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Springtime showers soak Santa Monica



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A late-season storm dumped about three-quarters of an inch of rain onto Santa Monica on Monday amid high surf and flood advisories.

Waterworks began at about 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 28, with trace rain expected through the night Monday and into the early morning hours of Tuesday. By 4 p.m., the National Weather Service (NWS) rain gauges recorded .81 inches of rain had fallen at Santa Monica Airport since the storm began.

The NWS predicted Santa Monica might see some showers again later in the week on Thursday morning, reporting a 20 percent chance of morning showers on March 31.

By noon on Monday, the NWS said the heaviest rain had already moved through the area.

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City of Malibu seeks to shelter its homeless population outside of Malibu

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Malibu, like the rest of Los Angeles County, has seen an uptick in its homeless population, but Malibu City Council's proposed solution to the crisis looks very different from strategies deployed in the rest of LA.

Malibu City Council seeks to address the crisis by transporting individuals experiencing homelessness to a shelter that offers services, but does not intend on hosting that shelter inside of Malibu.

In a March 24 meeting, Malibu City Councilmembers voted unanimously to have the City's Homeless Task Force pursue its proposal to establish an alternative sleeping location outside of city limits. The intended goal of the ASL is to provide a location for Malibu's unhoused population to temporarily and safely shelter in and in turn make it easier for the sheriff's department to enforce the City's no camping ordinance.

"The concept of an ASL is meant to address concerns about our ability to enforce the City's camping ordinance stemming from the 2018 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

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Last chance for Most Loved voting



Photo credit

Vote: Voting for the final round of this year's Most Loved contest ends this Thursday, March 31. The annual Most Loved contest includes two rounds of public voting. Votes cast in February were to nominate the top five businesses per category and voting in March will determine the top three choices. Each winner will be recognized in the annual Most Loved publication and this year marks the return of an in-person awards ceremony that will be held at City Hall.

Most Loved is a partnership between the Buy Local Santa Monica Committee, the Santa Monica Daily Press, the City of Santa Monica, four business improvement districts including Main Street, Montana Avenue, Pico Boulevard and Downtown Santa Monica Inc., as well as the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Santa Monica Travel and Tourism and Santa Monica Pier Corporation. The 2022 edition includes 66 categories.

Voting for the Most Loved contest occurs online and anyone can choose their favorites at www.smdp.com/ml22.

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Ukrainians claim to retake ground ahead of latest talks

YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

Ukrainian forces claimed to have retaken a Kyiv suburb and an eastern town from the Russians in what is becoming a back-and-forth stalemate on the ground, while negotiators began assembling for another round of talks Tuesday aimed at stopping the fighting.

Ahead of the talks, to be held in Istanbul, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his country is prepared to declare its neutrality, as Moscow has demanded, and is open to compromise on the fate of the Donbas, the contested region in the country's east.

The mayor of Irpin, a northwestern Kyiv suburb that has been the scene of some of the heaviest fighting near the capital, said Monday that the city has been "liberated" from Russian troops.

Irpin gained wide attention after photos circulated of a mother and her two children who were killed by shelling as they tried to flee, their bodies lying on the pavement with luggage and a pet carrier nearby.

And a senior U.S. defense official said the U.S. believes the Ukrainians have retaken the town of Trostyanets, south of Sumy, in the east.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss U.S. intelligence assessments, said Russian forces largely remained in defensive positions near the capital, Kyiv, and were making little forward progress elsewhere in the country.

The official said Russia appeared to be de-emphasizing ground operations near Kyiv and concentrating more on the Donbas, the predominantly Russian-speaking region where Moscow-backed rebels have been waging a separatist war for the past eight years.

Late last week, with its forces bogged down in parts of the country, Russia seemed to scale back its war aims, saying its main goal was gaining control of the Donbas.

While that suggested a possible face-saving exit strategy for Russian President Vladimir Putin, it also raised Ukrainian fears that the Kremlin intends to split the country in two and force it to surrender a swath of its territory.

Meanwhile, a cyberattack knocked Ukraine's national telecommunications provider Ukrtelecom almost completely offline. The chief of Ukraine's state service for special communication, Yurii Shchyhol, blamed "the enemy" without specifically naming Russia and said most customers were cut off from telephone, internet and mobile service so that coverage could continue for Ukraine's military.

Also Monday, an oil depot in western Ukraine's Rivne region was hit by a missile attack, the governor said. It was the second attack on oil facilities in the region near the Polish border.

In recent days, Ukrainian troops have pushed the Russians back in other sectors.

In the city of Makariv, near a strategic highway west of the capital, Associated Press reporters saw the carcass of a Russian rocket launcher, a burned Russian truck, the body of a Russian soldier and a destroyed Ukrainian tank after fighting there a few days ago. In the nearby village of Yasnohorodka, the AP witnessed positions abandoned by Ukrainian soldiers who had moved farther west, but no sign of Russian troops.

And on Friday, the U.S. defense official said the Russians were no longer in full control of Kherson, the first major city to fall to Moscow's forces. The Kremlin denied it had lost full control of the southern city.

Russia has long demanded that Ukraine drop any hope of joining NATO, which Moscow sees as a threat. Zelenskyy, for his part, has stressed that Ukraine needs security guarantees of its own as part of any deal.

Over the weekend, Zelenskyy said he is ready to agree to neutrality. He also said that "Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are beyond doubt," while suggesting at the same time that compromise might be possible over "the complex issue of Donbas."

The Ukrainian leader has suggested as much before but rarely commented so extensively. That could create momentum for the talks, for which the Russian delegates arrived in Istanbul on Monday, Turkish media reported.

Still, it was not clear how a compromise on the Donbas would square with maintaining Ukraine's territorial integrity.

In other developments:

— President Joe Biden made no apologies for calling for Putin's ouster, saying he was expressing his "moral outrage," not a new U.S. policy. Over the weekend, Biden said, "For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power." On Monday, the president said: "I'm not walking anything back."

— U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he has launched an effort to achieve a humanitarian cease-fire that would allow aid to be brought in and people to move around safely.

— Russia's invasion has most Americans at least somewhat worried that the U.S. will be drawn directly into the conflict and could be targeted with nuclear weapons, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

— T he Group of Seven major economies rejected a Kremlin demand that some countries pay in rubles for Russia's natural gas. That demand appeared designed to support the Russian currency, which is under pressure from Western sanctions.

