvd 10:27 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk 15th St 10:43 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 600blk California Ave 10:44 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk 9th St 10:48 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:51 a.m.
Trespassing 3100blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:56 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2700blk Pico Blvd 11:08 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 200blk Broadway 11:26 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700blk Appian Way 11:28 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 11:29 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk Broadway 11:29 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk 21st St 11:35 a.m.
Sexual Assault 100blk Medical Plaza 11:35 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600blk Arizona Ave 11:39 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 11:50 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 1300blk 14th St 12:10 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 100blk Bay St 12:13 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 200blk Broadway 12:29 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 100blk Broadway 12:38 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1300blk 2nd St 12:39 p.m.
Battery Now 1300blk Palisades Park 12:57 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1600blk 5th St 1:00 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk 20th St 1:01 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300blk 14th St 1:04 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 300blk California Ave 1:22 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 300blk Arizona Ave 1:37 p.m.
Suspicious Person 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:06 p.m.
Battery Report 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:07 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400blk 16th St 2:13 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Strand St 2:19 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:24 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2000blk 14th St 2:24 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 15th St 2:24 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1500blk 2nd St 2:39 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Way / Bay St 2:44 p.m.
Lewd Activity Princeton St / Arizona Ave 2:44 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 2300blk The Beach 2:59 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 3:00 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.

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is asking for the public's assistance in identifying a driver involved in a Hit and Run Fatality. On November 13, 2021, at approximately 8:04 p.m., SMPD Officers responded to 10th Street and Pico Blvd for a traffic collision involving a pedestrian. Upon their arrival, they found the pedestrian, a 58-year-old male, suffering from massive trauma. He was pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision. Investigation revealed that the pedestrian was struck by a white Ford Mustang, with a model year around 2015. While lying in the roadway, the victim was struck by a second vehicle, the owner of which remained on scene. The vehicle's path of travel was tracked on security cameras in the area. It is believed the suspect vehicle sustained a broken front windshield and damage to the front driver's side. Investigators also believe the driver of the vehicle might have lived in or at least frequented the area of the collision and are requesting the public's assistance in identifying the driver. Anyone with any information pertaining to this incident is strongly encouraged to contact Investigator Evan Raleigh at 310-458-8954 or evan.raleigh@santamonica.gov, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8426.

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to $8 million. If their petition is successful, the question would be put to voters in November of this year.

Santa Monica already has two tiers of real estate transfer tax charging $3 per $1,000 of value transferred on transfers under $5,000,000 and $6 per $1,000 of value on transfers of $5,000,000 or more. The second tier was established in 2020 when voters approved Measure SM.

The proposed third tier would charge $56 per $1,000 of value transferred for transfers of $8,000,000 or more.

The proposal would also establish two funds, one for housing and another for education. Of the 5.6 percent charged for the tax, 5 percent would be split between the two funds and the remaining money would be allotted toward the City's General Fund. According to the proposal, the measure contains a specific annual distribution of the allocated funds with the first $10,000,000 deposited into the School Fund and the next $40,000,000 collected each year deposited into the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund. Any funds collected above $50,000,000 each year would be deposited 20% into the School Fund and 80% into the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund.

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The measure contains a provision that would require all money be kept in Santa Monica if Malibu were to receive its own school district.

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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

**RFP: #311 ELECTRONIC PATIENT CARE REPORTING SOLUTION
#315 3RD PARTY BILLING SERVICES**

- **Submission Deadline Is April 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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R.I.P. BARBARA MORRISON – Just a few weeks ago I recommended one of her performances and wondered to myself if she was back at Pip's, her pre-COVID funky, comfy local venue home. You could see her for free there, or you could pay $40-60 cover at some fancy nightclub, probably more in Europe and Asia, and always feel you got more than you paid for. She was an easy master of genres, gliding from blues and jazz into soul and R&B. She will be missed. And another reminder that you should get out and hear these local treasures while you still can.

