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Council meetings to resume in person April 12

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Beginning next month, Santa Monica City Council plans to invite the public back for in-person meetings for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring of 2020. The new format will not include opportunities for virtual public comment, as has become the norm over the past two years.

"It is a totally different experience; it's much more personal," Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich said of in-person meetings. Beginning with the reopening of City Hall earlier this year, council members have attended meetings in person, although up to this point the public was only able to attend virtually.

"You feel much more as if you're in touch with the people you represent,

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Revolving door of interim city attorneys rotates once more

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Nearly two years since Santa Monica last had a permanent city attorney, a third interim attorney, Susan Cola, has been tapped to fill the position.

City Council members have met ten times in closed session to discuss the hiring of a permanent city attorney and have yet to reach a consensus on who should fill the role.

Cola is the current Senior Special Projects Deputy City Attorney and will step into the interim city attorney position on April 6, 2022 as current Interim City Attorney Joseph Lawrence's last day is April 5. Cola joined the City in 2012 and has over 25 years of municipal law experience specializing in land use, public finance, real estate, public works contracting, economic development and affordable housing.

"I'm thrilled Susan Cola is on board; I'm frustrated we haven't made a choice," said Mayor Sue Himmelrich.

The permanent position has been empty since April 18, 2020, when City Attorney Lane Dilg became Interim City Manager following the resignation of former City Manager Rick Cole. Longtime City lawyer George Cardona became interim city attorney

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Vikings host Sea Kings











Emily Sawicki

SWIM: Samohi Vikings boys and girls swim teams hosted the Palos Verdes High School Sea Kings at the Samohi Pool on Thursday, March 24. In the first few heats of the meet, the Vikings put forth a strong showing, taking top spots in boys' 200 medley and girls' 200 free, among other heats. The competition was ongoing at the time of the Daily Press deadline.



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Last Name	First Name	Case Number	Hearing Dates
Ainsworth	Mary J.	21SMCP00526	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Allen	Dorris Cooke	21SMCP00527	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Alpert	Otto R. & Ann	21SMCP00528	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Arnesen	Ottar & Judith	21SMCP00529	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Basham	R.O.	21SMCP00530	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Batchelder	Flora E.	21SMCP00531	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Beecher	Rose	21SMCP00511	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Behr	Max H.	21SMCP00512	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Brand	Elizabeth	21SMCP00532	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Brick	W.C.	21SMCP00506	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Briggs	H.F.	21SMCP00533	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Brock	Edgar G.	21SMCP00534	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Bruce	Emily J.	21SMCP00535	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Brunner	Ruth M.	21SMCP00510	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Bryant	J.F.	21SMCP00509	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Bryant	Wesley J.	21SMCP00537	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Bryant	Charles J.	21SMCP00536	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Bush	Fannie	21SMCP00538	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Caldwell	Olive Alice	21SMCP00505	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Chaffee	Eliza V. Barackman	21SMCP00539	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Chapman	Lucy B.	21SMCP00554	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Chatman	Ida Mae	21SMCP00552	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Clark	Merion E.	21SMCP00540	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Cobin	Joan	21SMCP00541	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Conroy	C.P.	21SMCP00550	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Cooper	Elizabeth A.	21SMCP00549	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Crain	Karen Elizabeth	21SMCP00504	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Cross	Ilah Marie	21SMCP00548	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Cyfer	Fred J. & Jean V.	21SMCP00503	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Davis	J.J.	21SMCP00547	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Davis	Marie L.	21SMCP00546	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Dean	Abbie Johnson & Lessie	21SMCP00543	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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Dundas	Ena S.	21SMCP00553	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Edmond	George W.	21SMCP00542	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Edwards	Marjorie G.	21SMCP00551	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Evans	David J. & Mary E.	21SMCP00544	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Francis	Rita E.	21SMCP00545	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Fraser	Grace	21SMCP00513	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Gandy	Robert A.	21SMCP00514	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Glascock	V. Earl	21SMCP00515	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Glover	Oren E.	21SMCP00516	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Gonzales	Gregory	21SMCP00508	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Gossman	Frances	21SMCP00499	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Gray	W.H.	21SMCP00502	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Gruber	Pearl M.	21SMCP00517	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Hall	Elizabeth A.	21SMCP00518	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Hamilton	N.H.	21SMCP00519	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Hamilton	Oliver T.	21SMCP00520	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Hammons	Nellie	21SMCP00521	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Hanes	Joan A. Price	21SMCP00501	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Hanford	Mrs. C.A.	21SMCP00525	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Harryhausen	Raymond	21SMCP00522	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Harvey	Mabel	21SMCP00498	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Hubbell	Laura E.	21SMCP00523	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Humphreys	Mae Allen	21SMCP00524	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Johnson	Harry Wilbur	21SMCP00497	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Kenewell	Jessie B.	21SMCP00507	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
LeBlanc	Edwin L.	21SMCP00500	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Parker	Marvin J.	21SMCP00496	Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Sweeney	Sadie	21SMCP00605	Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Taylor	Alfred F.	21SMCP00606	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Thomas	Mae Z.	21SMCP00607	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Turner	Hugh Miles & Florence	21SMCP00609	Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Wharton	Earl V.	21SMCP00612	Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 295 CALLS ON MARCH 23