Earlier talks, both by video and in person, have failed to make progress on ending the more than month-old war that has killed thousands and driven more than 10 million Ukrainians from their homes. That includes almost 4 million who have fled the country.

In the besieged southern port of Mariupol, the mayor said half the pre-war population of more than 400,000 has fled, often under fire, during weeks of shooting and shelling.

Alina Beskrovna, who escaped the city in a convoy of cars and made it to Poland, said desperate people are melting snow for water and cooking on open fires despite the risk of bombardment, "because if you don't, you will have nothing to eat."

"A lot of people are just, I think, starving to death in their apartments right now with no help," she said. "It's a mass murder that's happening at the hands of the Russians."

Putin's ground forces have become bogged down because of stronger-than-

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Academy condemns Will Smith's actions, launches review

JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences on Monday condemned the actions of Will Smith during Sunday night's Oscars and launched an inquiry into his slapping of presenter Chris Rock.

In a statement Monday, the film academy said: "The Academy condemns the actions of Mr. Smith at last night's show. We have officially started a formal review around the incident and will explore further action and consequences in accordance with our bylaws, standards of conduct and California law."

The fallout from Smith's onstage assault continued Monday, as Hollywood and the public continued to wrestle with a moment that stunned the Dolby Theatre crowd and viewers at home, and may have passed all others — even that gold-standard flub, EnvelopeGate — in Academy Awards infamy.

Smith stunned the Dolby Theatre crowd and viewers at home when he took the stage during Rock's remarks after the comedian made a joke about Jada Pinkett Smith, Smith's wife. Rock said,

> Jada, I love you. 'G.I. Jane 2,' can't wait to see it.

The joke touched a nerve. Pinkett Smith, whose head is shaved, has spoken publicly about her alopecia diagnosis. Smith strode on stage and slapped Rock across the face. Back in his seat, Smith twice shouted for Rock to "get my wife's name out your (expletive) mouth." His words echoed clearly throughout the Dolby, though ABC cut the audio for about 15 seconds. Within an hour, Smith won best actor. During his acceptance speech, Smith apologized to the academy.

After the show Sunday night, the academy posted a statement condemning violence. The Los Angeles Police Department said Sunday it was aware of the incident but not pursuing an investigation because the person involved declined to file a police report.

Some academy members, like writer-producer Marshall Herskovitz, called for the academy to take disciplinary action against Smith.

"He disgraced our entire community tonight," wrote Herskovitz on Twitter.

Whoopi Goldberg, a member of the Academy's board of governors, said Monday on "The View": "We're not going to take that Oscar from him. There will be consequences, I'm sure."

A sense of disbelief hung in the air at the Dolby Theatre after Smith's assault, and it didn't dissipate Monday. Not only was it a hard-to-fathom break with decorum on live national television — an incident so dramatic, even movie-like, that many initially assumed it was a staged bit — it seemed wildly out of character for one of Hollywood's most relentlessly upbeat stars.

All of this less than an hour before Smith reached possibly the climactic moment of his career, winning his first Oscar, for best actor.

"In a way, I feel bad for Will Smith, too, because I think he let his emotions get the better of him, and this should have been one of the great nights of his life," said former Oscar host Jimmy Kimmel on Bill Simmons' podcast. "And now it's not. Was there anyone who didn't like Will Smith an hour ago in the world? Like no one, right? Now he doesn't have a single comedian friend — that's for sure."

Some questioned whether Smith should have been allowed to continue to sit front and center after smacking Rock. Several stars rushed to counsel and calm Smith, including Denzel Washington, Bradley Cooper and Tyler Perry. But the timing was also awkward because the best actor category was due up soon after, and Smith had long been considered a lock for the award.

"I know we're all still processing, but the way casual violence was normalized tonight by a collective national audience will have consequences that we can't even fathom in the moment," wrote Janai Nelson, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, on Twitter.

The joke that provoked Smith was not part of Rock's routine during the rehearsals leading up to the show, according to two sources close to production who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Rock had joked about Pinkett Smith before. He hosted the 2016 Oscars, when some were boycotting the ceremony over the #OscarsSoWhite group of nominees, including the Smiths. Said Rock: "Jada boycotting the Oscars is like me boycotting Rihanna's panties. I wasn't invited."

In the press room backstage, where winners take a few questions from the media, the academy tried to stifle questions about the incident, at one point stopping Jessica Chastain from talking about it.

But that didn't prevent the moment from overwhelming talk at the Oscar afterparties and beyond. Some came to Smith's defense, including Tiffany Haddish, who co-starred with Pinkett Smith in "Girls Trip."

"Maybe the world might not like how it went down, but for me, it was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen because it made me believe that there are still men out there that love and care about their women, their wives," Haddish told People magazine.

Smith, meanwhile, merrily posed for photographs with his family outside the Vanity Fair party. Inside, cell phone videos captured him dancing to "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" while clutching his Oscar. Their son Jaden tweeted: "And That's How We Do It." On Instagram, Smith posted: "Me 'n Jada Pinkett Smith got all dressed up to choose chaos."

The drama overshadowed some historical wins at an Oscars. The deaf family drama "CODA" became the first film with a largely deaf cast to win best picture. For the first time, a streaming service, Apple TV+, took Hollywood's top honor, signaling a profound

