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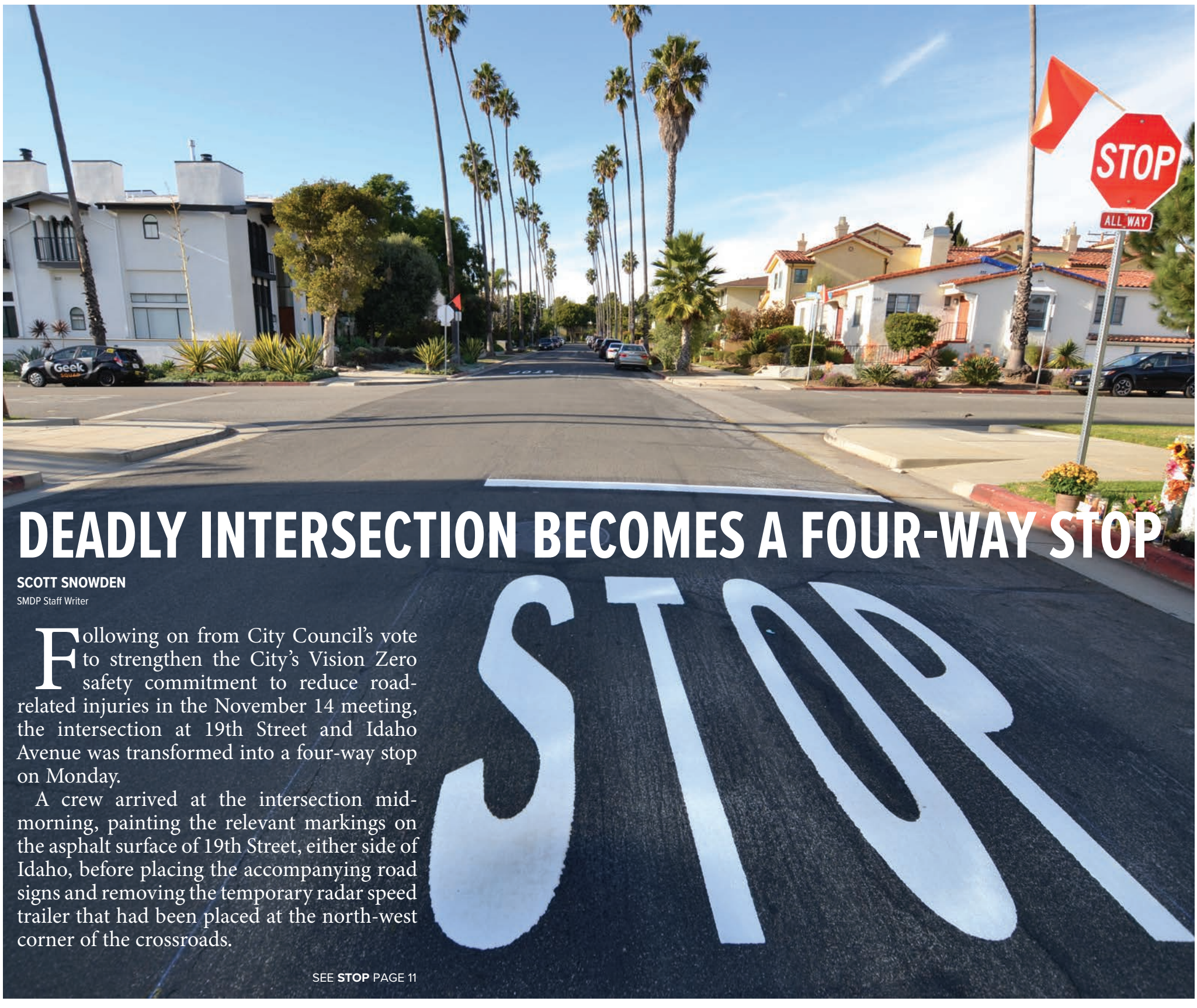
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DEADLY INTERSECTION BECOMES A FOUR-WAY STOP

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SMDP Staff Writer

Following on from City Council's vote to strengthen the City's Vision Zero safety commitment to reduce road-related injuries in the November 14 meeting, the intersection at 19th Street and Idaho Avenue was transformed into a four-way stop on Monday.

