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Santa Monica College sets its sights on the stars with new state-of-the-art observatory



Santa Monica College

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE: The 20.6-foot diameter rooftop observatory with its 27.5-inch mirror telescope will be operational sometime in 2025.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

When a new building for the Engineering & Science Department at Santa Monica College (SMC) was conceived, the icing on the cake was very much a new, permanent observatory, on the rooftop complete with a 20.6-foot diameter dome and a 27.5-inch mirror telescope.

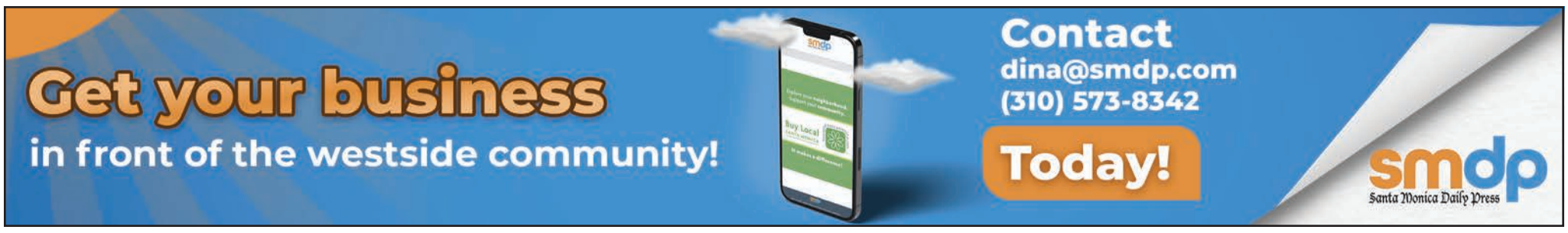
Well aware of the benefits of having such an observatory available to the students and faculty for research and educational programs, the Division of the State Architect in California placed the observatory out for public bid and Sea West Observatories was chosen as a contractor for providing consulting in addition to installing the dome, telescope and management system.

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"This design is very popular in terms of the way and the ease in which you can attach cameras and other instruments," said Matt Dieterich, Program Manager, Sea West Observatories. "It has a lot of flexibility and you can actually put instrumentation on both sides of the telescope, you can rotate it plus you can direct the light out at a right angle through different side ports enabling even more instruments to be connected."

"There will also be smaller telescopes that are going to be set up outside of the main observatory on top of the roof. So the amount of equipment and access to the technology is something that's

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Art perfection commended by school board

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A select group of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students were commended for their academic achievement this week.

At the Thursday meeting of the SMMUSD Board of Education, students were recognized for several feats, such as National Merit Program Scholarship semi-finalist selections and National College Board honors. Two students, Malibu High School senior Molly O'Neill and Santa Monica High School senior Emmaline Thorpe, were congratulated for earning perfect scores on college-level Advanced Placement (AP) exams in spring of 2023. The students were just two of 337 nationally to earn every single possible point on the AP 2-dimensional (2-D) art and design exam, taken by approximately 49,000 students in all.

Both students were pleasantly surprised by the honor, crediting their scores to hard work and dedication in the arts arena.

"I put a lot of work into my sustained investigation, but was still unsure what score I'd get, so I'm extremely grateful for my score, and really appreciate the College Board's recognition of my art," Thorpe said. "Samohi has an amazing and supporting environment that I am grateful for ... (the Samohi community and her family) have been inspirational with their support and motivation."

Thorpe hopes to study art in college, and was recently selected as a winner in the California Young Artists Expo. Her work can currently be seen on the corner of the 3rd Street Promenade and Arizona Avenue.

"I am overjoyed to celebrate the remarkable achievement of these two outstanding students who earned perfect scores on their AP exams," said SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton. "Their exceptional accomplishment is a testament to their talent and dedication, as well as our unwavering commitment to nurturing the arts within SMMUSD."

Also at the meeting, the board voted to approve the comprehensive school safety plans for all district schools aside from John Adams Middle School, which is still pending finalization of its plan. The board also updated policy for the education of homeless children, and completed approval of several independent contractors. Approved independent contract deals included:

-A contract with Michael Dean DBA CC Success LLC not to exceed $125,000; for the purpose of housing a Strong Workforce Pathway Coordinator in the district as part of the California College Strong Workforce Program. The program provides technical assistance and coordination to benefit high school students in their post-secondary preparation and transition.

-A contract with PS Science not to exceed $27,000; for the purpose of providing science classes for grades TK-5th throughout the 2023-24 academic year at McKinley Elementary School.

-A contract with Elizabeth Cruz DBA Illuminating SOL Therapy, Inc. not to exceed $11,355; for the purpose of Ms. Cruz serving as a mental health consultant and coordinator for the Facilitate Parent Project in Spanish.

-A contract with Lenson Productions, LLC not to exceed $5,925; for the purpose of video and audio recording for concerts at Lincoln Middle School.

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Courtesy Photo
SMMUSD: Samohi Senior Emmaline Thorpe was commended by the SMMUSD School Board for a perfect AP exam score.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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The time to repeal the rotating mayor process is now

MIKE FEINSTEIN

On tonight's City Council agenda is an item from Mayor Gleam Davis, to modify the City Council rules for choosing the Mayor.

Back in January, the Council voted to abandon its long-standing procedure of voting to choose the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem every two years, following the general election in which half of the City Council is elected to staggered, four-year terms. Often this resulted in a two-year term for both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem. On a few occasions, the Council would vote for two different people to each serve one-year Mayoral terms for Mayor, and sometimes also for Mayor Pro-Tem.

In place of this, the Council voted that Councilmembers would automatically serve one-year terms as Mayor on a rotating basis, based upon seniority serving on the Council. Davis' item would not eliminate the rotation model per se, but appears to involve a parliamentary question about the ability to suspend the Council rules regarding implementing the model itself. The City Attorney is expected to clarify what this would mean at tonight's meeting.