LEVON AND MAVIS: I've mostly moved away from reviewing albums, but never say never, right? This is just a notice, of an album that could well be an instant classic. Gospel-Civil Rights living legend Mavis Staples, now in her 80s and lacking nothing, and apparently not slowing down, had a close relationship with The Band's incomparable drummer-vocalist Levon Helm (also a pretty fair actor: "Coal Miner's Daughter," "The Right Stuff"), who died in 2012 after a long battle with throat cancer. Prior to that, he had put his band together with Mavis's and the album, "Carry Me Home" (May 20), is the result. Here's a sample song, "You Got To Move," that showcases the quiet but electric chemistry of these two. https://mavisandlevon.ffm.to/carrymehome

Local note: no one could fill Levon's shoes, but these days Mavis's choice for a drummer is none other than our own STEVE MUGALIAN. I'm not sure there is any higher praise.

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III - I'll try to write a little more about his standout two shows at MCCABE'S Monday and Tuesday, but I will say this: I was right last week in my column, to suggest everyone go to both shows, because he is such a rare, wonderful live performer and because, as I went out on a limb to predict, he did do two pretty different shows. Monday night did feature a quick duet with the equally quirky and wonderful VAN DYKE PARKS on piano. But Tuesday night's show had at least 10 different songs from Monday's, one he claimed to have written in the green room just before coming out. A lot more way back stuff. For his quirkiness and brilliant wordsmithing, sometimes you forget how amazing his voice is, and how really good his guitar work is. This is LA, it's McCabe's where so much magic happens. Don't miss these opportunities, please.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

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

LA PHIL with ZUBIN MEHTA, MOZART'S GREAT MASS - Not being lazy or presumptive, but I think this one speaks for itself. If you have never witnessed "The Great Mass" live, you are in for a memorable treat. It was Mozaet's last symphony, left unfinished. I guess he was being called to present it on a higher plane. In Zubin Mehta's hands, with his old orchestra, and the angelic voices of the LA Master Chorale, it should be beatific. Next Thurs 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, DTLA, $71-229

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - "Bessie, Billie, & Nina - Pioneering Women in Jazz" – I don't have any personal experience with this show, but it sounds worthwhile. Bessie, Billie and Nina were incredible vocalists who changed the course of music, giants of music and of the fight, still being waged, for racial and gender equality. With three singers backed by an all-female jazz band, this seems like a good bet. Thurs 8 p.m., Pepperdine, Malibu, $10–45.

TONIGHT! - LA PHIL with David Robertson conducting MAHLER'S 7TH – Much admired conductor David Robertson, born and raised in Malibu, former music director of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the St. Louis Symphony, will share his insights into the multi-faceted world of Mahler's Seventh Symphony, sometimes called "The Song of the Night" because two of the five movements are titled "Nachtmusik." The work is known for Mahler's use of unusual scoring, including guitar, mandolin, tenor horn, even an early example of Bartók's "snap pizzicato." The symphonic journey concludes with a roaring rollercoaster ride of a finale. Who needs Magic Mountain? Tonight Thurs, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $20-214.

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US finds Russian troops have committed war crimes in Ukraine

MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

The Biden administration on Wednesday made a formal determination that Russian troops have committed war crimes in Ukraine and said it would work with others to prosecute offenders, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said.

"Today, I can announce that, based on information currently available, the U.S. government assesses that members of Russia's forces have committed war crimes in Ukraine," Blinken said in a statement released as he was traveling to Brussels with President Joe Biden for an emergency summit of NATO leaders.

The assessment was based on a "careful review" of public and intelligence sources since Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine last month, he said.

America's top diplomat said the United States would share that information with allies, partners and international institutions tasked with investigating allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"We've seen numerous credible reports of indiscriminate attacks and attacks deliberately targeting civilians, as well as other atrocities. Russia's forces have destroyed apartment buildings, schools, hospitals, critical infrastructure, civilian vehicles, shopping centers, and ambulances, leaving thousands of innocent civilians killed or wounded," Blinken said.

He cited attacks on the civilian population in the besieged city of Mariupol and elsewhere.