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 246 CALLS ON MARCH 27

Found Property 1400Blk Ocean Ave 12:15 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:55 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200Blk 4th St 1:07 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800Blk Stewart St 1:16 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2600Blk Main St 1:16 a.m.
Found Property Stewart St / Pico Blvd 1:19 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Montana Ave 1:43 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900Blk Main St 1:55 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2900Blk Main St 1:58 a.m.
Battery Now 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 2:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:53 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:01 a.m.
Loud Music Ocean Ave / Bay St 4:24 a.m.
Assault Report 1600Blk Stanford St 5:14 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report Stewart St / Pico Blvd 5:47 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2600Blk Main St 7:10 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk The Beach 8:07 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 700Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:17 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800Blk Pacific St 8:19 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1600Blk Ocean Ave 8:49 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 2300Blk 28th St 8:52 a.m.
General Parking Problem Lincoln Blvd / Idaho Ave 9:38 a.m.
Lewd Activity 2600Blk Main St 9:43 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:48 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1300Blk 15th St 10:03 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:30 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 16th St / Ocean Park Blvd 10:39 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600Blk Carlyle Ave 10:40 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:48 a.m.
Construction Noise 3200Blk Colorado Ave 11:07 a.m.
Fight 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 11:28 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 23rd St / Marine St 11:29 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 300Blk Arizona Ave 11:46 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200Blk Ocean Ave 11:50 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 400Blk Broadway 11:52 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 12:07 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100Blk Fraser Ave 12:08 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:18 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 3100Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:19 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Centinela Ave / Pico Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1600Blk Ocean Ave 12:38 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:49 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800Blk Arizona Ave 12:53 p.m.
Stalking Suspect There Now 2000Blk Virginia Ave 12:53 p.m.
Found Property 3300Blk Pico Blvd 12:53 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500Blk The Beach 1:09 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 700Blk 16th St 1:11 p.m.
Burglary Report 900Blk 12th St 1:20 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk 11th St 1:35 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk Franklin St 1:38 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 1:49 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300Blk 11th St 1:54 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Arizona Ave 2:03 p.m.
Battery Report 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:10 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 2:20 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:33 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200Blk 11th St 2:46 p.m.
Identity Theft 1300Blk 14th St 2:53 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 00Blk Vicente Ter 2:57 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:02 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1600Blk 26th St 3:27 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk 9th St 3:29 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800Blk Pico Blvd 3:36 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 6th St / Pico Blvd 3:37 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk 17th St 3:37 p.m.
Sexual Assault 2600Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:44 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 700Blk Pacific St 3:47 p.m.
Burglary Report 2000Blk Delaware Ave 3:54 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000Blk Ocean Ave 4:02 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1900Blk 17th St 4:28 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 300Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:35 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 4:36 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200Blk California Ave 4:55 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:02 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Copeland Ct 5:22 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1900Blk Ocean Front Walk 5:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:00 p.m.
Burglary Report 1800Blk Ocean Ave 6:19 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:28 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100Blk 2nd St 6:46 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:54 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 2400Blk Pico Blvd 7:03 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2700Blk Main St 7:06 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1300Blk 14th St 7:07 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 200Blk Broadway 7:20 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Ocean Ave 7:42 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:02 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2000Blk 21st St 8:04 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1100Blk 7th St 8:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1000Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:21 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1200Blk Chelsea Ave 8:23 p.m.
Fight 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:36 p.m.
Public Intoxication 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 9:10 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Broadway 9:23 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 9:27 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 800Blk 14th St 9:43 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:01 p.m.
Loud Music 300Blk California Ave 10:06 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 200Blk Broadway 10:37 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1100Blk Broadway 11:20 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Larkin Pl 11:28 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:37 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk 9th St 11:46 p.m.

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Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 2:29 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Berkeley St 3:34 a.m.
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EMS 1300Blk 15th St 10:59 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 11:12 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Maple St 12:07 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 12:07 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:39 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 4th St 12:42 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Broadway 12:42 p.m.
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EMS 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 2:17 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:23 p.m.
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EMS 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:14 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ocean Ave 4:16 p.m.
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EMS 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:06 p.m.
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EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 9:45 p.m.
EMS Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 9:59 p.m.
EMS 200Blk Broadway 10:42 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 4th St 11:04 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:37 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT 6:05 P.M.

Officers responded to Ralph's on Cloverfield regarding a theft. Store security explained that he had seen an individual whom he recognized from stealing several items two days prior and asked him what he had this time. The guard noticed a bottle in the subject's pocket and quickly took it back and escorted the subject out. As he walked him out the subject attempted to grab other items and ultimately grabbed a flower pot and threw it at the guard, who was able to block it using his arm. The subject ran off toward Bergamot Station. Officers located and arrested Daniel Alexei Kotek for battery.

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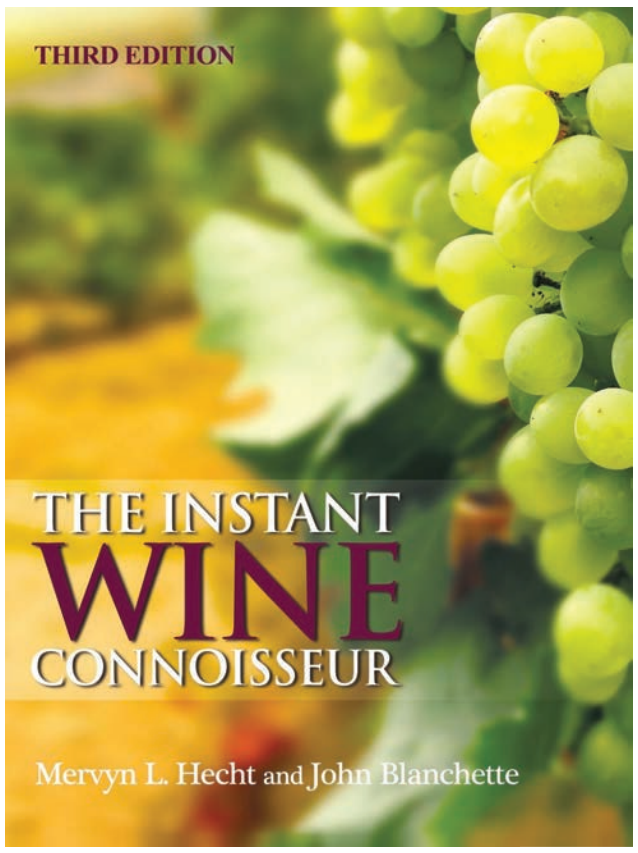
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Judge: Trump likely committed crimes related to election

FARNOUSH AMIRI
Associated Press

A federal judge on Monday asserted it is "more likely than not" that former President Donald Trump committed crimes in his attempt to stop the certification of the 2020 election, ruling to order the release of more than 100 emails from Trump adviser John Eastman to the committee investigating the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge David Carter marked a major legal win for the House panel as it looks to correspondence from Eastman, the lawyer who was consulting with Trump as he attempted to overturn the presidential election.

"Based on the evidence, the Court finds it more likely than not that President Trump corruptly attempted to obstruct the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021," Carter, who was nominated by former President Bill Clinton, wrote in the ruling submitted in the federal Central District of California.