But regardless of that clarification, the appearance of this item should remind us why it was a bad decision in the first place for the Council to adopt the rotation model and always restrict the Mayor to one-year terms — and why it should be repealed as soon as possible.

The primary role of the Mayor in Santa Monica is to chair the City Council meetings. While the meetings generally operate under Robert Rules of Order, there are often judgment calls that need to be made about how the meeting should be run. Selecting the Mayor by a majority vote of the Council is a clear affirmation that the Mayor is empowered to make those decisions on the Council's behalf. The rotation model eliminates that mandate. A lack of buy-in for the decisions of the Chair can lead to an underlying tension in how meetings are run, less well-functioning meetings, and even formal opposition to the Mayor because Roberts Rules allow for overruling decisions of the Chair. This is an unnecessary and potentially destabilizing element to introduce.

Why then do it? One Councilmember argued this would 'de-politicize' the process, and somehow that was a good thing. Yet most policy decisions by the City Council involve political considerations, as do the Council's appointments to City Boards and Commissions. This is because the people elect their public officials through a political process called elections and those officials represent various points of view.

Yet this democracy-based process is supposed to be abandoned in this single instance of who chairs the Council meeting? Apparently so, because according to that same Councilmember, the rotation model loosens the grip of "one group monopolizing the seat forever" and "it's not healthy to have one group in power for so long." In other words, the result of elections should be respected except when that Councilmember disagrees with them. Apparently, the motivation for the rotation model is political after all, just anti-democratic.

But it doesn't stop there. The Mayor also represents the City publicly in a variety of ways. Previously the Council could vote on who could best represent the City publicly as Mayor, based upon the latest expression of the will of the people through the most recent election and the resultant make-up of the Council. The rotation model eliminates that connection to the voters as well. A third key role of the Mayor is to work with the City Manager on agenda scheduling. Should someone who doesn't even have the majority support of the Council be in that position?

It is true that with seven Councilmembers and having four-year Council terms, every Councilmember may not get to be Mayor during their time in office. Sometimes this leaves hurt feelings. But this isn't a fourth-grade sport where every player gets some kind of medal for participating. Anyone who can't get four votes for Mayor on a seven-member City Council means a super-majority of the other six Councilmembers doesn't support them, and therefore shouldn't be in a position of leading them.

Under the previous model, a variety of factors went into choosing the Mayor - the relevant strengths and abilities of individual Councilmembers, seniority on the Council, who had already done it, who received what level of support in recent elections, and how the will of the voters is expressed in the overall makeup of the Council.

By contrast, the new rotation model is a counter-productive and unnecessary dumbing down of the City Council process, by taking away an incredibly important decision from the public officials whom we elect to make numerous difficult decisions on our behalf. For all of the reasons stated above, it should be repealed as soon as possible.

Michael Feinstein is a former Santa Monica Mayor (2000-2002) and City Councilmember (1996-2004). He can be reached via Twitter @mikefeinstein.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **65.1**

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Old SSW swell continues to fade for smaller surf. Potential for shorter-period NW swell to hold. Early morning winds looking light.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

NW swell mix likely dropping to small levels but a small bump of SSW swell is expected to top out. Will need to keep an eye on the wind but there could be a decent window mid-morning as the tide comes down.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 67.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2023/10/24	Tue	12:47 PM	1.99	L
2023/10/24	Tue	6:35 PM	5.28	H
2023/10/25	Wed	01:15 AM	-0.13	L
2023/10/25	Wed	07:42 AM	5.27	H
2023/10/25	Wed	1:37 PM	1.16	L
2023/10/25	Wed	7:33 PM	5.35	H
2023/10/26	Thu	01:50 AM	0.04	L
2023/10/26	Thu	08:11 AM	5.80	H
2023/10/26	Thu	2:24 PM	0.40	L
2023/10/26	Thu	8:25 PM	5.27	H
2023/10/27	Fri	02:24 AM	0.36	L
2023/10/27	Fri	08:40 AM	6.25	H
2023/10/27	Fri	3:09 PM	-0.20	L
2023/10/27	Fri	9:15 PM	5.04	H
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Power#: 11
Jackpot: 85 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 10/20
7 29 36 49 61
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 114 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/21
13 23 33 34 37
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/22
21 22 32 34 35

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Draw Date: 10/22
EVENING: 0 9 6

Draw Date: 10/22
MIDDAY: 1 6 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/22
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
Race Time: 1:48.02

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Man previously dubbed California's "Hills Bandit" to serve life in a Nevada prison for other crimes

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Associated Press

A serial bank robber who recently completed a 10-year prison term in California has been sentenced to life behind bars in Nevada as a habitual criminal with a lengthy record that included a brazen scam in which he claimed to be a prison official.

A judge in Reno sentenced Stephen Bartlett, 62, to life in prison without parole this week based on a criminal history with more than three dozen felonies over two decades, the Washoe County District Attorney's office said in a statement Thursday.

The crimes in Nevada included a bizarre scam 13 years ago when Bartlett used a fake name to dupe a local supplier with a fraudulent order for nearly $9,000 in copper pipes on behalf of the Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City, prosecutors said.

They said Bartlett arrived at Western Nevada Supply in October 2010 in a rental truck and drove off with the pipes just weeks after police determined he was an inmate missing from a minimum-security work camp. He was apprehended weeks later in California and extradited back to Nevada.

Bartlett served time for his escape charge in Nevada and eventually pleaded guilty to grand larceny for the pipe theft. He was released on a bail and scheduled to be sentenced in Reno in September 2014, but failed to show up in court, prosecutors said.