Vandalism 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:12 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:16 a.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 500Blk Georgina Ave 12:23 a.m.
Petty Theft 700Blk 21st St 12:34 a.m.
Speeding 2300Blk Olympic Blvd 1:58 a.m.
Vandalism 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 2:12 a.m.
Encampment 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:28 a.m.
Battery Report 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:05 a.m.
Found Property 1500Blk Ocean Ave 7:15 a.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 7:16 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1600Blk California Ave 7:18 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300Blk 28th St 7:37 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 7:46 a.m.
Panic Alarm 500Blk 21st Pl 8:03 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700Blk Alta Ave 8:10 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk The Beach 8:24 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2500Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:32 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk The Beach 8:35 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 800Blk 11th St 8:39 a.m.
Person With A Gun Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:42 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:46 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk The Beach 9:05 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 9:08 a.m.
Vandalism 1500Blk 4th St 9:10 a.m.
Vandalism Report 2400Blk 20th St 9:20 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2400Blk Colorado Ave 9:21 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300Blk Civic Center Dr 9:31 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 2900Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:48 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200Blk California Ave 9:49 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk 12th St 10:02 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 26th St / Colorado Ave 10:03 a.m.
Battery 2900Blk The Beach 10:15 a.m.
Encampment 1500Blk 7th St 10:33 a.m.
General Parking Problem 100Blk Hart Ave 10:36 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100Blk 11th St 10:40 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1700Blk 17th St 10:41 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Franklin St / Arizona Ave 11:00 a.m.
Lewd Activity 4th St / Colorado Ave 11:02 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk 7th St 11:26 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200Blk Palisades Beach rd 12:00 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100Blk Pearl St 12:08 p.m.
Encampment 700Blk Broadway 12:55 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 200Blk Marine St 12:57 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1100Blk Palisades Park 1:00 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1600Blk Idaho Ave 1:06 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400Blk Stanford St 1:23 p.m.
Vandalism Now Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 1:26 p.m.
Petty Theft 400Blk Broadway 1:53 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Franklin St / Arizona Ave 2:03 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3200Blk Airport Ave 2:06 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 900Blk 16th St 2:07 p.m.
Speeding 26th St / Olympic Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1600Blk Euclid St 2:27 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 200Blk 21st St 2:46 p.m.
General Parking Problem 800Blk Montana Ave 3:04 p.m.
Lewd Activity 3100Blk Virginia Ave 3:06 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:11 p.m.
Found Property 2nd St / Arizona Ave 3:15 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 18th St 3:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Marine St 3:39 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400Blk 19th St 3:45 p.m.
Vandalism Report 2300Blk Ocean Ave 4:00 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100Blk 5th St 4:04 p.m.
Expired Registration 100Blk Alta Ave 4:17 p.m.
Found Property 1100Blk Ocean Ave 4:18 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100Blk 15th St 4:23 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 4:30 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800Blk Berkeley St 4:56 p.m.
Found Property 1600Blk 4th St 5:00 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 2500Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 23rd St / Marine St 5:31 p.m.
Vandalism Report 1700Blk Michigan Ave 5:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500Blk Bay St 5:47 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 5:48 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2600Blk 6th St 5:58 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 900Blk 6th St 6:00 p.m.
Construction Noise 2500Blk Virginia Ave 6:11 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 500Blk San Vicente Blvd 6:13 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 6:39 p.m.
Battery 1200Blk 6th St 6:57 p.m.
Assault Report 2600Blk Main St 7:07 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:12 p.m.
Injured Person 400Blk Pico Blvd 7:18 p.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Palisades Park 7:22 p.m.
Encampment 2300Blk 4th St 7:44 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300Blk 2nd St 7:48 p.m.
Loud Music 1600Blk Stanford St 7:48 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk 18th St 8:09 p.m.
Vandalism Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 8:14 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1500Blk 7th St 8:23 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 2400Blk 6th St 8:28 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 200Blk 22nd St 8:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 900Blk 21st St 8:55 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300Blk 2nd St 9:00 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 11th St / Pearl St 9:15 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000Blk 19th St 9:21 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1300Blk 4th St 9:25 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1600Blk Montana Ave 9:29 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2900Blk Nebraska Ave 9:30 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 9:37 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400Blk 4th St 9:55 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 2200Blk 5th St 9:56 p.m.
Citizen Flag 1400Blk 2nd St 10:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 2nd St 10:23 p.m.
Found Senile Person 1500Blk 2nd St 10:27 p.m.
Speeding Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 10:35 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1900Blk Arizona Ave 11:00 p.m.
Party Complaint 1300Blk 2nd St 11:13 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 11:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1200Blk Washington Ave 11:59 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON MARCH 23

EMS 300Blk Alta Ave 1:25 a.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1800Blk 9th St 3:05 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Princeton St 4:13 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Georgina Ave 8:18 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 9:37 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 9:53 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Ocean Ave 10:38 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Berkeley St 11:39 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Grant St 12:02 p.m.
EMS 3000Blk 4th St 12:10 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:15 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:50 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Pico Blvd 12:52 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Palisades Park 12:58 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk California Ave 1:01 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Pennsylvania Ave 1:07 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 1:37 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:54 p.m.
Lock In/Out 1400Blk Franklin St 2:34 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Broadway 3:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Main St / Marine St 3:39 p.m.
EMS 400Blk 9th St 3:50 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 21st St 4:01 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 14th St 4:21 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 23rd St / Marine St 5:31 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Broadway 6:51 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 7:16 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk Ocean Ave 7:32 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Pico Blvd 7:38 p.m.
Public Assist 900Blk 9th St 8:30 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 9:44 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 9:46 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Yale St 10:46 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 11:28 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk 32nd St 11:57 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica will be holding a public hearing for the following:

Amendment to the City of Santa Monica's Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project Non-Potable Reuse Permit, Order No. R4-2021-004

The City of Santa Monica, Department of Public Works – Water Resources Division is holding a public hearing pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 60320.202 for the City's Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP). The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the use of advanced treated recycled water from SWIP to augment the City's groundwater supply at the Olympic Well Field.