Eastman was trying to withhold documents from the committee on the basis of an attorney-client privilege claim between him and the former president. The committee responded earlier this month, arguing that there is a legal exception allowing the disclosure of communications regarding ongoing or future crimes.

Charles Burnham, an attorney representing Eastman, said in a statement Monday that his client has a responsibility to his attorney-client privilege and his lawsuit against the committee "seeks to fulfill this responsibility."

"It is not an attempt to 'hide' documents or 'obstruct' congressional investigations, as the January 6th committee falsely claims," Burnham said.

The March 3 filing from the committee was their most formal effort to link the former president to a federal crime. Lawmakers do not have the power to bring criminal charges on their own and can only make a referral to the Justice Department. The department has been investigating last year's riot, but it has not given any indication that it is considering seeking charges against Trump.

The committee argued in the court documents that Trump and his associates engaged in a "criminal conspiracy" to prevent Congress from certifying Democrat Joe Biden's victory in the Electoral College. Trump and those working with him then spread false information about the outcome of the presidential election and pressured state officials to overturn the results, potentially violating multiple federal laws, the panel said.

The trove of documents the nine-member panel has publicly released so far, which include some emails already retrieved from Eastman, offers an early look at some of the panel's likely conclusions, which are expected to be submitted in the coming months. The committee says it has interviewed more than 650 witnesses as it investigates the violent siege by Trump supporters, the worst attack on the Capitol in more than two centuries.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica Mosaic: Safe Haven

Join the Santa Monica Conservancy for Santa Monica Mosaic: Safe Haven, which will air live via Zoom on Sunday, April 10 at 5 p.m. Author and Hollywood historian Donna Rifkind will give an illustrated presentation about the exiled Jewish artists who settled in and around Santa Monica Canyon during World War II.

Discover the journey of screenwriter Salka Viertel, who was born in Sambor, which is known today as part of western Ukraine. A close friend and collaborator of Greta Garbo, Viertel hosted numerous Sunday afternoon salons at her cozy home on Mabery Road, creating an artistic refuge for literary and Hollywood figures like Thomas Mann and Charlie Chaplin.

On the other side of the canyon, German-Jewish author Lion Feuchtwanger and his wife Marta hosted fellow emigres at stimulating social gatherings at their residence, Villa Aurora. Today, Villa Aurora is an artists residence and "stands as a memorial to all the artists and intellectuals who found refuge from Nazi persecution and had tremendous impact on the cultural life of the United States' West Coast."

Donna Rifkind, a Santa Monica native, is the author of The Sun and Her Stars: Salka Viertel and Hitler's Exiles in the Golden Age of Hollywood, which was nominated for a 2020 National Jewish Book Award. She also wrote the afterword for the re-issue of Salka Viertel's 1969 memoir, The Kindness of Strangers, in a new edition published by NYRB Classics in 2019. Donna's book reviews and essays appear frequently in Commentary, The American Scholar, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times Book Review, The Times Literary Supplement, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and many other publications. She was a finalist for the 2006 Nona Balakian Citation for Excellence in Reviewing from the National Book Critics Circle and served as a panel moderator at the Los Angeles Times Book Festival for many years.

Santa Monica Mosaic: Safe Haven is free for members and $10 for the general public. Donate $45 or more and you'll receive a one-year membership and free admission to this and future Mosaic lectures.

Register online at https://smc.givecloud.co/2022mosaic1.

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OPINION | WHAT'S THE POINT?

Dave Pisarra

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WHERE'S JADA IN ALL THIS?

In all the news articles, opinion pieces and talking heads chatting about this weekend's Oscar debacle, I am not hearing from one voice. A voice that frankly is at the center of all this kerfuffle. Where's Jada in all this?

The posturing of media personalities about is Chris right? How wrong was Will? What drove him to it? This is what toxic masculinity leads to! NO, it's toxic femininity that made him do it.

It's all a bunch of smoke in my opinion. Assuming all of it wasn't a stunt, and there's been no statement that it was, just the basic internet rumors, it's a stain on what is supposed to be a night of glamour.

Chris Rock was making an ill-thought-out joke. His humor was attacking a woman, who he said he loved, so I presume he meant no ill-will beyond poking fun to get a laugh. But it was at the expense of someone for something they cannot control and that is no longer, if it ever truly was, fair game. His comment was a mistake, and yes there are better ways to handle it.

Will Smith's response to the comment was also ill-thought out. It was apparently an emotional response to his wife's displeasure. Men have been doing that since the dawn of time. Wars were fought over a woman's desires and honor throughout history, and in many a high school parking lot. The dynamic is nothing new.

Only here it was played out on the one of the world's biggest stages.

But there's a player who we haven't heard from. Mrs. Smith herself.

As the woman who was the target of the humor, her feelings on the matter should be considered. How does she feel about what was said? How does she feel about what her husband did?

On the one hand, arguably she was being picked on in a global setting. Maybe she felt immense embarrassment and humiliation at having her medical condition and its impact made the subject of a joke. I could certainly understand if that were the case for her. I have no idea what her personal journey and experience of this condition has been and wouldn't dare to suggest what that has been or how she should handle it.

On the other hand, she may have had momentary embarrassment but feels that the awareness it brought to the condition of alopecia is worth it, and her husband overreacted and that's what causes her further embarrassment.

We don't know what she felt at the time, though the pictures of her reaction seem to be it was not fun for her, because we have not heard from her. And we may never hear her side of this. She may choose, much like it appears Mr. Rock is doing, to put this behind her and move forward. To celebrate her successes, and those of her husband, and to focus on the positive.

I do find it curious though that the focus has been on the men in this event, and so little attention has been paid to her in this debacle. It strikes me as taking away her agency as a modern woman. Why, if she was upset by the comment, didn't she stand and do something? Was she going to address it separately? Unknowns all around and to a dozen other questions. And all of it, was frankly hers to do.

This is an ugly experience that I'm certain all wish hadn't happened. But it can be a learning moment for all. To learn more about alopecia, to understand that picking on someone about a condition they cannot control is not fair game, that the roles of men and women and the expectations of chivalry may or may not, still exist.