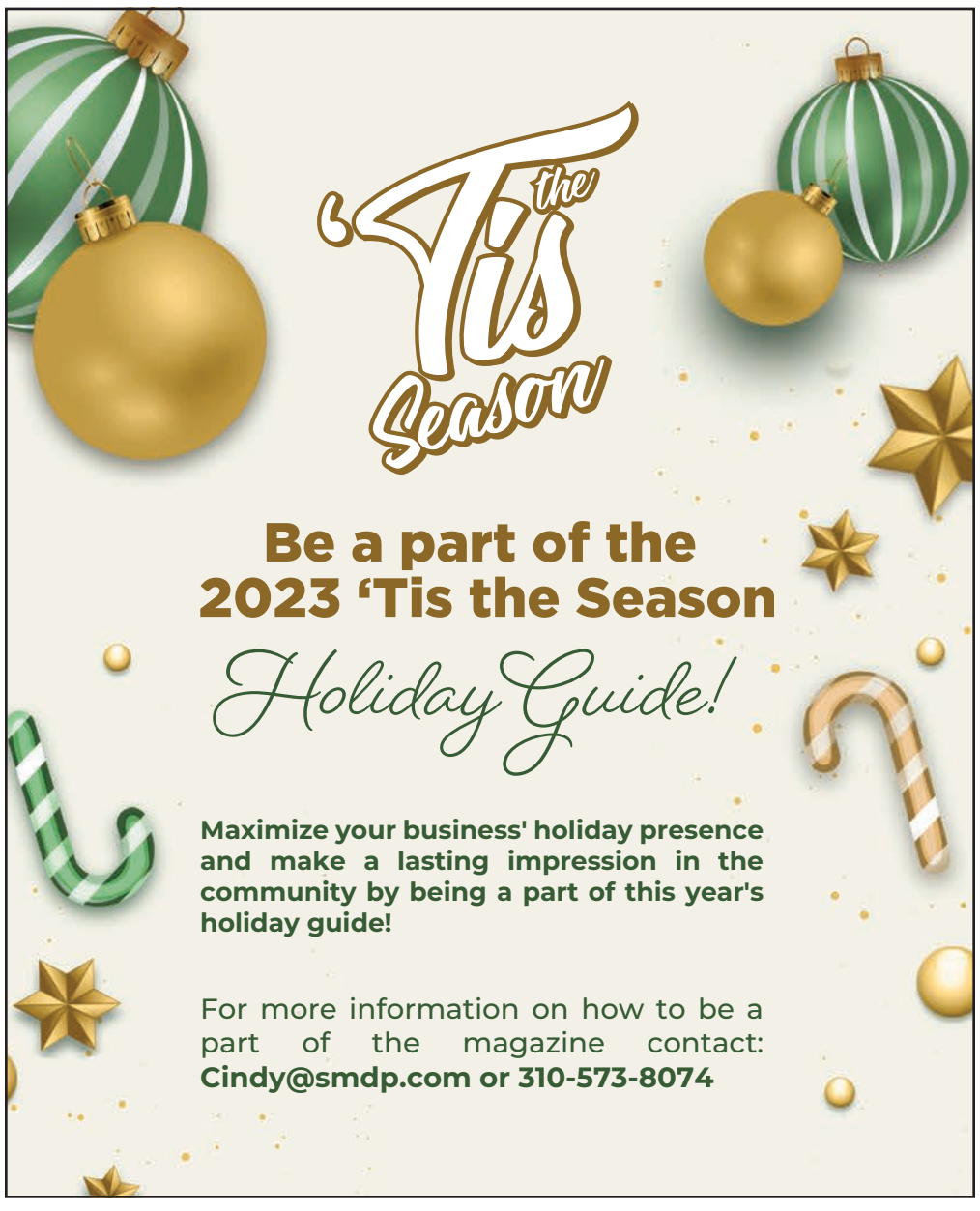
A subsequent search and investigation led to his arrest later that year in Southern California. Police eventually determined he was the suspect they'd dubbed the "Hills Bandit" in connection with 10 bank robberies in San Diego and Orange counties earlier in 2014. As part of a plea deal with prosecutors, he pleaded guilty to five counts of bank robbery in 2015 and was sentenced to 10 years in prison with credit for time served.

Upon his release from prison earlier this year, Bartlett was extradited back to Nevada where the district attorney resumed completion of his sentencing on the theft charge.

Washoe District Attorney Darcy Cameron said at Monday's sentencing that Bartlett's "overwhelming prior criminal history," including 37 felonies, warranted the maximum penalty by attaching the sentencing enhancement of being a habitual criminal.

Washoe District Judge Scott Freeman agreed and sentenced him to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Bartlett will serve his life term at the same Northern Nevada Correction Center where he once had claimed he worked.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Dr. Ashley Benjamin Named New Director of Curriculum and Instruction for SMMUSD

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Ashley Benjamin as the new director of curriculum and instruction at its October 19, 2023 regular board meeting.

Dr. Benjamin has been the principal of McKinley Elementary in SMMUSD since 2017. During her tenure she led the school to impressive academic gains as well as accomplishments such as the 2022 California Department of Education Pivotal Practice Award for excellence during distance learning and becoming the District's first AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Elementary School. She was previously the assistant principal at Franklin Elementary.

"I am excited and honored to be joining the district leadership team," said Dr. Benjamin. "I look forward to supporting extraordinary achievement for all students while simultaneously closing the achievement gap, and fostering students' belonging, curiosity, and empowerment."

> "I am excited and honored to be joining the district leadership team"
> - Dr. Ashley Benjamin

Dr. Benjamin has been an educator for 19 years. She began her career in LAUSD, teaching at elementary and middle schools across LA County. She then moved into administration, serving as an intervention coordinator implementing a Response to Intervention (RTI) program, and then a categorical programs advisor supporting English learner and other instructional programs.

Dr. Benjamin has also been a part-time adjunct professor at Cal State Northridge, supervising and coaching student teachers, and this past spring teaching a master's course on English language arts and English language development for diverse learners. Dr. Benjamin was also the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 14 director-at-large, and is currently the westside vice president of curriculum and instruction.