Neither Russia nor the U.S. recognizes the authority of the International Criminal Court at The Hague, presenting obvious difficulties for seeking accountability for war crimes committed in Ukraine.

The U.S. could still assist a prosecution before the court, which earlier opened an investigation into atrocities committed in Ukraine, by helping to gather evidence against Russian forces in Ukraine, using some of the vast abilities it has deployed to track and monitor what has been happening in the conflict.

The U.S. could also provide support and backing to a commission of inquiry established by the U.N. Human Rights Council.

War crimes experts have suggested that Russian forces and government officials could also be prosecuted in countries such as Spain and Germany, where legal codes recognize universal jurisdiction, or that the U.S. could bring criminal charges.

Under U.S. law, an American citizen would have to be among the victims for charges to brought under existing statutes.

Two Democratic members of Congress urged Attorney General Merrick Garland on Wednesday to open an investigation into war crimes for the deaths of two Americans in Ukraine — journalist Brent Renaud and Jimmy Hill, who was killed while waiting in a bread line.

"Both Mr. Renaud and Mr. Hill were non-combatants who were not taking any active part in the hostilities, wrote Reps. Ted Lieu and Rep. Eric Swalwell, both from California.

The Department of Justice did not immediately comment on the letter.

Associated Press writer Ben Fox contributed to this report.

Cal State college system drops SAT/ACT admission requirement

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Associated Press

In a move that squarely places California's public universities at the forefront of the national trend to drop standardized tests, the Cal State university system will eliminate SAT and ACT exams from admission requirements, officials decided Wednesday.

The California State University's Board of Trustees unanimously approved the change, aligning the country's largest four-year university system with the "test free" admissions process already adopted by the University of California college system.

The California State University system has 477,000 students at its 23 colleges around the state, while the University of California's 10 colleges enroll over 280,000 students.

The University of California Board of Regents voted last year to eliminate the standardized test admissions requirement at its undergraduate schools, which include the prestigious campuses of UC Berkeley and UCLA.

Acting Cal State system Chancellor Steve Relya praised the decision, saying it will help "level the playing field and provide greater access to a high quality college degree for students from all backgrounds."

Critics have long argued that standardized tests put minority and low-income college applicants at a disadvantage and pose a barrier to their admission. They have noted that wealthier students or their parents have the money to pay for expensive standardized test preparation courses that help boost their scores.

"In essence, we are eliminating our reliance on a high-stress, high-stakes test that has shown negligible benefit," Relya said in a statement.

California's public universities, like many across the country, suspended the exams during the pandemic and did not require them during the admissions process for college entry during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years.

Amid the pandemic, more than 1,800 colleges and universities, or nearly 80% of U.S. four-year campuses, adopted either test-optional or score-free policies for fall 2022 applicants, said Bob Schaeffer, executive director of FairTest, a Boston-based anti-testing group.

The decision by the Cal State and the University of California college systems to make that ban permanent will "set a standard

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HOUSING

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can also combine both pathways, which would result in four units on a lot previously zoned for just one.

In Santa Monica SB 9 applies to areas in the Ocean Park, North of Montana, Sunset Park, Northeast Neighbors and Pico neighborhoods.

In February 2021, City Council voted 5-1 to send a letter to the author of SB 9, Senator Toni Atkins, formally opposing the bill. Councilmembers generally disliked that the bill had no requirement to construct affordable housing and feared that it would lead to speculative investment in single family neighborhoods. Councilmember Gleam Davis was the sole proponent of the bill and believed that given the severity of the state's housing crisis it could be a helpful tool to build more units.

When it comes to the local implementation of SB 9, Councilmember Davis maintained her support for the bill and argued in favor of placing as few restrictions on it as possible. She said this specifically in the context of the City of Pasadena's recent urgency ordinance, which put strong restrictions on SB 9 and drew sharp criticism from Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta.

"Any action that a city takes that effectively constrains housing under SB 9 is going to be questioned," said Davis. "So I think we have to look at SB 9 through that lens; not how we can constrain its effectiveness or how can we limit the number of parcels that are subject to SB 9, but how can we give vibrancy, if you will, to the letter and the spirit of the law and I know that scares a lot of people."