In the end, it is a stain on the Oscars, it's a moment that Mr. Smith has already apologized for and curiously, Mr. Rock hasn't apologized for what is clearly something very upsetting to at least Mr. Smith, and quite possibly Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Smith deserves to be recognized for more than just his remarkable acting. This weekend he made a mistake, and moved immediately to apologize. He showed that he is both a flawed human, and capable of recognizing his flaws.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

35 luxury cars seized in California fraud investigation

Investigators seized about 35 stolen luxury cars last week — worth $2.3 million in total — following a two-month theft investigation involving fraudulent purchases in Southern California, authorities said.

The vehicles, including Aston Martin, Bentley, BMW, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lexus, Mercedes Benz and Porsche brands, were recovered Thursday in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, according to a California Highway Patrol statement. The vehicles were allegedly bought fraudulently from "unsuspecting local dealerships."

A 39-year-old man was taken into custody, authorities said. He has since been released on bond.

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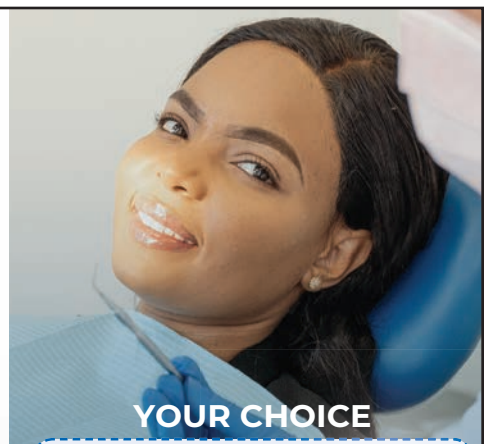
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HOMELESS

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ruling in the Martin vs. Boise case that 'bars a city from prosecuting people criminally for sleeping outside on public property when those people have no home or other shelter to go to,'" states the task force's report to City Council.

The task force report suggests establishing an ASL with a minimum of six and a maximum of 30 beds within 20 miles of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lost Hills Station. The task force believes that 30 beds are enough to address the needs of the portion of Malibu's roughly 140 unhoused residents that are willing to accept services and abide by the ASL's rules. The task force also believes that 20 miles is the maximum distance from the City that would still enable LASD to enforce the City's camping ordinance in line with the Boise ruling.

The reason stated in the report for locating the ASL outside of Malibu is the limited availability of services and affordable housing in Malibu. These include public transportation, medical facilities, mental health and substance use treatment facilities, potential employment opportunities and continuing education/vocational training.

This begs the question why not establish some of these services in Malibu? A concern cited in the meeting is that building housing and services will not solve Malibu's homelessness, but rather attract more unhoused residents.

"If we build it here, they will come because this is a great place to live... if you are just choosing to live unhoused, and by the way there's a lot of people choosing to live unhoused, why not choose to live unhoused in Malibu if they're inviting you to come do it?" said Councilmember Bruce Silverstein, later adding, "I don't believe that the people of Malibu have a moral obligation to help people who come to Malibu in an unhoused state and choose to impose themselves on our residents."

Silverstein also said that he did not want any City funding to go towards the ASL and that it should instead be funded through county, state or federal money.

"It's a federal, state or county responsibility to solve the problem of homelessness or to tackle the problem of homelessness, we cannot do it," said Silverstein, later adding "I'm opposed to Malibu spending one dime to address efforts to 'solve' homelessness issues or to assist anyone living unhoused in Malibu who was not a formerly housed resident of Malibu."

The task force has yet to calculate the cost of an ASL nor specifically identify where funding would come from.

> "I think we should explore funding... grant funding etc. is going to be really helpful to this project because I don't think it's going to be cheap and we don't even have a line item in the budget for it at this point, said Councilmember Mikke Pierson.

The report indicated that some funding may be available from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority or Measure H.

Following unanimous council support, the task force will pursue plans to establish an ASL outside of Malibu and return to Council at a later date with a formal proposal.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Oscars audience tops 15 million, exceeding last year

Television ratings for the Oscars rebounded somewhat from last year's record low, but the event clearly doesn't have the appeal to viewers that it once had.

Sunday's ceremony reached an estimated 15.36 million viewers, according to preliminary Nielsen company numbers released on Monday by ABC. A more detailed estimate is expected Tuesday, with elements like out-of-home viewing added.

"CODA" won best picture in Sunday's ceremony, but all of the winners and losers were overshadowed by best actor winner Will Smith storming the stage to slap comic Chris Rock because of a joke Rock made about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith.