A crew arrived at the intersection mid-morning, painting the relevant markings on the asphalt surface of 19th Street, either side of Idaho, before placing the accompanying road signs and removing the temporary radar speed trailer that had been placed at the north-west corner of the crossroads.

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SMMUSD working to address over-identification of Hispanic students as learning disabled

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education has been over-identifying minority students as having learning disabilities prompting approval of a new plan that identifies the causes of the disproportionately while working to prevent the problem from recurring.

During the Nov. 16 meeting, the board discussed and unanimously approved the adoption of a plan to address the district's disproportionate identification of Latinx and Hispanic students for special education based on learning disability. The California Department of Education (CDE) has found that the district was "significantly" disproportionate in this category from the 2019-20 school year through the 2021-22 school year, prompting the district's "Dispro Core Team" to identify root causes as to why it is occurring.

Disproportionality in this case is defined as "the overrepresentation of a specific race or ethnicity" identified in one or more of: identification of a disability in general, identification of a specific race or ethnicity in a specific disability category, discipline and placement. While the 2022-23 school year was no longer within a "risk ratio" for identifying Latinx and Hispanic students as having a Specific Learning Disability (SLD), the "risk ratio" for the district is a 3.0, meaning that Latinx and Hispanic students are three times more likely to be identified in the disability categories.

Even though the district fell below the "risk ratio" in the prior school year, the district still aims to implement a plan to address overidentification, using findings from special education data, as well as parent and staff surveys to guide thinking on the issue. SMMUSD Special Education Director Victoria Hurst said that disproportionality is "not a special education issue," but a "general education issue that we are all working together to help solve in order to help benefit all of our students."

From the findings, the "Dispro Core Team" identified three root causes of disproportionality. The first is what is called a "lack of clarity, communication and understanding" of the districtwide support system framework, the second is "inconsistent implementation" of the district's English Language Arts program, and the third is a "lack of cultural awareness and cultural competency" regarding inclusion and relationship-building with parents and students.

A general education intervention plan will have a focus population within two SMMUSD campuses, Will Rogers Learning Academy and Grant Elementary School, chosen due to a high amount of students identified as within the group and a high amount of learning disability students. The intervention will focus on lowering the amount of students that would need to be referred to special education, aiming to curb the bulk of students identified for special education in grades TK-3. Hurst noted that Will Rogers and Grant being selected for the focus population doesn't mean anything "negative" is happening at the specific school sites, but that the district cannot track everyone when focusing on present and future plan implementation.

To reach its goals, the district will provide professional development on instructional practices to be used with students in classrooms, use bilingual school psychologists to teach school sites how to tell the difference between language development and learning differences, and implement foundational skills

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> - Dr. Steven Richardson, SMMUSD Executive Director of Elementary Schools

programs in grades K-2nd.

The district will use a new program to decrease the amount of students in the category of "urgent intervention" on standardized assessments by 10% by June 2024. The program will focus on language development, and teachers will implement 30 minutes per day of designated instructional time as part of the program.

"As we look to strengthen (our program) and build coherence around that, we're not only supporting our Hispanic subgroup, we're supporting all kids," said SMMUSD Executive Director of Elementary Schools Dr. Steven Richardson. "By doing that, we're also going to relieve some of the tensions put on special (education) when we're overidentifying kids. It stretches them very thin when we have a risk ratio factor that's high for any subgroup."

To fight any potential lack of cultural awareness and competency, the plan also calls

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Today's City Council meeting will be the last before the mayoral handover

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In terms of the actual agenda, this week's City Council meeting will probably be a more subdued affair compared to recent weeks as everyone readjusts back to a work routine after the welcome Thanksgiving break before pumping the brakes once again for Christmas and the New Year.

Early on, there will be a commendation for the Samohi Viking Marching Band, a bittersweet celebration following the Viking's loss by just two points in Friday's Division 9 championship final against Rio Hondo Prep.

There is a request of Councilmembers Caroline Torosis, Jesse Zwick and Mayor Davis to allocate $10,000 of Council discretionary funds for the Girl Central, Rockstar Kids and Peace Camp community programs operated by local multi faith nonprofit Church in Ocean Park.

These programs seek to empower youth, particularly girls, children with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged youth, through a variety of programs that promote education, community building and leadership skills.