There are several ways Santa Monica could potentially limit development under SB 9. The City could prevent accessory dwelling units (ADUs) from being added to SB 9 projects, could deed restrict SB 9 units as specifically rental or for sale units, and could extend the owner occupancy requirements for SB 9 units. Santa Monica could also take steps to incentivize the use of SB 9 such as allowing more than 25 percent of an existing single-unit dwelling to be demolished for the duplex pathway or allowing the addition of ADUs on all SB 9 projects.

Several Councilmembers expressed interest in utilizing the bill to incentivize more family housing.

"The way that we've been building studio units, one units, you know our populations in schools, the numbers are going down, we don't have as many families in Santa Monica and it just worries me that we just continue to build and that's what's happening here and we're not encouraging and bringing more families into Santa Monica. We just continue to destroy that fabric and that part of Santa Monica," said Councilmember Christine Parra.

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre speculated that adding an ownership requirement for SB 9 projects could be helpful, but asked staff to research whether this would be the case.

"How do we ensure that families in the City of Santa Monica will be able to move in and raise their children here? And that's my big consideration," said de la Torre. "If we're going to put conditions on these, whether rent or own, I would be more inclined to support ownership."

Councilmember Lana Negrete pushed back citing her experience as a small business owner and mother to say that buying a home in Santa Monica is infeasible for many.

"I'm running a nonprofit and this family business and the idea of purchasing a home in Southern California just seems to be, you know, completely out there and I would love to see an opportunity for people like myself, who are part of the community and want to be able to stay here," said Negrete.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich suggested incentivizing family housing by allowing ADUs on SB 9 projects, but requiring them to be at least 1,000 square feet.

In the absence of a local ordinance, staff is currently taking a conservative approach to implementing SB 9, according to City Manager David White. Following Council's discussion, staff will return with a drafted ordinance at a future meeting.

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MOUNTAIN LION

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P-104, wearing a radio collar, had been tracked crossing PCH in the western Santa Monica Mountains several times in the days since he was collared two weeks ago, Cholo said.

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) announced the death of P-104 in a Tweet posted Wednesday morning, which featured a photo of the mountain lion's bloody remains. Cholo said the graphic image was the most benign of the photographs captured by Bishop, and described P-104's remains as having suffered "massive injuries."

"He was very badly injured," Cholo said, later adding, "My hope is that he just immediately died on impact and did not suffer."

SMMNRA has been tracking the beleaguered local mountain lion population since 2002; in that time, 25 mountain lions have been killed by vehicles in or around the mountains, Cholo said. Eight of those deaths have been among collared pumas. Most of those road deaths have occurred on local freeways, including the Ventura (101) Freeway.

Cholo mentioned the long-anticipated Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing over the 101 at Liberty Canyon as a glimmer of hope for the isolated local mountain lion population, which is in danger of genetic issues due to inbreeding. When that overpass opens, it will link the 150,000-acre SMMNRA with public lands north of the 101.

That project, which Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains first conceived of in 2015, comes with a price tag that's ballooned to $90 million.

The SMMNRA mountain lion study also tracks poison ingested by the local mountain lions, testing remains found after vehicle collisions as well as other causes of death. P-104's remains are en route to the UC Davis California Animal Health and Food Safety Lab in San Bernardino for a necropsy, which will indicate if any anticoagulant roedenticide was in his system, which Cholo said was likely. The poisons, usually found in black bait boxes located near homes and businesses, are designed to kill small rodents and pests; however, they don't kill their targets right away. Instead, biologists warn, they weaken rodents, which then become prey for larger predators. Eventually, those poisons work their way up into the food chain affecting mountain lions.

"Most I think, if not all mountain lions here in the region have been or are exposed, unfortunately, to these rat poisons," Cholo said. "So, we'll find out soon."

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SHOOTING

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back of the head," states the complaint.