As an undergraduate at USC she received double degrees, a bachelor's degree in gender studies and a bachelor's degree in education. At Cal State Long Beach, she earned a master's degree in social and multicultural foundations of education, and received an award for outstanding research in education for her thesis. She then returned to USC for her Doctorate in K-12 leadership; her dissertation was a unique action plan project supporting a local school district with closing the achievement gap for Latinx English Learners.

"Dr. Benjamin is a proven curriculum leader in our District with deep knowledge of state standards, social justice standards, supporting professional development and leading students to success," said Dr. Antonio Shelton, Superintendent. "We congratulate her on her new position and know she will have continued success serving our students, families and staff."

SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER

Downtown

Gallery 33 at The Georgian Announces Third Exhibition

Gallery 33 at The Georgian Hotel in Santa Monica is pleased to announce its third exhibition featuring works by Marc Hemeon for his first solo exhibition. Ocean Deep features a collection of paintings and sketches by the California-based visual artist, who invites viewers to reflect and return to their center.

Marc, during his solo debut, effortlessly blends the domains of classical oil paintings, ink, and graphite, crafting magnificent works of art infused with the essence of the ocean. These creations delve into the inner struggles and triumphant spirit of humanity, captivating hearts with their profound narratives. Marc's artistic voyage extends beyond the confines of the canvas, encompassing guidance and innovation in the technology sphere, where he has played a foundational role in co-founding many ventures and has shaped the visual identity of many platforms we use today. Prior to painting, Marc worked for over 20 years in design and tech working with many companies including YouTube, Google, and Facebook.

Ocean Deep is a collection of paintings and sketches by Californian-based visual artist Marc Hemeon that explores our human condition through the metaphor of the sea. Mirroring the human soul, the ocean is vast and mysterious, chaotic and peaceful, dark and light. While the surface reflects our changing emotions, its depth serves as a reminder of human complexities, our place in the universe, and the intertwined nature of our existence with the world around us. These creations delve into the inner struggles and triumphant spirit of humanity, captivating hearts with their profound narratives. Ocean Deep is an invitation to exploration and self-discovery.

Beyond being labeled as a designer, artist, and entrepreneur, Marc Hemeon remains a passionate surfer, a testament to his profound affinity for the sea that serves as the wellspring of his extraordinary creations. Presently, Marc resides in California with his children, following extensive years spent on Oahu, immersing himself in the capture of oceanic depths.

"I paint the ocean as a meditation on the human condition. The vastness of the ocean reflects the depths of the unconscious, mirroring the hidden layers of emotions and memories that shape relationships. Ocean paintings invite viewers to explore the layers of meaning within relationships. reflecting on the cyclical nature of life and the continuous growth that occurs in relationships. Through these artworks, viewers can journey into the realm of the unconscious, uncovering insights about themselves and their connections with others." -Marc Hemeon

Gallery 33 at The Georgian is pleased to present ten original pieces by fine artist Marc Hemeon, which will each be for sale. The show will run through October 29.

SUBMITTED BY GALLERY 33

Vikings football falls, flag football takes Ocean League title

SAMOHI SPORTS RECAP:
SAMOHI FOOTBALL:

Friday, October 20:
Vikings at Redondo Union
Redondo Union wins 28-7

Passing:
Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 14-24, 174 yds, 4 INT

Rushing:
Caden Mccallum (#5, Senior): 11 carries, 48 yds, TD
Isaiah Fernandez (#22, Sophomore): 6 carries, 31 yds
Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 5 carries, -11 yds
Jeremy Guerrero (#10, Junior): 1 carry, 4 yds
David Solis-Valdovinos (#9, Senior): 1 carry, 1 yd
Devin Lee (#17, Junior): 1 carry, 1 yd

Receiving:
Payton Seals (#14, Sophomore): 4 rec, 64 yds
Griffin Seals (#15, Senior): 5 rec, 55 yds
Charles Rusler (#2, Senior): 3 rec, 46 yds
Isaiah Fernandez (#22, Sophomore): 1 rec, 5 yds
David Solis-Valdovinos (#9, Senior): 1 rec, 4 yds

Defense:
Jayden Montanez (#88, Senior): 7 tackles (4 solo, 3 asst), 3 Tackles For Loss
Isaiah Fernandez (#22, Sophomore): 5 tackles (2 solo, 3 asst), 2 Tackles For Loss
Samuel Reynoso (#45, Junior): 5 tackles (3 solo, 2 asst)
Darian Hawins (#20, Sophomore): 5 tackles (2 solo, 3 asst), Interception
Carlos Gonzalez-Melchor (#44, Senior): 4 tackles (2 solo, 2 asst), 1 Tackle For Loss
David Solis-Valdovinos (#9, Senior): 4 tackles (3 solo, 1 asst)
Charles Cravings (#3, Junior): 3 tackles (1 solo, 2 asst)
Theo Naessens-Dowling (#4, Senior): 3 tackles (3 asst)
Charles Rusler (#2, Senior): 2 tackles (1 solo, 1 asst), Pass Deflection
Caden Mccallum (#5, Senior): 2 tackles (2 asst)
Kidus Woldegiurogis (#8, Senior): 1 tackle (1 solo), 1 Tackle For Loss
Beto Villasnor (#79, Senior): 1 tackle (1 asst)
Manny Lares (#24, Junior): 1 tackle (1 asst)
Osbaldo Rivera (#18, Junior): 1 tackle (1 asst)

Special Teams:
Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 1 Punt, 44 yds
Charles Cravings (#3, Junior): 2 Kickoff Returns, 19 yds, 1 Punt Return, 3 yds
Manny Lares (#24, Junior): 1 Kickoff Return, 13 yds
Osbaldo Rivera (#18, Junior): 1/1 PAT
Next Game: Vikings vs Culver City, Friday at 7 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

SAMOHI XC: Samohi Cross-Country coach Tania Fischer and her team recently competed in the Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational at Mt. San Antonio College.