There is also a request of Mayor Pro Tem Lana Negrete together with Councilmembers Phil Brock and Christine Parra that the City Council allocate $5,000 of their Discretionary Funds to the Samohi Co-Ed Wrestling Team, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The funding will be used to offset costs related to transportation, tournament fees, lodging for out-of-town tournaments and equipment, thereby allowing all students on the team to participate in all activities for the season.

But perhaps the most notable aspect of this meeting, is that it will be the last with Gleam Davis as Mayor, before the handover to Councilmember Phil Brock, which is expected to take place in the next meeting, scheduled for December 12, 2023.

Davis joined the City Council in February 2009 and was elected to an additional two-year term in November 2010. She was re-elected in 2012 for a four-year term and to the position of Mayor Pro Tempore from 2016 to 2018. Davis served as Mayor from 2018-2019 and again in 2022. Prior to joining the City Council, Gleam was a co-chair of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights and served on the Santa Monica Planning Commission.

Brock was elected to the Santa Monica City Council in 2020. A second-generation Santa Monica resident, he has volunteered in the community for over 30 years as chair and member of many commissions, committees, boards, and nonprofit entities.

In December of last year, the Council elected Davis to serve as mayor for one year, with Brock serving the second year. One month later, in January 2023, the Council voted six to one to change the system going forward to "select the longest continuously serving Councilmember, whether initially elected or appointed, to serve as Mayor for a one-year term."

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit electronic bids for the:

Santa Monica Pier Harbor Roof Replacement
SP2700

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PROJECT ESTIMATE: $120,000
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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have an A, B or C39 license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **63.1**

TUESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
Waves getting smaller as the steep NW swell eases at exposures, minor SSW pulse shows. Morning winds look favorable, but deep mid morning high tide won't be.

WEDNESDAY — ***FAIR TO GOOD***
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
Fresh WNW swell joins lingering NW swell mix with small/rideable surf across the region. Another morning of light offshore flow and clean surf is on the cards but the AM high tide slows many breaks.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind around 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph after midnight.
Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of rain after 10am. Partly sunny, with a high near 62.
Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly before 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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COURTESY NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Interim Zoning Ordinance to Extend Interim Zoning Regulations Adopted by Interim Zoning Ordinance 2764 (CCS) Amending the Text of the Zoning Ordinance to Replace the Term "Medical Marijuana Dispensary" with "Medicinal Cannabis Retailer", to Remove Certain Requirements for Medicinal Cannabis Retailers for Consistency with State Law, and to Permit Medicinal Cannabis Retailers to Sell Adult-Use Cannabis or Adult-Use Cannabis Products to Persons 21 Years of Age and Over

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Interim Zoning Ordinance extending Interim Zoning Ordinance 2764 (CCS) originally adopted by the City Council on November 14, 2023, that amended the text of the Zoning Ordinance to replace the term "Medical Marijuana Dispensary" with "Medicinal Cannabis Retailer", removed certain requirements for Medicinal Cannabis Retailers for Consistency with State law, and permitted Medicinal Cannabis Retailers to sell adult-use cannabis or adult-use cannabis products to persons 21 Years of Age and Over.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Interim Zoning Ordinance 2764

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

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The End Of Innocence



LA Times

PRESIDENT: The LA Times captured JFK during his heyday.

Thursday marked the 60th anniversary of JFK's assassination. In retrospect, I believe that horrendous murder was the end of innocence for America. To some degree, it was for me. At barely 16, my admiration for JFK began at the 1960 Democratic National Convention at the L.A. Sports Arena and where my late mother was in charge of the delegate seating.

Whether it's a five star restaurant or a National Convention, the person in charge of seating is a big shot. So it was my mom who worked with Adlai Stevenson, Eleanor Roosevelt and LBJ to name but a few. It included a charismatic Massachusetts U.S. Senator, John F. Kennedy. Though one had to be 21, via my mother's pull, I excitedly attended the convention for a day and that's all it took for me to be mesmerized with JFK. (Though she downplayed it, I was amazed that my mother was hobnobbing with people of power.)

President Kennedy was a hero to me and inspired almost my entire generation. But because of his tragic death I still change the channels showing footage of the motorcade in Dallas. Apparently the pain of JFK's death never completely leaves me. At 19 my grandparents, great aunts and uncles all had passed long before I was born. It may sound odd but JFK's passing felt like a death to my family.

Before JFK's assassination, the country wasn't remotely as bitterly divided as it his now. For example, the extremely close JFK/Nixon race in 1960 didn't result in riots on the Capitol or even recounts.