The City did not admit to guilt in response to the complaint's allegations, but chose to settle instead of proceeding to a court trial. Following an SMPD investigation into the incident, Officer Rodriguez was terminated from service.

Following the settlement, the City issued a statement saying, "Mountford mostly recovered from the incident but was claiming residual mental and emotional injuries including ongoing cognitive deficits. The case had been set for trial next month. The City does not admit liability, but believes the settlement is in the best interests of the City."

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EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 2:55 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 3:03 a.m.
Ladder Request 1400blk 7th St 3:51 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 7:11 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2400blk Olympic Blvd 9:16 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 9:25 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2800blk 6th St 9:49 a.m.
EMS 700blk Montana Ave 11:19 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 14th St 12:11 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 500blk Hill St 3:42 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 4:13 p.m.
EMS 15th St / Arizona Ave 4:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Navy St 5:47 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Broadway 7:04 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:14 p.m.
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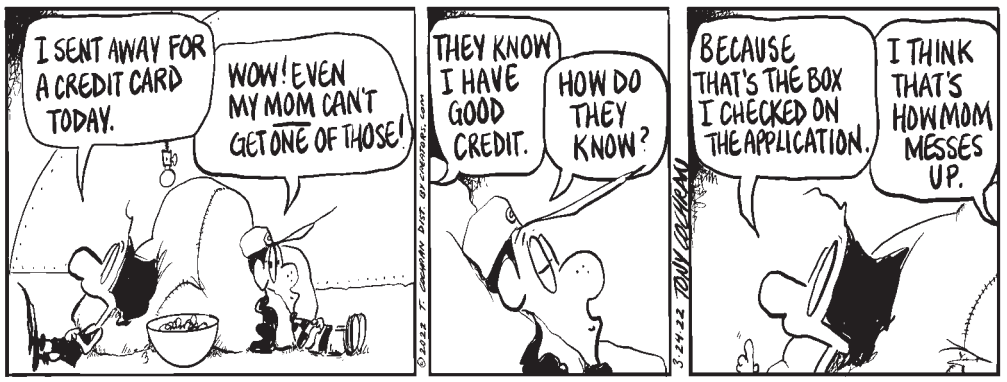
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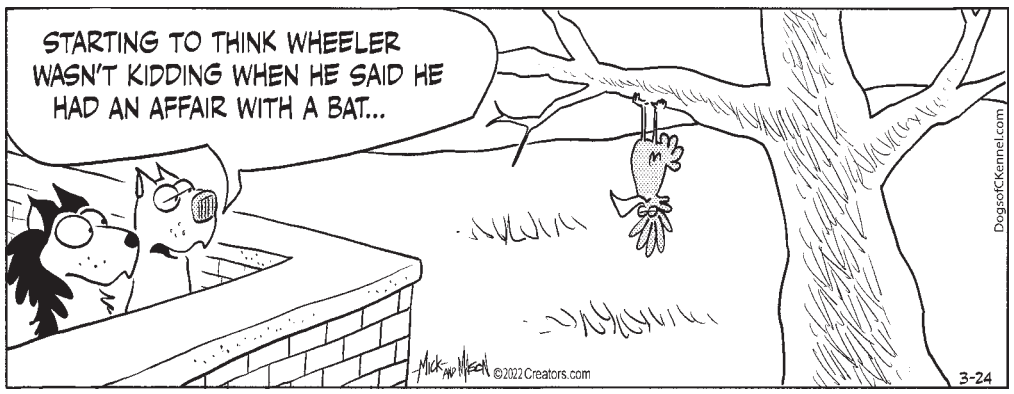
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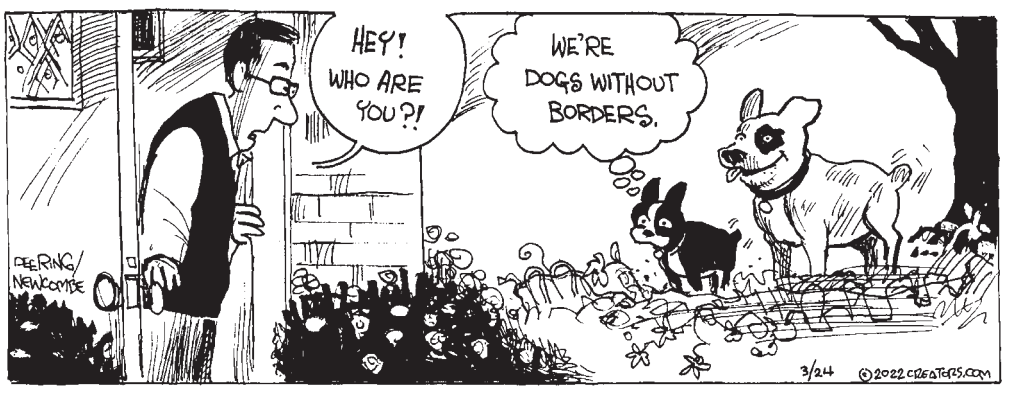
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WATER TEMP: **59.4**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Modest NW swell mix with trace SSW swell blending in — most size west of Dume. Clean AM conditions likely with a mid-morning low tide.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	NW swell mix starts to come down, with some fresh SSW energy starting to pick up, could be fun for the points by the end of the afternoon.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/03/25	Fri	03:15 AM	4.82	H
2022/03/25	Fri	11:37 AM	-0.27	L
2022/03/25	Fri	7:17 PM	3.19	H
2022/03/25	Fri	10:40 PM	2.90	L
2022/03/26	Sat	04:54 AM	4.87	H
2022/03/26	Sat	12:42 PM	-0.64	L
2022/03/26	Sat	7:47 PM	3.62	H
2022/03/27	Sun	12:19 AM	2.46	L
2022/03/27	Sun	06:13 AM	5.12	H
2022/03/27	Sun	1:32 PM	-0.89	L
2022/03/27	Sun	8:15 PM	4.02	H
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone's decision will affect your future. You eagerly await an answer. Whatever way this goes, there's a way to work it to your advantage. Start thinking about all your plans and contingencies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Resist the urge to prove yourself. The ones who know about your kind of talent will see it in you immediately, and the clueless ones never will, so there's no point in trying to impress them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A small group will become more and more important to you in the weeks to come. As you participate in activities and learn more about its members, you will gradually develop a deeper connection.