The City is seeking to amend the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project's (SWIP) non-potable reuse permit, Order No. R4-2021-004, with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Los Angeles Region and expand its use for indirect potable reuse – groundwater replenishment via subsurface application. The SWIP will produce advanced treated recycled water and diluent water that will comply with California Code of Regulations Title 22, Article 5.2 for a Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project and meet all federal and state drinking water regulations.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 28, 2022, at 5:30pm. Please visit the following webpage for more details including how to provide public comments and how to register for the meeting.

https://www.santamonica.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure-project-swip

Public comments could be made ahead of time by e-mailing the comments to water.resources@santamonica.gov or in-person at the Public Hearing. Public comments will be accepted until 6:30PM Pacific Standard Time on April 28, 2022.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA INVITES SEALED PROPOSALS FOR

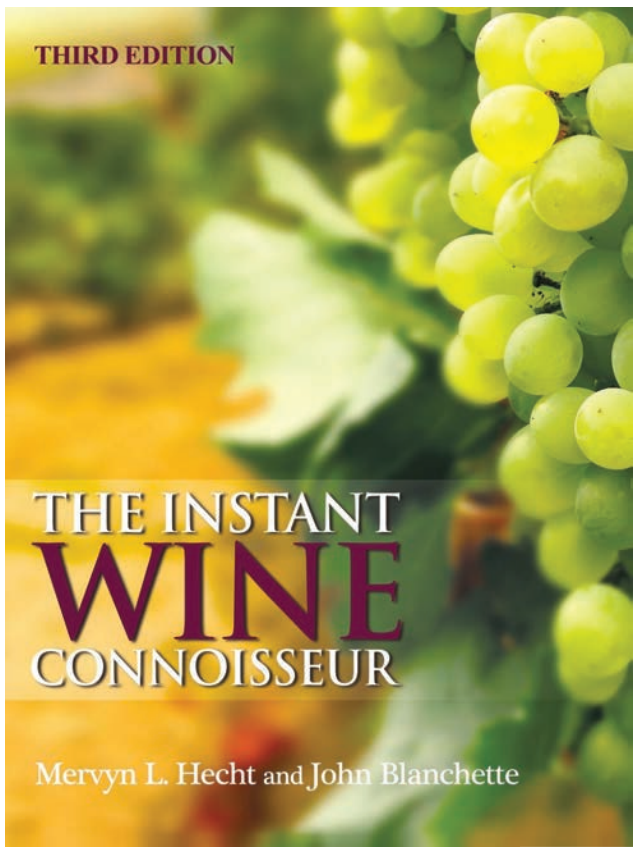
RFP: #298B INVESTIGATION AND MEDIATION SERVICES

- **Submission Deadline Is April 11, 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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3 US Muslims sue over religious questioning by officers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three Muslim Americans filed a lawsuit Thursday alleging that U.S. border officers questioned them about their religious beliefs in violation of their constitutional rights when they returned from international travel.

The three men from Minnesota, Texas and Arizona sued Department of Homeland Security officials in a federal court in Los Angeles. The lawsuit was filed in California because some of the questioning allegedly occurred at Los Angeles International Airport.

In the lawsuit, the men claimed that U.S. border officers at land crossings and international airports peppered them with questions about whether they were Muslim and attended a mosque and how often they prayed.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing the men, said the questioning violated the men's constitutional rights to freedom of religion and protection against unequal treatment.

"Just as border officers may not single out Christian Americans to ask what denomination they are, which church they attend, and how regularly they pray, singling out Muslim Americans for similar questions is unconstitutional," said the lawsuit.

It asks a judge to declare the religious questioning was unconstitutional and to order U.S. government agencies to expunge records containing information that was obtained through the questioning of the men.

An email message left with Department of Homeland Security seeking comment about the lawsuit was not immediately returned.

The plaintiffs included Abdirahman Aden Kariye, imam at a mosque in Bloomington, Minnesota. The lawsuit said he has been questioned about his faith at least five different times when he was returning to the country between 2017 and 2022.

The repeated questioning caused Kariye stress and led him to stop wearing a Muslim cap known as a kufi and to stop carrying religious texts when he travels internationally to avoid additional scrutiny, the lawsuit said.

Another plaintiff, Hameem Shah, a resident of Plano, Texas, said he was returning in 2019 from a vacation to Serbia and Bosnia when he was pulled aside at the Los Angeles airport for additional screening.

Officers separated him from other travelers and started reading his personal journal despite his protests and asked him whether he had traveled in the Middle East, saying they wanted to make sure he was a "safe person," the lawsuit said.

They also asked him about his religious beliefs and practices and searched his phone despite his opposition and released him two hours later, the lawsuit said.

"I thought that being an American meant that I and others are free to practice any religion that we choose," Shah said in a statement, adding that the airport experience he had still haunts him.

EXPLAINER: How US is expanding aid to Ukrainian refugees

BEN FOX
Associated Press

The United States is expanding efforts to help Ukrainian refugees. It has agreed to accept up to 100,000 people escaping from the war and to increase support for Eastern European nations that have taken in most of the people fleeing Russian forces. It's a modest number relative to the need, with an estimated 3.6 million refugees and millions more displaced within Ukraine. It's also modest by historical standards, far less than the number who came from Southeast Asia decades ago.

A look at the situation:

WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED?

While in Brussels to meet with European allies, President Joe Biden said the United States would admit up to 100,000 Ukrainian refugees and provide $1 billion in humanitarian assistance to countries affected by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The financial support is important because most of the approximately 3.6 million refugees who have fled Ukraine are in neighboring countries such as Poland, Moldova, and Romania and are posing a substantial burden.

"This is not something that Poland or Romania or Germany should carry on their own," said Biden, who said he hopes to meet with refugees on his European trip. "This is an international responsibility."