Candidates of opposing parties could actually be congenial. For example, shortly before his death, JFK and Barry Goldwater agreed that for the '64 race they'd fly together around the country and engage in a series of high-minded Lincoln/Douglass type debates.

Back to 11.22.63, it was only JFK's 1,000th day in office when he was brutally assassinated in an open limousine motorcade in Dallas with his wife, Jackie, by his side. It still haunts me that the last words JFK heard were from Nellie Connolly, wife of Texas Gov. John Connally, commenting on the cheering crowds, "Mr. President, you can't say Dallas doesn't love you."

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McKinley kids show off their skills







Photos by Thomas Leffler

DANCING DELIGHT: A fall treat for local families took place on Nov. 17 at McKinley Elementary School, as over 20 students performed in the 2023 McKinley Talent Show. After a dozen students took part in an opening dance number set to Dua Lipa's "Dance the Night," individual acts graced the stage for a packed house consisting of parents and McKinley staff. Talents shown off included performances on piano, ukulele, flute, violin and drums; as well as specialty skills like ballet and archery.

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Vikings dream run stuffed in final moments



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SAMOHI SENDOFF: The Samohi Vikings came out of the tunnel ready for action in the CIF Southern Section Division 9 championship game against Rio Hondo Prep.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A miraculous season for the Samohi Vikings ended just yards short of a CIF Southern Section Division 9 title, dropping the championship game on home turf to the Rio Hondo Prep Kares, 29-27. Yet another nail biter for the Vikings came down to the final play, a missed two-point conversion that would have extended the matchup into overtime.

Down 29-21 on the final drive of the season, sophomore quarterback Wyatt Brown took command of the offense for the final time in 2023, guiding the Vikings 80 yards as time ticked down in the fourth quarter. Starting from the Vikings own 20-yard line, Brown converted first downs with his legs and arm, a 13-yard run and a 14-yard completion to Payton Seals to bring the team to midfield. After two incompletions, Brown found Griffin Seals for a 41-yard completion, bringing the Vikings deep within the Kares' red zone.

Two plays later, with time expiring, Brown added to his resume of clutch moments, finding Charles Cravings for the 11-yard touchdown strike, but a two-point try blocked by the Kares' defensive line left the score at 29-27.

The back-and-forth affair started with another 80-yard scoring drive, ending with a Caden McCallum touchdown plunge from 2 yards out. In his final game as a Viking, McCallum was given his typically-heavy workload, carrying the ball 26 times for 157 yards and two scores. Through 10 regular-season contests and 4 playoff battles, McCallum carried the ball 288 times for the Vikings in 2023, finishing with 1,604 yards and 24 touchdowns on the ground, along with 187 yards and two scores in the receiving game.

A fumbled punt return by Cravings gave the Kares a second chance to finish the opponent's first possession, ending in a touchdown to even the game at 7-7. The squads swapped scores once again before halftime, with Brown finding Griffin Seals for a 16-yard touchdown strike. Brown finished his impressive sophomore campaign by completing 14 of 23 pass attempts for 226 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. The sophomore holds the Vikings' record for passing yards in a season, throwing for 2,955 yards and 21 touchdowns across 14 games.

The end of the first half featured a turning point, as the Vikings were unable to convert in the Kares' redzone, turning the ball over on downs at the opponents' 1-yard line after a Brown rush attempt could not break the end zone. Though a Darian Hawkins interception ended any Kares' offensive hopes, the Vikings' turnover on downs just one yard away from scoring proved crucial.

After halftime, both offenses struggled in the third quarter, including a costly Brown interception around midfield during a Vikings drive. The Kares grabbed a 21-14 lead at the start of the fourth, a score answered by a McCallum 3-yard touchdown rush to even things up at 21. A Kares' 74-yard touchdown drive, followed by a successful two-point conversion, set the score at 29-21 before the final Vikings' push.

The Vikings' path to the Division 9 title game was a welcome sight for the Samohi community, which saw the team rise to the challenge after a 2-8 finish in 2022. The team took the Samohi faithful on a roller-coaster ride in 2023, starting off a scorching 5-0 in non league play before a 1-4 slide in Bay League contests. Still showing enough fight for a playoff spot, the Vikings delivered in the first three playoff bouts, including an opening-round home tilt against Santa Ana that was won in overtime amid heavy fog.