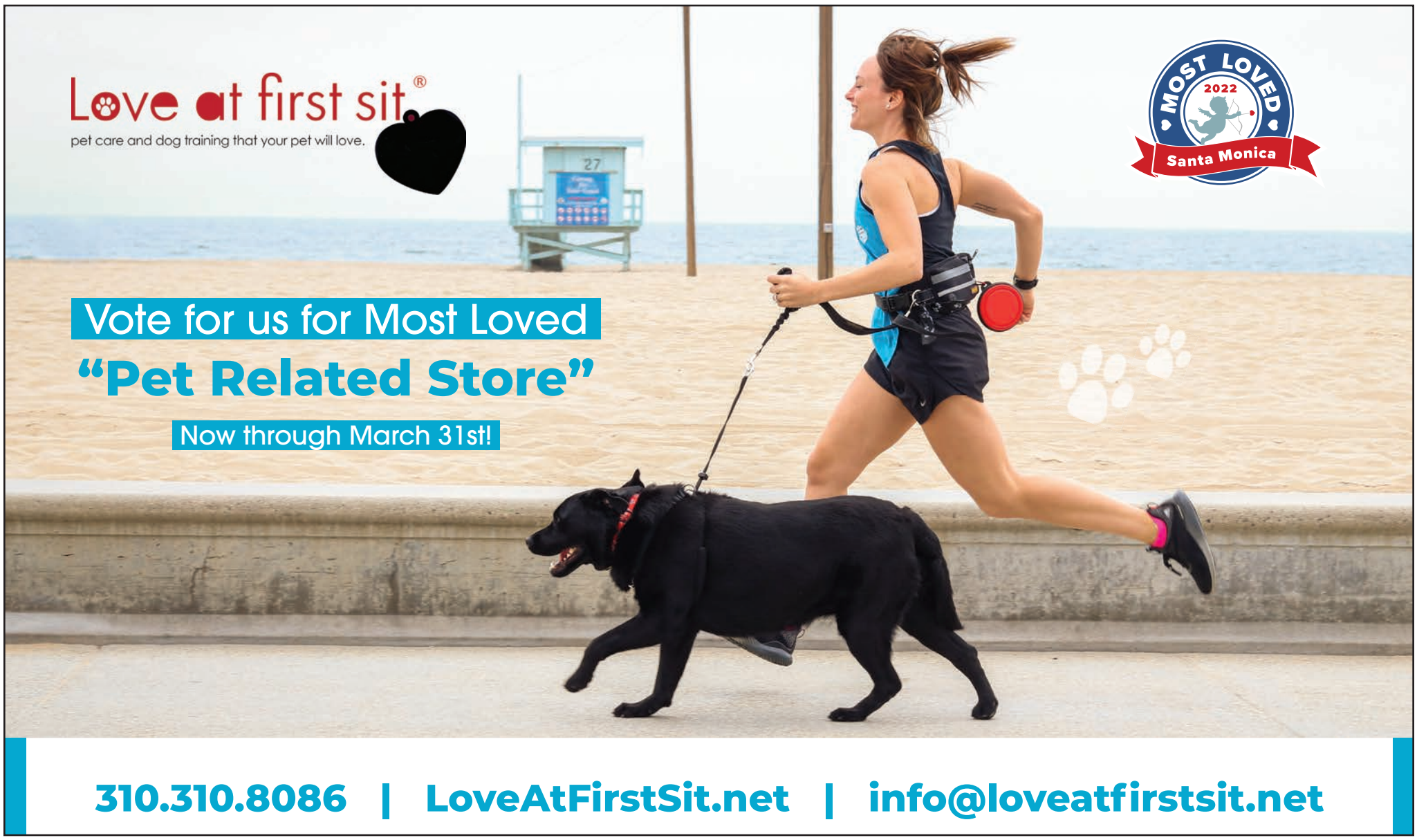
Held in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 ceremony had reached a startlingly low 9.85 million viewers. That led to several changes in the Oscars going into this year, including the addition of hosts and awarding eight categories ahead of the broadcast and editing them into the live show.

While that clearly seemed to help, an audience of 15 million is still below the 23.6 million people who watched the Oscars in 2020. Until last year, that was the smallest-ever audience for an Oscars ceremony.

Nielsen did not immediately have more specific viewership numbers for Sunday's show, but the research company Samba TV said its own study did not indicate that the Smith-Rock incident had a significant affect on the audience size as the ceremony happened.

Viewership for live television events, with the notable exception of NFL football games, has been declining for several years with the advent of streaming and cord-cutting. Some Hollywood observers believe that the relatively niche appeal of many films honored by the Oscars has also limited the audience.

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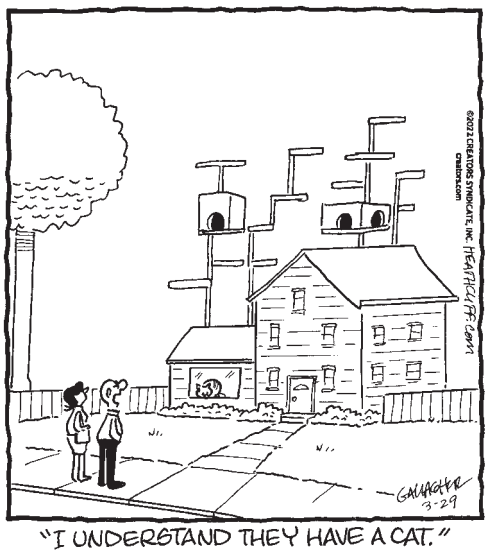
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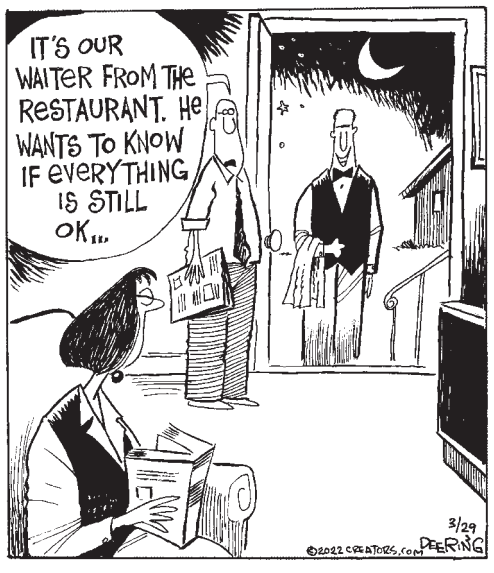
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"I UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE A CAT."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **59.9**

TUESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-5ft Waist to head	Expecting consistent W/WNW swell to hold early then ease. Cleaner in morning but keep in mind the high tide. Maybe best to have a little patience and just in once it begins to drop.
WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	NW swell mix down from the start of the week. New SSW swell creeps up. Early high tide slows many breaks. Wind looks to improve for the PM tide push, at least for the points.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 53.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/03/29	Tue	2:48 PM	-0.91	L
2022/03/29	Tue	9:07 PM	4.73	H
2022/03/30	Wed	02:50 AM	0.74	L
2022/03/30	Wed	08:51 AM	5.45	H
2022/03/30	Wed	3:19 PM	-0.67	L
2022/03/30	Wed	9:33 PM	5.01	H
2022/03/31	Thu	03:30 AM	0.33	L
2022/03/31	Thu	09:32 AM	5.22	H
2022/03/31	Thu	3:48 PM	-0.30	L
2022/03/31	Thu	9:59 PM	5.21	H
2022/04/01	Fri	04:09 AM	0.06	L
2022/04/01	Fri	10:11 AM	4.84	H
2022/04/01	Fri	4:14 PM	0.15	L
2022/04/01	Fri	10:24 PM	5.31	H
2022/04/02	Sat	04:47 AM	-0.08	L
2022/04/02	Sat	10:51 AM	4.37	H