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your knowledge of human nature will help you attain your goals. You're well aware of how people tend to want what they can't have. Work with that principle. Build a sense of scarcity into your offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to move a mountain, so little by little you will make it move. This will occur with one simple action you can repeat hundreds if not thousands of times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will pursue higher education and develop your sharp mind. The ability to remember names and faces will help you advance your political and professional goals. Financial barriers will fall.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've a talent for organization and you'll arrange the environment to make it easier to keep clean and orderly. It's amazing what a few well-placed bins can accomplish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Prescient information pops to mind. What's the difference between intuition and imagination? You'll get the sense of knowing something immediately without understanding how you could. That's intuition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you're not sure why you're so popular lately, it could be the charmingly unpredictable element you bring to conversation. Quite the opposite of the usual interactions, your contributions are unexpected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A lot of people have ideas, but far fewer have the bold determination to follow through. Consider yourself among the elite. Planning is a pleasure. Get as much on paper as you can now while you're thinking clearly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When someone says you can't do it, it's like the gunshot that starts the race. Anything worth doing will have its share of naysayers. Have fun proving them wrong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you're so organized, the expected work goes efficiently and the unexpected challenges are manageable too. You'll be confident and relaxed whether things are going to plan or not.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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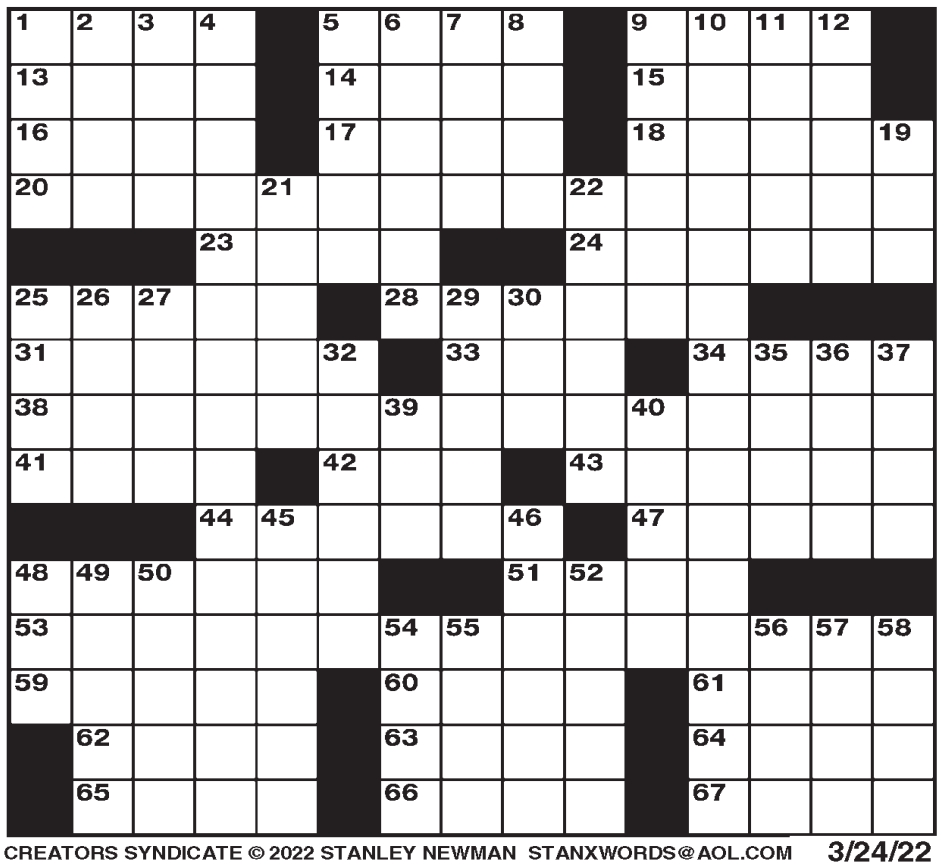
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17 Things in veins
18 Readily available
20 Adrenal expert
23 Forelimb feature
24 Goes along
25 Promised solemnly
28 Serving with dim sum
31 Naval destroyer, to sailors
33 Liquid refreshment, briefly
34 Follow on the sly
38 With harsh haste
41 Axe to grind
42 Inner turmoil
43 Ready to roll
44 Ultimate
47 Parson's dwelling
48 Contemplative contradiction
51 Serve as lookout, perhaps
53 Financial number crunchers
59 "Don't play" musical instruction
60 Tetley alternative
61 About 3,300 feet
62 Bit of chicanery
63 Overload
64 Bering Sea port
65 Sound of an air leak
66 Fine-tune
67 Winter blanket