SAMOHI BOYS WATER POLO:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16:
Vikings vs Venice
Vikings win 16-1
Tuesday, October 17:
Vikings vs Culver City
Vikings win 20-7

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19:
VIKINGS VS MIRA COSTA (BAY LEAGUE CAROUSEL):
Mira Costa wins 13-4
Darragh Flanders (Senior): 2 Goals
Ethan Fitzgerald (Junior): 1 Goal
Nicolas Gorosh (Junior): 1 Goal
Thursday, October 19:
Vikings vs Culver City (Bay League

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Beach Water Quality Testing

- Ocean water bacteria level **meets State Standards**
- **Advisory;** Ocean water bacteria level **exceeds State standards** and may cause illness. Also used for all beaches during an ocean water quality rain advisory
- **Closed;** Ocean water **closed** to water contact due to sewage contaminated water or other health hazard
- No recent sample results available



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Clinical research critical in breast cancer fight

The always-evolving battle with breast cancer requires a wide range of patient knowledge, something that a 35-year clinical research profession has dedicated herself towards.

Nadina Jose, MD, has been in the trenches for decades in the biopharma industry, working worldwide for companies like Allergan and Sanofi. Jose's journey has now led her to consulting with startup companies on clinical operations, strategy development and implementation of clinical trial strategies, something she knows the importance of first hand after her breast cancer diagnosis in 2016. Along with her current consultations, she is also teaching the next generation of researchers as an Assistant Professor at Rutgers University.

The current and future of clinical research, Jose said, starts with clinical trial methods that address participation of underrepresented populations. Investment in physicians and participants for trials provide "a larger catchment area and access" to those who could benefit from their data being seen. For populations such as the African-American community, Jose stresses that education allows for greater trust in the medical system, letting people know there are more "checks and balances" than before that are followed globally. Many current medications, as well as medical device usage, are based on overly Caucasian participation in clinical trials, something Jose strives to change.

"One of the things that is a big focus of my research is really, how do we get the under-served population to want to participate ... not just the patients, but the physicians themselves?," Jose said. "Because if we don't have enough physicians that are willing to conduct trials, how are we going to have access to patients?"

Increasing willingness of participation requires authentic community outreach, which Jose is privy to through her work with the American Cancer Society (ACS) and its Voices of Hope program. Jose was nominated to work in the program, which empowers cancer survivors to share their personal stories and be a "highly visible model of personal victory." Coming from the point of view of a patient herself, Jose is able to add her valuable insight to create awareness in clinical trials, as well as the importance of early cancer screening and detection. She is careful about "making promises you're not sure you can keep," but wants underrepresented populations to know that there is a wide variety of care options available, particularly with updated technologies.

"It's a whole new process about how (we are) going to not only create awareness about what exists for the patients, but also create that desire in them to want to

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CANCER

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know more," she added.

Not just reaching out to patients, Jose is able to speak physician-to-physician about the importance of inclusivity in data collection. Consulting research sites on how to conduct clinical trials, she wishes to take the "labor-intensive process" and readjust physician attitudes to become more accountable in their diversity.

"It is tedious, it means you need to gather data in the right way," Jose said of clinical trials. "But now, because we have (new methods), like the use of electronic records, the use of AI platform-based systems, where you can gather data at the point of care from the patient, all you need is a really good infrastructure that can be put in place at your clinic ... by leveraging that technology and having a hybrid approach."

Jose's work with the ACS also includes being a committee member for the organization's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk, which begins at the Santa Monica Pier at 8 a.m. Saturday. Initially a volunteer in the walk, she became more involved in order to show those with breast cancer that "they're not alone."

"There's a huge community of supporters that are out there and information that's available to you ... it's really to allow people to be exposed to all the other things that they could learn about the disease ... what other help they can have access to," she noted.

The information also applies to women who haven't been afflicted, as Jose is an advocate of early prevention and yearly screenings for breast cancer.

"(I'm) really getting women to not be afraid, because unfortunately, I'm still coming across women (saying), 'well, what I don't know won't hurt me.' I said 'no, but you don't know (what) will hurt you.'"

Each year, the walk has increased in donors and participants, with the ACS having raised $176,643 for the 2023 event. For more information on the 2023 walk, visit the ACS events page at acsevents.org.

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SMDP Staff Writer

We wanted to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Your dedication, compassion, and generosity have truly made a difference in the lives of those affected by this disease. Together, we have raised awareness, provided support, and funded groundbreaking research.

As we approach the end of this significant month, I wanted to remind you that there is still time to sign up for the Making Strides Walk on October 28th. This event is an incredible opportunity to come together as a community, honor survivors, remember loved ones, and continue our efforts to fight breast cancer.

Let's join hands, take those final steps towards making a difference, and show our unwavering support on October 28th. Together, we can create a future where breast cancer is no longer a threat. Thank you for your amazing support!