The White House has said for weeks that the U.S. would welcome Ukrainian refugees at some point, so the announcement wasn't a surprise. Officials have said, and continue to maintain, that most of the refugees want to remain in Europe because they have family there and can more easily return home once it's safe.

WHO IS COMING, WHEN AND WHERE WILL THEY GO?

Among the first Ukrainians refugee coming to the U.S. will be those who have family already in the United States, Biden said at a news conference.

U.S. refugee efforts will also focus on helping refugees who are considered particularly vulnerable following the Russian invasion, groups that include LGBTQ people, those with medical needs as well as journalists and dissidents, according to administration officials, who spoke to journalists on condition of anonymity to discuss the plan before the public announcement.

The administration did not provide a timeline but it's typically a lengthy process

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In 1st full year of pandemic, biggest metros lost residents

MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

After returning to metro San Francisco following a college football career, Anthony Giusti felt like his hometown was passing him by. The high cost of living, driven by a constantly transforming tech industry, ensured that even with two jobs he would never save enough money to buy a house.

So he started looking elsewhere, settling on Houston just last year.

"In Houston, I can be a blue-collar entrepreneur. With the Houston housing market, it made sense to come here," said Giusti, who started a house-painting business.

Giusti was one of tens of thousands of residents who vacated some of the nation's biggest, most densely-populated and costly metropolitan areas in favor of Sunbelt destinations during the first full year of the pandemic, from mid-2020 to mid-2021, according to new data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The pandemic intensified population trends of migration to the South and West, as well as a slowdown in growth in the biggest cities in the U.S.

The exodus from the biggest U.S. metropolitan areas was led by New York, which lost almost 328,000 residents. It was driven by people leaving for elsewhere, even though the metro area gained new residents from abroad and births outpaced deaths.

Metropolitan Los Angeles lost almost 176,000 residents, the San Francisco area saw a loss of more than 116,000 residents and greater Chicago lost more than 91,000 people from 2020 to 2021. The San Jose, Boston, Miami and Washington areas also lost tens of thousands of residents primarily from people moving away.

On the flip side, the Dallas area grew by more than 97,000 residents, Phoenix jumped by more 78,000 people and greater Houston added 69,000 residents, including Giusti. In the Phoenix metropolitan area, growth was driven by moves from elsewhere in the U.S., while it was propelled by a combination of migration and births outpacing deaths in Dallas and Houston.

"Texas has a thing about it, a romantic thing, with cowboys, and there's the idea here of the Lone Star State," said Giusti in describing the lure of Texas.

The U.S. Census Bureau's Vintage 2021 estimates also showed micro areas — defined as having a core city of less than 50,000 residents — gaining population from mid-2020 to mid-2021, after years of slow growth or declining population. The small population gains were driven by people moving there, as deaths continued to outpace births in many of these communities. Growth in micro areas was led by Kalispell, Montana; Jefferson, Georgia; and Bozeman, Montana.

Demographer William Frey said he believes the growth of micro areas and decreases in the biggest metros will be temporary, taking place at the height of people moving during the pandemic when work-from-home arrangements freed up workers from having to go to their offices.

"There is clearly a dispersion, but I think it's a blip," said Frey, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's metropolitan policy program, Brookings Metro. "We're at one of the lowest levels of immigration in a long, long time, and that affects big metros like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. That is going to come back. With the natural decrease, we will go back to normal."

Between mid-2020 and mid-2021, there was a stark increase in deaths outpacing births across the country. Almost three-quarters of U.S. counties experienced a natural decrease from deaths exceeding births, up from 55.5% in 2020 and 45.5% in 2019. The trend was fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as fewer births and an aging population.

"You have more older Americans, and birth rates are low so you don't have many children being born, and then along comes COVID, and it hits older adults the most, often in rural areas without access to good health care," said Kenneth Johnson, a senior demographer at the University of New Hampshire. "It's like a perfect storm, if you will, that produced this natural decrease."

Pittsburgh and Tampa had the largest natural decreases of U.S. metropolitan areas, in the range of 10,000 residents each.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Both my grandfathers fought in World War I. Both of my children's grandfathers fought in World War II. I fought in Vietnam. Members of my extended family have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. This family understands the price we pay because of war.

The nations of the world already know and understand what is happening in Ukraine and in response they have imposed crippling economic sanctions against the belligerent nation responsible for the invasion that has already sparked a self inflicted reported 30% inflation rate as the Ruble plummets to near 85% of its value prior to hostilities of just a few weeks ago.

Given the choice between the US and the rest of the world being drawn in to a land war or higher gas prices the majority of Americans favor paying more rather than sacrificing both blood and treasure.

The only question now is how long will it take before the Russian people figure out whether or not they are ready to forfeit two decades of economic progress or not over these hostilities and what they are going to do about it before their entire economy collapses for the second time since Russia bankrupted itself in Afghanistan?

I for one will gladly pay more for goods and services and drive less for selfish reasons which is a choice neither the Ukrainian or Russian economies can afford to parlay to begin with.

Stewart Resmer

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Appeal 20ENT-0275 of Planning Commission approval of Conditional Use Permit 19ENT-0250 and Minor Modification 20ENT-0066 to allow a 7,898 sf expansion to Carlthorp School addition and 9,142 sf new rooftop playcourt.
438 San Vicente Boulevard
APPLICANT: Carlthorp School/ Ken Parr
APPELLANT: Steven Salsberg
PROPERTY OWNER: Carlthorp School

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal 20ENT-0275 of Planning Commission approval of Conditional Use Permit 19ENT-0250 and Minor Modification 20ENT-0066 to allow a 7,898 sf expansion of Carlthorp School adding two elevators, a 4,793 sf below grade multipurpose room, enclosing an 843 sf open lunch area and adding 840 sf of administrative offices and City determination that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The subject property is located in the R2 (Low Density Residential) zoning district. The Conditional Use Permit is being requested as an amendment to existing Conditional Use Permit 95-012 allowing a school use in the R2 zone. The minor modification is being requested for the proposed expansion to increase ground floor parcel coverage by 0.29% above the R2 maximum allowable parcel coverage of 45%. The applicant is also requesting a five-year term for the entitlements. The Planning Commission approved the project on November 4, 2020.