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Jackpot: 29 M

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EVENING: 1 1 3
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In choosing who to work and play with, the three things that matter most are attitude, abilities and track record. Of those three, attitude is the most important.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because you've been so warm and inviting, new relationships spring up like green shoots from the ground. Your social landscape is about to get a drastically different look.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As you get to know people better, relationships take a turn. Familiarity brings comfort. The more comfortable everyone is, the more playful they become, which leads to interesting and delightful interactions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The problem with rainbows is that you can never get to them. You reach the spot, but they're never there anymore. This is why it's so important to enjoy the pursuit. With lovely illusions, the chase is all there is!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Perhaps the fit is not instantaneous, but that doesn't mean this situation isn't for you. Glamour isn't off-the-rack; it takes work. Don't forget about tailoring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). After a period of indecision, suddenly, you'll get a surge of excitement. You'll know what you want. You'll throw your best energy after it. Your aim is true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Emotions are waves. Most are predictable, but the really big ones usually aren't. Regardless, no feeling, good or bad, lasts forever. For better or worse, let them wash over you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The trial isn't always fair, but this verdict will stick. There is something good about it. Perhaps the best part of all is that everyone can now move on to new and better things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get your subconscious mind on board with your conscious desire. There's a fear standing in the way — perhaps a groundless and unreasonable one, but one that still needs to be listened to. Talk to it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The luckiest thing you can do is get everyone on the same page. Follow this age-old communication pattern: Tell them what you're going to do. Do it. Tell them what you did.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The timing won't fall into place on its own; it must be finessed, pushed, pulled, stalled, jerked... You'll have to buy time, if not with money then with the currency that often works better: charm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Although no one likes to be made aware of their deficiencies, it's a gift to know one's own weakness. Then improvement and strength-building efforts can be aimed productively, where they are most needed.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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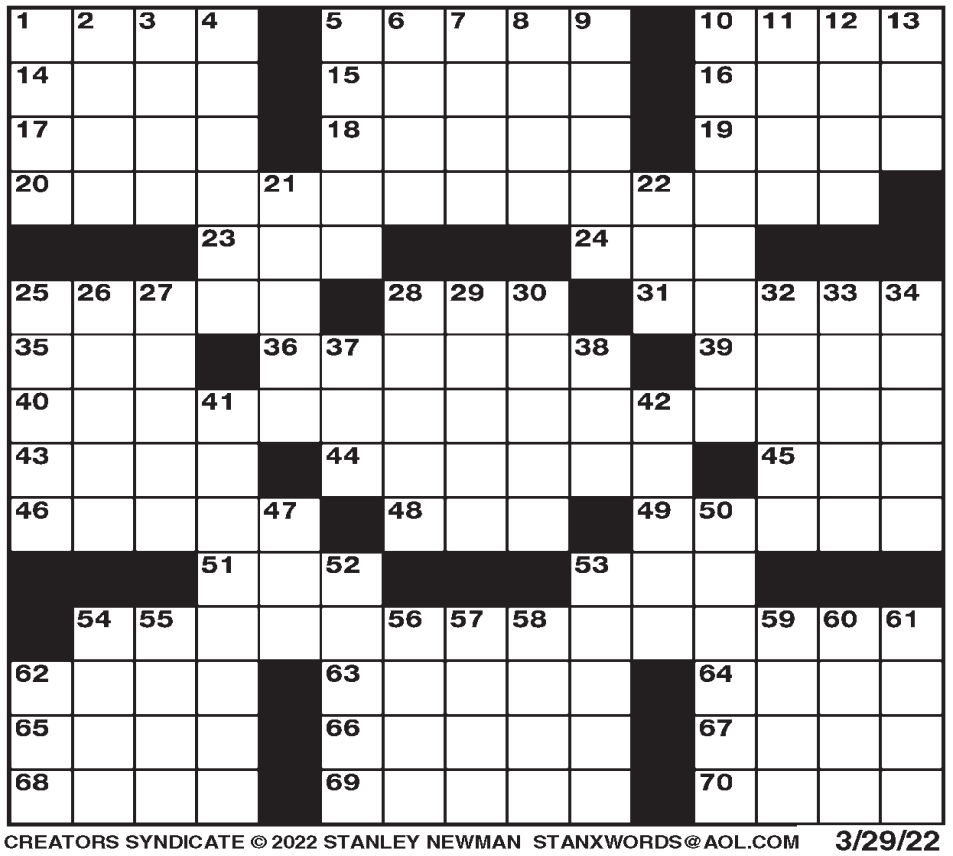
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Toward the sunset
5 Slugger's dry spell
10 Initial poker payment
14 Regulation
15 Copy machine powder
16 Light from a laser
17 Opera solo
18 Licorice-like flavor
19 Sentry's "Stop!"
20 Opening a champagne bottle
23 Eccentric
24 Neither here __ there
25 French-speaking Caribbean country
28 Periodical publication, for short
31 Unwanted breeze
35 Ancient
36 "Let me in!"
39 Fitzgerald of jazz
40 Making an angry exit
43 Ripped apart
44 Enters
45 Rowboat implement
46 "Stainless" metal
48 Attempt
49 Sentimental person
51 Beer barrel
53 Your and my
54 Playing a bongo
62 Rant and __ (show anger)
63 Baton-passing race
64 Lighten, as a burden
65 Colorful part of eyes
66 Brief moment
67 High cards in poker
68 Mattress holders
69 Freight train riders
70 Not as much

DOWN
1 Rolled-up sandwich
2 Coin in France
3 Lose one's footing
4 Vessel to brew pekoe
5 Get off a chair
6 Time-consuming
7 Self-storage rental
8 Netlike fabric
9 Fuss in front of a mirror
10 Detested
11 Very close
12 Have a chat
13 CPR expert
21 Figure of speech
22 Massachusetts' Cape __
25 Throws a party
26 Dole out
27 "Go ahead, __ you!" (verbal challenge)
28 Forget-__ (flower)
29 Feeling of fury
30 Full of nerve
32 Disinterested
33 Parade vehicle
34 Linger
37 Oinking animal
38 __ Beta Kappa
41 Timid nature
42 Happen next
47 One of a table's four
50 Difficult experience
52 Circumference
53 "Now I remember!"
54 With no decoration
55 Enthusiastic
56 Infamous Roman emperor
57 Smooth-talking
58 Folded Tex-Mex fare
59 Dash or marathon
60 Puts to work
61 Untidy spot
62 Part of a barbecued "rack"



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Join artist Maru García every Tuesday at noon for conversation and maintenance of the exhibition Radical Propagations/ Propagaciones Radicales at 18th Street Arts Center's Propeller Gallery, Airport Campus (3026 Airport Ave). This exhibition includes the work of artists and activists whose practice focuses on the creation of regeneration spaces. Because most of the pieces contain living elements, they provide an evolving quality that allows the exhibition to be considered an organism or ecosystem that needs to be taken care of.