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A Program of
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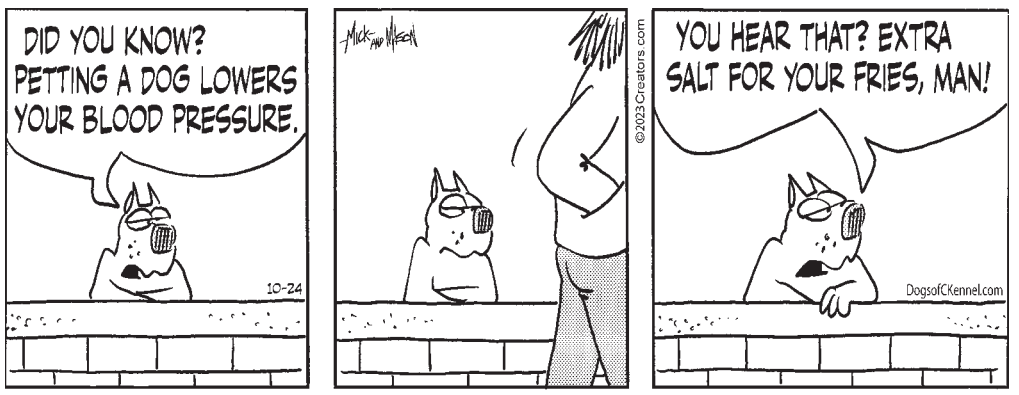
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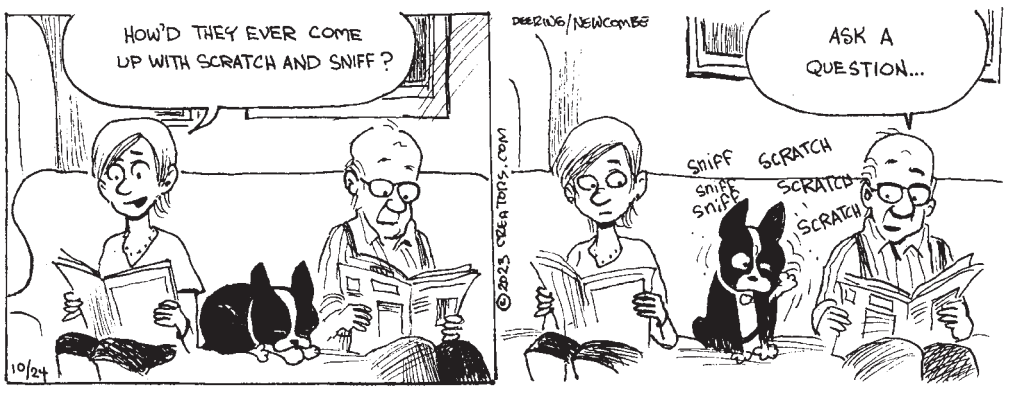
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FIND THE WORDS

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 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6026

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 24)

You launch optimistically into a new situation, then roll up your sleeves and start solving problems, getting to know people and taking part in a truly important endeavor. Your stellar attitude will carry the group at times. More highlights: You'll invest in someone dear, you'll see your health and fitness goals through, and there's also a move. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 10, 2, 22 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). With curiosity as your guide, you'll be enticed from one clue to the next. You may ultimately find that the mystery can't be solved, but there's magic in unanswered questions, too. They pull us ever-forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friendships go through cycles. A difference in sensibility or a clash of interests could erupt. It can all be ironed out in conversation, but consider giving the relationship space instead and let time do the job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be first to get the memo, first in line, an early adopter on the first wave of a trend and, yes, you're the bird with the worm! But being first comes with an ethical and fateful choice - to share or not?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love changes things. Your love for one person makes you more loving to everyone you know and improves relationships and even the culture of a place. Good vibes are irrepressible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Getting into the groove of this day requires you to slow down significantly and take things about half as seriously. If you're too analytical, you'll miss the miracle. And if you're too literal, you'll miss the joke.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because you have the healing touch, you suddenly notice who needs it. When you sense you can do something to help, your caring heart and developed sense of responsibility make it almost impossible not to lend a hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Learn all you can about the issue at hand without pressuring yourself or anyone else to solve it. Once you hit a certain threshold of knowledge, it will be obvious which solutions to try first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The attributes you admire exist in the people you are attracted to. You may not realize what the quality is until you think about what the people you like have in common. Reflect on this today and you'll learn something you can benefit from.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Beliefs are tinted glasses, coloring your whole view. Things begin to shift when you're playful with your point of view. Ask harmless questions like, "What if I didn't think this?" or "What would so-and-so think of this?"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is pleasant to spend time with cheerful and even-tempered people. You also recognize the role of a troublemaker in your life who stirs things up, keeps you on your toes and makes you feel more alive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can see clearly where a project needs to land. Now all you have to do is work backward to plot the necessary steps. You won't be able to visualize it all, but a vague outline is enough to get started on this felicitous endeavor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While many are doing what they think they're supposed to do, you'll do what you want to do, and only that. Your glee will be contagious. It's lucky for the others that you tend to want things that are good for all.

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

9	5	7	4	1	6	8	3	2
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Newsday Crossword

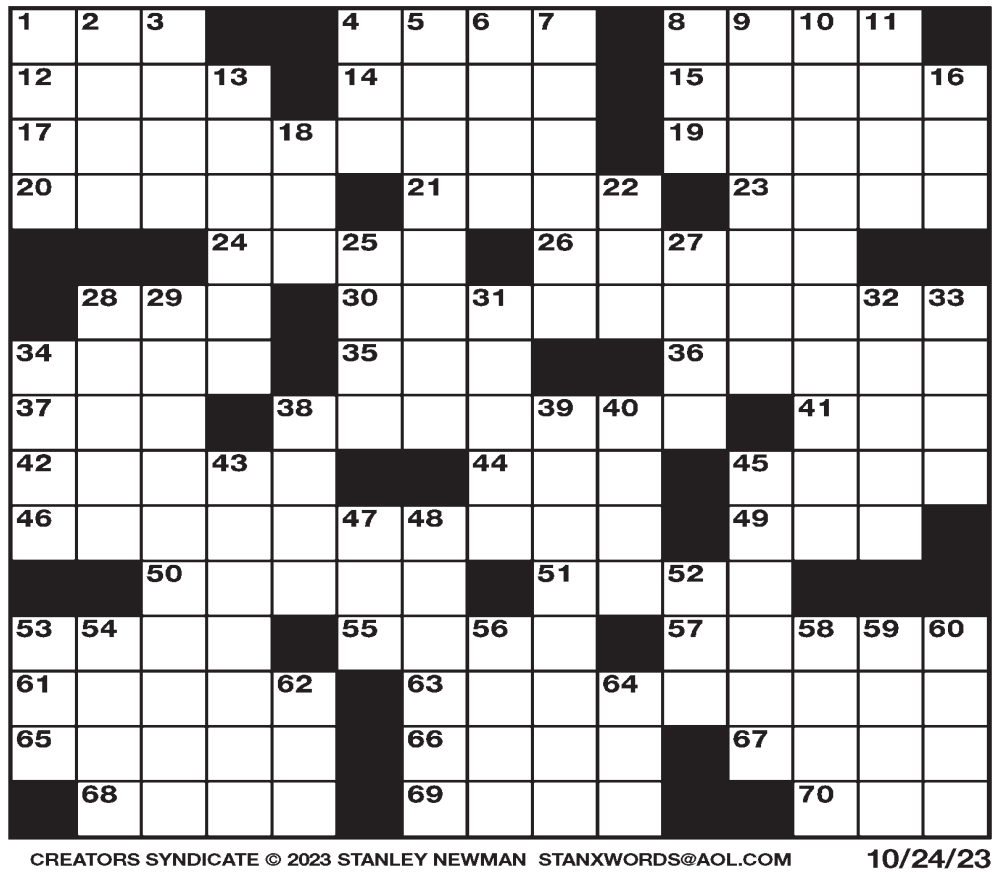
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ACROSS