This item was continued from the February 22, 2022, and March 15, 2022 City Council hearings.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Carlthorp School Appeal

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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MORE INFORMATION:
If you want more information about this project, please contact Gina Szilak at (310) 458-2200 ext. 5216, or by e-mail at Regina.Szilak@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL:
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

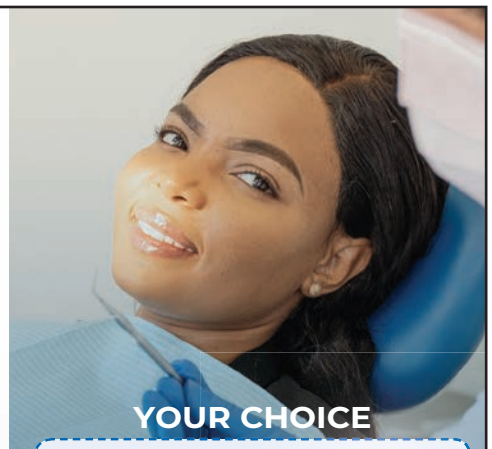
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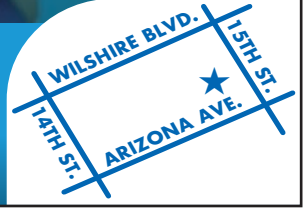
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ATTORNEY

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in April 2020 and another longtime attorney with the City, Joseph Lawrence, came out of retirement to step into the interim position in October 2021 when Cardona departed.

The city attorney position is not alone in experiencing a high turnover rate. Over the course of the pandemic there have been leadership departures by the city manager, fire chief, police chief, library director, transportation chief and chief communications officer.

In addition to frustration with the time it has taken to fill the position permanently, the city attorney search has been tainted by accusations of councilmember information leaks regarding the names of candidates.

In a Feb. 10 Council meeting, Councilmember Gleam Davis proposed opening an investigation into these leaks and prior leaks pertaining to the city manager search. While the idea initially had a slim 4-3 majority of councilmember support, it was subsequently shot down on Feb. 22 when Councilmember Lana Negrete shifted her vote to opposing the investigation citing concerns that it would further exacerbate councilmember divisions and distract from the city attorney search.

When it comes to the ideal qualifications in a city attorney, Mayor Himmelrich said she was looking for someone experienced in dealing with large law departments in some form of government. As a seasoned attorney herself, she said necessary traits for the trade include patience, excellent attention to detail and the ability to work well with others. Specifically for the Santa Monica position,



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ATTORNEY: New Interim City Attorney Susan Cola.

she said the attorney needs to have a thick skin.

Councilmember Phil Brock is seeking a city attorney who can take a fresh look at the department and find areas for downsizing and cost savings.

"I want a city attorney who will be fair to all council members and residents while fully enforcing the laws of our city without bias. I expect the city attorney to fully evaluate the personnel needs of the office and conserve our precious taxpayer dollars. I want the city attorney's office, which is abnormally large for a city our size, to actively look at divisions that can be downsized. Lastly, The person selected must be a strong defender of the residents and municipal government of Santa Monica," said Brock.

Council will continue discussing the search for a permanent city attorney during a closed session meeting on March 25.

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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And The Winner Is ...



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MOVIE: "CODA" (Children of Deaf Adults) is nominated for three Oscars.

Recently some readers have been asking why haven't I written about Putin's horrific war in Ukraine. In hopefully a single sentence at the bottom of this column I plan to address Vladimir, or as I call him, "Adolph." (No peeking to the end as I may drop a surprise quiz.)

If you didn't know already, Sunday is Oscar time at the 94th annual Academy Awards at the Dolby Theater hosted by Amy Schumer, Wanda Skyes. and Regina Hall, and broadcast on ABC at 5 p.m. (For star gazers or fashion fanatics, "Red Carpet Live!" begins at 10 a.m.)

As it happens, Santa Monica has fond memories of the Academy Awards as they were held at our Civic Auditorium from 1961-1968. Bob Hope hosted six years with Frank Sinatra and Jack Lemmon hosting one each. (In total, Hope hosted a remarkable 19 Oscars while Billy Crystal hosted 9.)

That brings me to the Academy's drastically declining TV viewers for the past twenty years. The Oscars once touted that globally 1 billion people watched, but last year only 9.8 million Americans tuned in. My theory is the outstanding films nominated are not ones the public flocks to see as compared with Batman, zombie and horror movies.

It turns out "one billion" was a false claim with no viable attribution. Surprised? Not when you consider the first Oscars in 1929 at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel were also a brilliant public relations stunt. Instead of voting, in fifteen minutes as compared to today's three hours, the studios presented the Academy Awards secretly promising to reward the non-winning studios with Oscars the following year.

This year, however, I am emotionally invested in the Oscars thanks to Don Margolin, a retired pilot, an occasional professional actor, and a dear friend for more decades than each of us cares to acknowledge. Primarily because of my deaf niece, Jennifer, Don enthusiastically recommend "CODA" (Child of Deaf Adults.) It stars English actress Emila Jones, who was only 17 when she played Ruby, the one hearing member of a deaf family.