DOWN
1 None too pleased
2 Blue rabbit, quite possibly
3 Lands' End competitor
4 Imagination in a pickle
5 Deer nosh
6 Persona non grata
7 Furnace, essentially
8 Coin in Acapulco
9 Underling
10 What a 32 Down receives
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12 Trifle with
19 Blood bank amts.
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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | MARCH 24

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE EARLY
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FRIDAY | MARCH 25

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW
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SATURDAY | MARCH 26

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

PICO FARMERS MARKET
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8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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SUNDAY | MARCH 27

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MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St.
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MONDAY | MARCH 28

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
The Social Services Commission works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Santa Monica residents through research, outreach, and advocacy. This is a virtual meeting. Instructions how to join the meeting will be included in the meeting agenda, which will be available on the Commission's website 72 hours before the meeting date: https://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31958. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY | MARCH 29

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

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 30

TEENS, TWEENS & THEIR DIGITAL LIVES
Learn tips and tools for guiding middle and high school students through digital challenges, from the complexities of social media to navigating online drama. This 4-week workshop series, using a Common Sense Media curriculum, is designed for parents and caregivers of youths ages 11 & up. Light refreshment will be provided, and attendees will receive free books on the topics discussed. Register at bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. Pico Branch Library. 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5428

Get creative

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Scarf
Screen printing
Sews
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Skein
Soft
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Throw
Tone
Tool
Trim
Tube
Turn
Vice
Weave
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
What a great try!