1 Work with needle and thread
4 On the summit of
8 __ Raton, FL
12 Guitarist Clapton
14 Mexican money
15 Coral island
17 All-black billiards sphere
19 Heavy knock
20 Southwestern tablelands
21 Single-person performance
23 Chapters of history
24 Fail to attend
26 Rejoice
28 Explosive initials
30 Traditional British teatime
34 Sandal or loafer
35 Like father, like __
36 Italian actress Sophia
37 Museum's display on walls
38 Venetian boat
41 551, in Roman numerals
42 State-run numbers game
44 Night before a holiday
45 Encounter
46 Number of years celebrated for a bicentennial
49 Poetic sphere
50 Windshield-cleaning device
51 Sudden invasion
53 Any day now
55 Flip. as a coin
57 Seattle's __ Sound
61 Fools' Day month
63 Smallest currency denomination
65 French "Thanks"
66 Where a ship docks
67 Money in Spain
68 Changed the color of
69 Quick and agile
70 Conclusion

DOWN

1 Appear to be
2 A Great Lake
3 Hairpieces
4 Police radio alert: Abbr.
5 Measure of sugar
6 Norway's capital
7 Person taking a survey
8 Winged mammal in a cave
9 Shakespearean title character disliked by Iago
10 Judicial summons, for example
11 __ mater (school you attended)
13 Morally pure
16 Vinyl albums, for short
18 Scolding sound
22 Tic-tac-toe nonwinner
25 In that case
27 Sch. near Hollywood
28 Make a gridiron pass
29 "Stay calm"
31 Below
32 Famous person, for short
33 Make socks or a sweater
34 Condiment in a shaker
38 Ascend
39 Office boss
40 __ charmed life (was very fortunate)
43 Dangerous spot to skate on
45 Interchangeable part
47 Butterfly catcher
48 Sags
52 Stock mkt. premiere
53 America's Uncle
54 Newspaper essay page
56 Sound of scissors
58 Model airplane adhesive
59 Deserve to receive
60 Walked heavily (on)
62 Jar cover
64 No longer wet



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OBSERVATORY

FROM PAGE 1

super exciting for the students, for sure," said Dieterich.

"I don't know how much it's been advertised yet around campus, but it's going to be a pretty renowned facility by the time it's done, especially for this size of college," Dieterich said.

Students and faculty will have the capability to log in to the telescope over the internet to remotely collect data and to host group stargazing sessions. The software will integrate with the telescope, cameras and weather station to ensure optimal data collection is occurring under safe weather conditions. If a weather-related event occurs such as high-winds, or if rain is forecast, then the observatory's emergency shutdown procedure is activated to park the telescope and close the dome.

At the heart of the observatory is a PlaneWave CDK700 telescope that will be utilized for student and professor-led research and educational programs. In addition to the main observatory, smaller optical devices will be used for visual observing, including specially designed telescopes for safe viewing of the Sun.

While the telescope is not planned to be operational until the winter of 2025, there is a lot of excitement within the circles of those involved.

"Astronomy and the study of the stars is one of the most fundamental science topics known to man," laughs Jim Mahon, Planetarium Director at SMC. "As a species, we've relied on the stars to help understand when to plant crops, when to harvest, how to navigate, almost everything key in our survival.

"What we will have is an extremely capable, modern research-level instrument. It's also been designed in such a way so that anyone can access it, even people in wheelchairs. Everyone should be able to experience, enjoy and learn using this telescope. And that includes students from other local schools too, it won't just be limited to college undergrads."

Dieterich explains that because the observatory was added during construction of the new Engineering & Science Department building, it made the whole process considerably easier, safer and more cost effective, not to mention structurally sound.

"It's a million dollar facility for sure, when you factor all the equipment in, but the thing is, when it's done right, during the general construction phase, the observatory itself becomes a very small budgetary item and it costs a lot less than say if it was added later in a retrofit or something."

He says that with the vast array of potential instruments that can be added to this kind of setup, students will be able to track the International Space Station, study Sun spots or even, using specialist spectrometry equipment, analyze atmospheres on distant exoplanets.

"It's a little bit like Lego," Mahon says, adding,"The equipment is designed to be compatible with just about every make and type of instrument that's out there."