In the plot, Ruby tries to balance helping her family's struggling fishing business in Gloucester, Massachusetts and pursuing her dream of a scholarship to a renowned Boston music college. As for Jennifer, she was born deaf but with her deaf husband, David, had a hearing child, my great-nephew, Brandon, who is a CODA. For Brandon seeing much of his own life story was an emotionally powerful experience.

The heart-warming "CODA," is nominated for "Best Picture," "Best Supporting Actor, and "Best Adapted Screenplay" and I loved every minute. (Except I used up a box of Kleenex.)

It's never happened that three of the four lead actors in a major motion picture are deaf in real life. In fact, producers were against it until co-star and Oscar-winner Marlee Matlin courageously threatened to walk. The truth is "CODA" is really just about a family, like so many, that face economic and emotional struggles and yet overcome them through the love they have for each other. (And that explains the Kleenex.)

"CODA" inspired me to binge watch other Oscar nominated movies which brings me to "mini reviews" for my top five. (After "CODA" to which I gave 5 stars.)

1. "House of Gucci," Based on a stranger than fiction true story, stars Lady Gaga, Adam Driver and Al Pacino and is doing amazingly well at the box office.(Despite Batman's not being in it.) Gaga, real name Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, was snubbed by the Oscars but did a terrific job as did co-star Driver who played her husband, Maurizio Gucci. (Spoiler alert:

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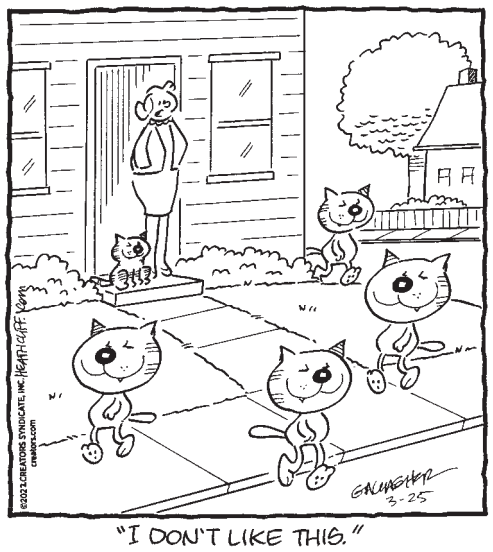
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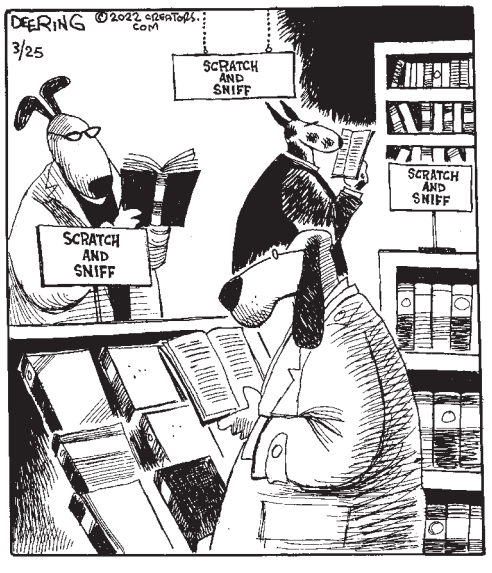
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"I DON'T LIKE THIS."

Strange Brew

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.9**

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SATURDAY *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