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NOTEWORTHY

FROM PAGE 4

LA OPERA presents BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION – Well... that was certainly different. No costumed actor-singers on stage, the talented soloists were barely visible in the orchestra pit. Then who told the story on stage? About 40 white-clad dancers of the Hamburg Ballet, and a large chorus singing in the shadows. It's not pretty ballet, not a pretty story, of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus, with beating and other tortures well represented, up to the death and burial. It's a story many of us know in detail, so I found myself fighting the artistic license a bit. The choreography was amazing, as was the dancing. But I found myself losing track sometimes of the well-played music, because of all the flowing white chaos on the stage. Who knew I was a stodgy traditionalist? Sat, Thurs 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, Sat 7:30 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, DTLA, $23-292.

PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT presents TCHAIKOVSKY'S "IOLANTA" – Hooray! The little opera company that could, that started out in SM at Miles Playhouse and has grown so much in every way, is now back, in a nice theater in Little Tokyo (that's not on a front lawn, but that was necessary, and okay), with "Iolanta," a different kind of fairytale. (POP loves "different.") Cristina Jones, a.k.a. "The Blind Soprano," stars in the opera's title role about a princess who is unaware that she is blind. Their first opera in Russian. With a 32-piece orchestra. Founder and creative whirlwind Josh Shaw is directing, so, I'm in. Sat 7:30 p.m., Sun 3 p.m, Aratani Theatre, Little Tokyo, $12-60.

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS: JAVIER CAMARENA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 4/2; LA PHIL with ZUBIN MEHTA, MOZART'S GREAT MASS, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 4/1, 2, 3; SILKROAD ENSEMBLE'S "Home Within,", The Saroya, 4/2; LANG LANG plays BACH's "Goldberg Variations," Walt Disney Concert Hall, 4/3; ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 4/6, 7; MEHTA Conducts BRUCKNER, BERG, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 4/7, 8, 10; BLASTERS, Bourbon Room, 4/9; SOUNDS OF LA: "AUKAHI" (Flowing Harmony) with Kumu Hula Kealiʻi Ceballos, Daniel Ho, and Ohana, Getty, 4/9, 10; "YEMANDJA" starring ANGELIQUE KIDJO, Broad Stage; 4/15; ROGER McGUINN, Smothers Theatre, 4/25.

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

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FROM PAGE 5

for public higher education around the nation," Schaeffer said.

"It is not an accident that so many other public systems, literally from Washington state to Maine, now have similar policies. The whole country is watching California, and largely following the state's lead," he said.

Students can still choose to submit SAT or ACT scores that will not be considered for admissions purposes but could help in their placement for English and math courses, said Cal State system spokeswoman Toni Molle.

The system had suspended the standardized test requirement during the pandemic, instead basing admission on what it called a "multi factor admissions score" that allowed campuses to consider high school grade point averages, extra curricular activities and leadership roles as well as whether applicants were first-generation college student or came from schools with a high percentages of low-income students.

A systemwide advisory council made up of faculty, students and administrators and student leaders was put in charge of studying whether to drop the tests and recommended the change to the Cal State college system's board.

Board Trustee Diego Arambula said it was important to drop the requirement because "reducing the stress and inequity that currently exists today are huge."

Trustee Yammilette Rodriguez said dropping standardized tests will help students avoid what she went through at a rural high school that she has said "lacked college support."

She had a 4.0 grade point average but missed SAT deadlines and didn't take the test — and as a result had to attend a community college before she could transfer to California State University, Fresno.

"I am a proud product of the CSU and I would have been a product even sooner if I could have gotten in as a freshman," Rodriguez said. "I know that my story is the same for many across California. It's going to change the lives of many."

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