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SPORTS

FROM PAGE 5

Carousel):

Vikings win 19-3

Darragh Flanders (Senior): 7 Goals

Ethan Fitzgerald (Junior): 5 Goals

Jackson Colby (Junior): 3 Goals

Lucas Hekimian (Senior): 2 Goals

Nicolas Gorosh (Junior): 1 Goal

Ronan Maynes (Junior): 1 Goal

Vikings Record: 19-9

Next Game: Vikings vs Malibu, Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

SAMOHI GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19:

CIF Southern Section Girls Volleyball Championship Round 1:

Lady Vikings vs Beckman

Beckman wins 3-0

Lady Vikings Final Record: 12-12 (4-6 Bay League)

SAMOHI CROSS-COUNTRY:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21:

Vikings and Lady Vikings at Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational- Mt. San Antonio College

Varsity Boys 2.93-Mile Run:

Santiago (Corona)- 70

Claremont- 77

Vista Murrieta- 97

University Irvine- 115

Portola (Irvine)- 129

Santa Monica- 129

Landon Kozmor (Junior): 15:45, 1st overall

James Faries (Sophomore): 16:56, 27th overall

Emerson Hill (Sophomore): 17:03, 33rd overall

David Ervin (Senior): 17:05, 34th overall

Nico Lombard (Senior): 17:13, 39th overall

Peter Jarvis (Junior): 18:40, 73rd overall

Varsity Girls 2.93-Mile Run:

Claremont- 65

Santiago (Corona)- 81

Poway- 126

Saugus- 135

Del Norte- 159

Ayala- 163

Mira Costa- 170

Vista Murrieta- 171

Great Oak- 193

Poly (Long Beach)- 224

Santa Monica- 239

Phoebe Benun (Junior): 17:53, 3rd overall

Matilde Martinez (Senior): 19:54, 44th overall

Hawene Alomayehu (Senior): 20:21, 56th overall

Cleo Topp (Junior): 20:48, 71st overall

Crystal Gaitan (Sophomore): 20:51, 73rd overall

Maeko Gross (Junior): 22:27, 91st overall

Next Meet: Warrior Mile at Torrance High School, Wednesday

SAMOHI GIRLS GOLF:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17: LEAGUE QUALIFIER AT SKYLINKS GOLF COURSE:

Cash Henton- 6th place, qualifier for CIF tournament

Next Match: Cash Henton at CIF Tournament at Los Robles Greens, Wednesday

SAMOHI GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19:

Lady Vikings vs Hawthorne: Lady Vikings win 26-18

Lady Vikings vs Centennial: Lady Vikings win 36-0

Lady Vikings Final Record: 16-3 (8-0 Ocean League), Ocean League Champions



TUESDAY | OCTOBER 24

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME

This fun and engaging weekly series, featuring stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations every week. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5. 10:30 - 11 a.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. October's selection is The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson. 7 - 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 25

INGLEWOOD OPEN CHESS NIGHT

Drop in for beginner friendly chess. Chess sets will be available for families to play or you can bring your own. No experience necessary! For Children & Families. 4 - 6 p.m. 101 W Manchester Blvd, Inglewood, https://www.cityofinglewood.org/calendar.aspx?EID=6620

LYNCH MOB, PRIMA DONNA RISING, RUSTED STONE, ASTRA XXII

All sales are final. Whisky A Go-Go, 8901 W Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, 6 p.m. $30 - $750. https://www.ticketweb.com/event/lynch-mob-prima-donna-rising-whisky-a-go-go-tickets/13559228

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 26

OUR PICO OPENING RECEPTION

The Pico Improvement Organization (PIO) partnered with renowned Los Angeles photographer Sam Comen to create Our Pico, a portrait gallery celebrating the workers who invest their lives in the Pico neighborhood's economy and revealing the humanity behind the Pico storefronts. For more information visit OurPico.com. Pico Culture House Gallery, 3018 Pico Blvd, 5 - 7 p.m.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: THE WITCHES (1990)

Have fun with a Halloween-themed craft and a screening of the frighteningly funny Roald Dahl classic. Light snacks are provided. Film starts at 6:00pm. (Film runtime: 91 min) Rated PG. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

NICOLE MITCHELL AUTHOR TALK

Flutist, composer, improviser, and music educator Nicole Mitchell discusses her book, The Mandorla Letters: For the Hopeful, a blend of memoir, artist statement, Afrofuturist fiction, and ecofeminist manifesto. A book sale and signing follows. Presented by Soundwaves and the Angel City Jazz Festival. Book sale by Village Well Books and Coffee. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 27

UCLA ART HISTORY GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM: IN/ON/ ACROSS BODIES OF WATER

The 58th Annual UCLA Art History Graduate symposium, In/On/Across Bodies of Water, will examine bodies of water as media of expression, spaces of connection, frameworks of critical thoughts, and systems of cultural exchanges in art history. 10 a.m. Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd. https://bodiesofwater23.wordpress.com/

CAN WE TALK? WOMEN'S OPEN MIC

This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. Hollywood Improv (The Lab), 8162 Melrose Avenue, $5, http://ticketmaster.evyy.net/c/253158/264167/4272

FREE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING OF FLASHPOINT: PROTEST, POLICING, AND THE PRESS

The film features the stories of several journalists who were assaulted or arrested while reporting at protests and explores the conflict and tension experienced on the front lines, the changing role of the press, and the hardening of attitudes among the police towards journalists. The event will be held at the Center for Media & Design Auditorium at Santa Monica College, 1660 Stewart Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 on Friday, October 27, 2023, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Doors open at 5:30pm. https://flashpointsantamonica.eventbrite.com/

ESCAPE THE PETERSEN

You and your friends find yourselves locked in the Petersen Automotive Museum after hours. Work as a team using your sleuthing skills to escape the museum before it's too late! You'll have sixty minutes to complete your mission. Winners will be entered into a raffle for the Petersen Grand Prize. This event is strictly 18+. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the escape rooms starting at 7 p.m. Rooms will open on a rolling basis. The last room will open at 8:15, no entry will be available after that. Ticket holders will be required to provide an ID upon entry. Tickets are $50 per person. Standard parking rates apply. Petersen Members enjoy $10 off, plus complimentary parking. Petersen Automotive Museum, 6060 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.petersen.org/events/escape-the-petersen

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