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.

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

THURSDAY | MARCH 31

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.

SCIENCE! THE SHOW
Join organizers for their first live science and comedy show in two years as they tackle the biggest question you didn't know you needed answered: Where does food come from?
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater. 1323-A ("A" stands for alley) Third Street Promenade. $20. 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets available online at https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe.c/10996463.

FRIDAY | APRIL 1

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SATURDAY | APRIL 2

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
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PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
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OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books chosen by the group. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SUNDAY | APRIL 3

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main Street.
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | APRIL 4

SNOOZER'S STORYTIME ADVENTURES
Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a virtual series that brings children's books to life with an uplifting story, craft, and song. Access the program here: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists. 12 - 12:30 p.m.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
The Airport Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Municipal Airport and to aviation matters generally to the extent that they affect the City. 6 p.m.

DISABILITIES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
This is a virtual meeting. Please visit the Commission's webpage for instructions on how to join the meeting: https://www.smgov.net/portals/AccessibleSM/agendas.aspx. 6:30 p.m.

CANCELLED: ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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RAIN

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The weather system marked a turnabout from an extremely dry winter that has spurred calls for water conservation; it was the first major rain event of the year.

Locals were warned to be careful in the ocean from 3 p.m. Monday through noon Tuesday, with a NWS high surf advisory in effect for the Los Angeles County coast.

"There is an increased risk of drowning due to the hazardous conditions," the advisory read. "Rip currents can pull swimmers and surfers out to sea. Waves can wash people off beaches and rocks, and capsize small boats nearshore."

Swimmers and surfers are warned to avoid entering the water during rain events and to stay out of the ocean for up to three days following rainfall due to pollution and bacterial runoff from roadways and storm drains.

An NWS flood advisory was in effect through 11:30 a.m. Monday, with "urban and small stream flooding caused by excessive rainfall" expected throughout Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

The storm hit the San Francisco Bay region overnight from Sunday into Monday and spread east and south.

Winter weather advisories were issued for the Sierra Nevada, where 6-12 inches of snow were expected to fall at elevations above 6,000 feet, the NWS said.

The Mammoth Mountain resort said the storm could bring some of the biggest totals in quite a while.

"Mother Nature has returned wintry weather and we couldn't be more stoked," the resort said on its website.

Winter storm warnings posted for Southern California mountain ranges called for similar amounts of snowfall as well as up to 18 inches at higher elevations. Bear Mountain and Snow Summit east of Los Angeles announced last week that they will remain open through April 16.

After two years of drought, California got off to a good start with heavy precipitation in October and December 2021. Then, January and February were historically dry, leaving the state's snowpack well below normal.

Santa Monica was spared the more serious effects of rain, with no major incidents reported by the Santa Monica Police Department, Fire Department or California Highway Patrol on local roadways.

During the heaviest rainfall, which fell mid-morning, several minor incidents were reported including a spun-out Dodge Charger on the Santa Monica (I-10) Freeway at Bundy and a stalled Crown Victoria on the I-10/405 interchange.

Southern California Edison did not report any unplanned power outages to the Santa Monica area; the same was true for Malibu, which is much more likely to see outages and other weather-related disruptions when rain occurs. Though Las Virgenes Canyon Road saw minor mudslides, in general the rainy weather did not cause damage to the Santa Monica Mountains area. Leo Carrillo, located near the Los Angeles/Ventura county line, received nearly an inch of rain on Monday, according to an NWS gauge.

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OSCARS

FROM PAGE 2

shift in Hollywood and in moviegoing. Ariana DeBose of "West Side Story" became the first Afro-Latina and the first openly LGBTQ actor to win best supporting actress.

But as stunning as Smith's slap was, it wasn't shocking that such a pivotal moment in the actor's life would play out in the public eye. Particularly in recent years, Smith has been among the most candid of stars. While Pinkett Smith's Facebook series "Red Table Talk" has been a platform for airing family drama, Smith has chronicled his own journey in the YouTube series "The Best Shape in My Life," which included one episode documenting Smith discussing his regrets as a parent with his children.

Smith also penned, with personal-growth author Mark Manson, the memoir "Will," published earlier this year. (It rocketed up Amazon sales rankings Monday to No. 32.) In it, he described how he was molded by his loving but hard-drinking and militaristic father. In one chapter, he recalls as a 9-year-old seeing him hit his mother. Guilt at not protecting his mother, Smith wrote, left with complicated feelings that he connects with fueling his own rise in show business. When his father was elderly and confined to a wheelchair, Smith confessed feeling an impulse to push him down a staircase.

"My personal journey into the depths of the joys and traumas of my past are definitely helping me to expand and build out a greater emotional toolbox that will allow me to portray more complex characters," Smith said last fall in an interview with The Associated Press.

For Smith, playing Richard Williams, father to Venus and Serena, in "King Richard" brought together all of these deep-rooted emotions — and it won him the Oscar. It also might have compelled his actions Sunday.

"Art imitates life," Smith said accepting the award. "I look like the crazy father, just like they said about Richard Williams."

Associated Press Writers Lindsey Bahr and Hillel Italie contributed to this report.

UKRAINE

FROM PAGE 2

expected Ukrainian resistance, combined with what Western officials say are Russian tactical missteps, poor morale, shortages of food, fuel and cold weather gear, and other problems. Moscow has resorted to pummeling Ukrainian cities with artillery and airstrikes.

In Stoyanka village near Kyiv, Ukrainian soldier Serhiy Udod said Russian troops had taken up defensive positions and suffered heavy losses.

The Russians probably "thought it would be like Crimea," which the Kremlin annexed in 2014. "But here it's not like in Crimea. We are not happy to see them. Here they suffer and get killed."

Andrea Rosa in Kharkiv, Nebi Qena in Kyiv, Cara Anna in Lviv and Associated Press journalists around the world contributed to this report.

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