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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Like the snap of a puzzle piece coming together or the satisfied rush that comes with a row of green Wordle squares, you'll often have the thrill of filling life's blanks. Your wins will build up and you'll get to wear them like a cape of confidence. You'll be made a leader and you'll use your power to make things better. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 44, 4, 20 and 32.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The other person's account of the events in a relationship may differ substantially from your own. Be receptive to the other person's point of view.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a lucky day to gather and acquire resources. You'll accurately estimate what you need, find the right price and get a lot of use from today's purchases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A curious, experimental mood takes hold. You won't have to pursue it for long before you find yourself in a magical place. Perception alters the lighting scheme of the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Certain people require more of your patience. Or you can just ignore their thoughtlessness instead, and that's an act of compassion. Why take offense when no harm was intended? You have better things to think about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've fantasized about getting someone else to do the mundane work while you follow your creative whimsy. However, it's the mundane tasks that move your imagination. Being hands-on brings out your genius.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally you wouldn't gamble with what's precious to you, but there's a calculated risk that seems like it might be worth taking. Make sure you have good communication and a backup plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not like you to accept whatever life throws your way as though it's meant for you. You say what's meant for you. You think ahead; you take control. What you give will strongly influence what you get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You could use some faith. While a naive abandon of thought process isn't your style, you could surrender your skepticism for a more practical reason. It's heavy. Traveling light is faster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's much to do and you'll be a leader, overseeing the action. You already know one way to get the job done. To foster teamwork and innovation, encourage others to come up with solutions too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Colleagues and friends can provide some of your most meaningful competition, as their close vicinity is intensely motivating. Don't be afraid to share information but keep some for yourself too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a sharing kind of day. What we share is inconsequential; it's the effort that matters. It's enough to appreciate being connected and let the particulars be what they are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Minefields just look like fields until something blows up. It's a good day to respect hidden history, read all the signs, follow all the rules and heed all the warnings.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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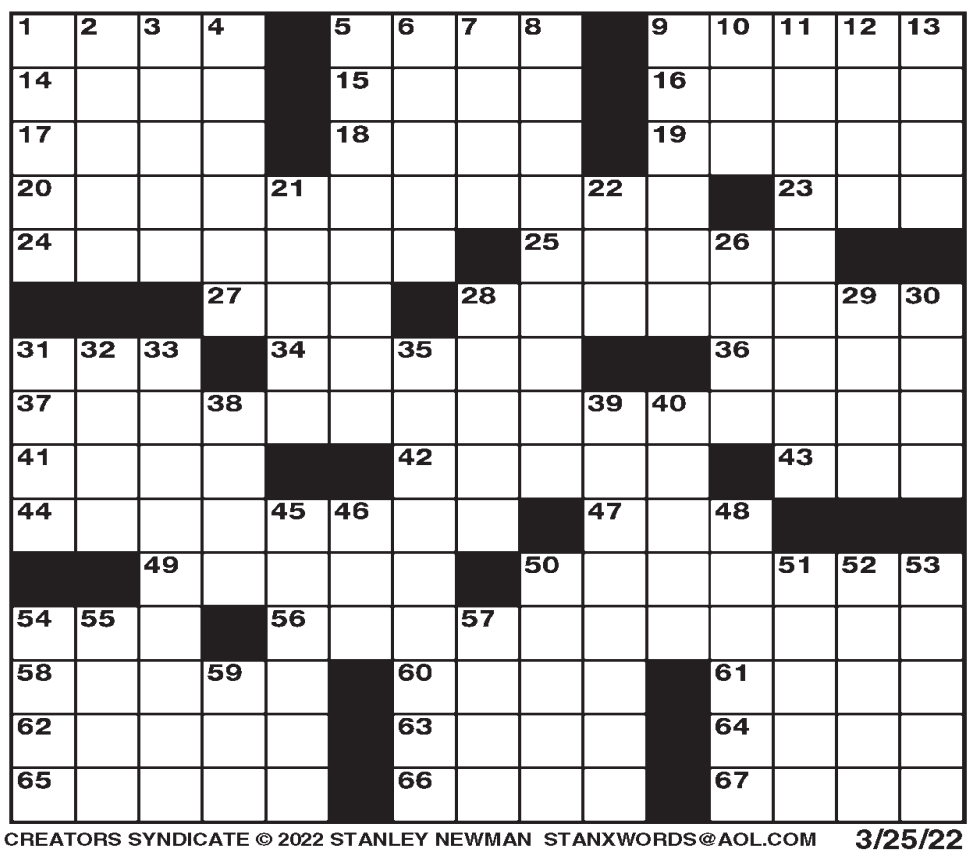
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1 Latter-day diary
5 "__ happens . . ."
9 Symbols in Tolkien tales
14 Lower one's APR, perhaps
15 Pane holder
16 Important age
17 Tom Cruise's ex in *War of the Worlds*
18 South African Peace Nobelist
19 Recoil
20 Basic boxing move
23 Sci-fi escape vehicle
24 Many a mag
25 Destructive insect
27 UK reference work
28 Faux elixir
31 Yellowstone hrs.
34 Without a clue
36 *Man __ Mancha*
37 Not fortified against faultfinders
41 Liverpool outerwear
42 Board game insert
43 Draw upon
44 Reading room
47 A *Forrest Gump* setting
49 Ridicule
50 Nonmetallic mufflers
54 Craft brew designation
56 Too high to measure
58 Doted on
60 Seuss' *If __ the Zoo*
61 *Son of Frankenstein* aide
62 Raze
63 MD for the neck up
64 "Bro!"
65 Prose phraseology
66 Bakery assortment
67 "Gross!"

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3 Quite a bit
4 Pre-Renaissance Florentine artist
5 Part of an co-author credit
6 Fresh-mouthed
7 What a colon may symbolize
8 Tiny computer graphic
9 Do much more than touch up
10 Worldwide news agcy.
11 Charity, typically
12 Danish shoe brand
13 Shake off
21 "Amber waves" of song
22 Python cousin
26 Fair-hiring agcy.
28 Antivenin, for instance
29 *Casablanca* woman
30 Caver helmet attachment
31 NY home of *The Starry Night*
32 Minor row
33 Not cowed by computers
35 More unkempt
38 Hardly any time at all: Abbr.
39 Something to get for a dime
40 Sarah's son
45 Noggin
46 Gee preceder
48 Literary "evil twin"
50 Anglicized version of Sean
51 Fuzzy
52 Crumble away
53 Toss around
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55 Frost, but not dew
57 Long shot, in hoops
59 Escape artist of similes



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out and about in Santa Monica

FRIDAY | MARCH 25

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY | MARCH 26

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

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

PICO FARMERS MARKET

Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR

Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. Tours are free for members and $10 for the general public. The reservation link is smc.givecloud.co/dwt. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

CHRISTOPHER MCBRIDE & THE WHOLE PROOF | LESSONS ON THE PATH

18th Street Arts Center's 2022 Make Jazz Fellow is alto saxophonist and composer Christopher McBride. The new body of work created during his Make Jazz residency will be performed in a culminating concert called "Lessons on the Path", which will be live streamed from the World Stage in Leimert Park on March 26th beginning at 7pm (free). Musicians in Christopher McBride & The Whole Proof include Robert Rodriguez (piano), Pierre Charles III (keyboards/piano), Dan Chmielinski (bass), Anthony Fung (drums), Christopher McBride (saxophone/ compositions), and other special guests. Register to get a reminder! 7 - 8:30 p.m. https://18thstreet.org/event/make-jazz-2022/

SUNDAY | MARCH 27

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE

Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12pm – 2pm. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House.

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET

2640 Main St.
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | MARCH 28

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION 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

GALLERY OPEN

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

COURTYARD & SPLASH PAD OPEN

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

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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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MEETING

FROM PAGE 1

and I really look forward to returning to it and seeing everyone's face," Himmelrich continued. "It's been such a pleasure getting back to in-person meetings, and just seeing the people that you haven't seen for two years. I think that this will help uplift everybody's spirits as we move forward."

The decision to resume in-person meetings came out through general consensus among the seven-member council, Himmelrich said, adding that council members were ready to resume in-person meetings even earlier, but were waiting on the City's Emergency Operations Center, following professional advice, to give the green light.

"You will have two options: You can write [comments], or you can come to the meeting, but we will not be having the phone-in option any longer," Himmelrich explained, adding that the City's telephone comment system was difficult to navigate and was the target of complaints from both residents and City leaders.

"That gives, I think, a full range [of options] to speak to us — in person or to send a letter explaining views that will be considered by the council," Himmelrich said. "But then the phone option — which is particularly awkward in this setting, where we can't see the person the person can't really see us — is not the best option available to us."

Masks and vaccines will not be mandatory to attend meetings, but the City stated it recommended members of the public wear a mask when inside City facilities and that surgical masks would be available for the public at City facility entrances. During council meetings, a waiting area will be established to ensure physical distancing can be maintained.

The new in-person-only format is set to begin during the next regular meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 12.

Other meetings

Meetings of Santa Monica's boards and commissions were to remain remote for the time being, according to a statement from the City; planning was ongoing for how best to move forward with their format.

A spokesperson for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) stated the same was true of School Board meetings. As of Thursday, March 24, there had been no decision made to resume meetings in-person; however, with spring break beginning in early April, the next SMMUSD Board meeting was not scheduled until Thursday, April 22.

"Board members have expressed an interest in returning to in-person," the spokesperson added.

Beginning in April, the California Coastal Commission will be moving to a hybrid meeting format, with in-person attendance offered but virtual attendance still recommended, according to the Commission's agenda for April 6-8. That meeting is scheduled to take place at the Ventura Government Center or can be viewed at coastal.ca.gov.

There was no immediate word as to the future of LA County Supervisors meetings. As of March, the Supervisors were meeting mostly in person (with some still attending remotely), but public attendance was limited to virtual only.

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UKRAINE

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and the officials said all 100,000 may not necessarily arrive this year. Most of the refugees probably will settle in parts of the U.S. that already have large concentrations of Ukrainians. Such areas include the New York City area, Pennsylvania, Chicago and Northern California.

IS THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES?

Not relative to the need, considering the number who have already fled Ukraine and the millions more who are displaced within the country.

It's also not large by historic standards. The U.S. took in more than 200,000 refugees, mostly from Southeast Asia, in 1980 alone. The total between 1975-1981 was more than 735,000, according to State Department figures. Since August, when the U.S. withdrew from Afghanistan, the U.S. has admitted more than 76,000 Afghans, including large numbers of former military interpreters and their families.

The administration, in consultation with Congress, set the annual cap of refugees for the 2022 budget year at 125,000, a total that does not include the evacuated Afghans. The administration says it does not immediately plan to seek to raise the cap because many of the Ukrainians can be brought to the U.S. under humanitarian parole or family reunification programs that are not counted against this cap.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE REACTION?

Refugee advocates had been urging the administration to expedite admissions following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. That's even as refugee resettlement agencies were struggling because of program cuts under President Donald Trump, whose administration slashed the refugee admissions cap to a historic low of 15,000.

Advocates welcomed Thursday's announcement, as did members of members of Congress with large Ukrainian populations in their districts, such as New Jersey Democratic Rep. Bill Pascrell.

"Until today, the rate of Ukraine refugee acceptance by our nation has lacked urgency," he said. "But this morning's announcement by the Biden administration to accept 100,000 refugees from Ukraine has the urgency that is essential for this dark moment."

There seems to be public support as well.

The vast majority of Americans — 82% — say they favor providing humanitarian support to refugees from Ukraine, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. A smaller but still wide majority, 67%, say they favor accepting refugees from Ukraine into the U.S. Just 13% are opposed while another 21% say they hold neither opinion.

Associated Press polling writer Hannah Fingerhut contributed to this report.

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LAUGHING MATTERS

FROM PAGE 7

I dubbed Gucci "Murder Italian Style.") ★★★★

2. "Eyes of Tammy Faye" Oscar-nominated and former Ocean Park resident, Jessica Chastain, delivers a stunning portrayal of the late televangelist Tammy Faye Baker's rise, fall and ultimate redemption. ★★★★

3. "Belfast" Kenneth Branagh's most autobiographical film is about a violent Northern Ireland through the eyes of a nine-year-old boy in working class Belfast. The movie is brilliant and so is Judi Dench, who, at 87, earned her 8th Oscar nomination! ★★★★

4. "The Power of the Dog" Set in 1925 Montana, depicts a domineering rancher's cruelty when his brother brings home a new wife and her son. "Nominated for 12 Oscars, "Dog" is often riveting but, in the end, I'm not sure what it says. ★★

5. "King Richard" In an Oscar-nominated performance (that I hope he wins) Will Smith plays Richard Williams, an amateur tennis coach who sacrifices everything to help his daughters, Venus and Serena, become the greatest tennis playing siblings in history.★★★★★

And now my "one sentence" about Adolph Putin whom many describe as a war criminal and mass murderer but, for today, I will simply say, is the epitome of a bad actor.

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METRO

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Pittsburgh's overall population declined by almost 14,000 residents because people left. But the Tampa area grew bigger because of an influx of more than 45,000 new residents, such as Jennifer Waldholtz who moved from Atlanta with her husband in 2020. They had previously lived in Orlando and missed Florida's palm trees and blue skies.

"We wanted to come back to Florida. It was state-specific," said Waldholtz, who works in nonprofit development. "We loved the way of life in Florida. It's a vibe, the way of living, sunshine, palm trees, but definitely not politically."

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