Along with McCallum, several other key senior contributors played their final game in the blue-and-white. Griffin Seals had his seventh performance with over 100 yards receiving in the championship bout, catching six balls for 114 yards and a touchdown against Rio Hondo. On the defensive end, seniors McCallum, Paco Vandenbrook, Carlos Gonzalez-Melchor, Jayden Montanez, Theo Naessens-Dowling, David Solis-Valdovinos, Amir Jahromi, Ryland Hawkins and Kidus Woldegiurogis combined for 33 tackles in the contest.

SAMOHI FOOTBALL:

Nov. 24- Vikings vs Rio Hondo Prep, 2023 CIF Southern Section Division 9 Championship

Rio Hondo Prep wins 29-27

Passing:

Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 14-23, 226 yds, 2 TD, INT

Rushing:

Caden McCallum (#5, Senior): 26 carries, 157 yds, 6.0 YPC, 2 TD

Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 5 carries, 29 yds, 5.8 YPC

Receiving:

Griffin Seals (#15, Senior): 6 rec, 114 yds, TD

Charles Cravings (#3, Junior): 4 rec, 62 yds, 15.5 YPC, TD, Fumble

Payton Seals (#14, Sophomore): 3 rec, 51 yds, 17.0 YPC

Caden McCallum (#5, Senior): 1 rec, -1 yd, -1.0 YPC

Defense:

Caden McCallum (#5, Senior): 9 tackles (3

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Supporting nonprofits on GivingTuesday this year could have a bigger impact than usual

THALIA BEATY
Associated Press

Supporting nonprofits on GivingTuesday this year could have a bigger impact than usual. Why? Because nonprofits and industry groups say donations so far are down compared with previous years.

Many organizations will look to make up the difference on GivingTuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which started as a hashtag in 2012 and has grown into one of the biggest fundraising dates on the calendar. Many nonprofits will run matching campaigns, meaning a supporter has pledged to double or sometimes triple the donation of other, smaller donors.

Combine that boost with businesses that match employee donations and it can really add up, said Tim Pries, who runs a small production studio in the Bay Area matching employee gifts to nonprofits of up to $1,000.

"It's just kind of exponential, which makes me happy in my heart that a little bit goes a much longer way, especially on that day," Pries said.

A large amount of charitable giving happens at the end of the calendar year, coinciding with the holidays and the time when some donors will consider the tax benefits of giving.

Large organizations offering donor-advised funds, which are financial vehicles for charitable giving, host webinars and put out reports to encourage their account holders to consider where and how much they want to give while they are gathered with their families before Thanksgiving, said Amy Pirozzolo, head of donor engagement at Fidelity Charitable.

> "We are super, super optimistic about what the year-end is going to look like"
> - Amy Pirozzolo

Her organization forecasts grants from their donors will increase compared to last year, saying $9 billion has been granted as of the end of October, before the end-of-year bump which can account for 30% of the total. Last year, some $11.2 billion was granted from its DAF accounts.

"We are super, super optimistic about what the year-end is going to look like," Pirozzolo said.

The rosy forecast for end-of-year giving from organizations like Fidelity Charitable contrasts with warnings from organizations like the National Council of Nonprofits, which said in an August report that many organizations anticipate falling financial support this year. That would follow the trend of charitable giving in 2022, which dropped for only the fourth time in 40 years.

Perhaps more concerning for nonprofits, the Giving USA report found fewer people are donating at all, with less than half of Americans giving to charity in 2022 compared with more than two-thirds who gave in 2000.

The trend, though, is different for affluent Americans, whose charitable contributions have made up a larger and larger share of overall donations. The recent 2023 Bank of America Study of Philanthropy found households with a net worth of more than $1 million or annual income of more than $200,000 are still giving 19% more than before the pandemic.

The bifurcated trends mean many organizations will target their wealthiest supporters, though the harsh reality is that even they may pull back on donations because of larger economic forces, like high interest rates, a dragging stock market and persistent inflation.

Other nonprofits, though, aim to rally support from the communities they seek to serve, and GivingTuesday can help with that. Board member Natasha Andrews, of LIVE; Indiana, a nonprofit in Fort Wayne, which focuses on suicide prevention among young people, said they've been preparing for months for GivingTuesday and will launch social media campaigns and reach out to former donors by email.

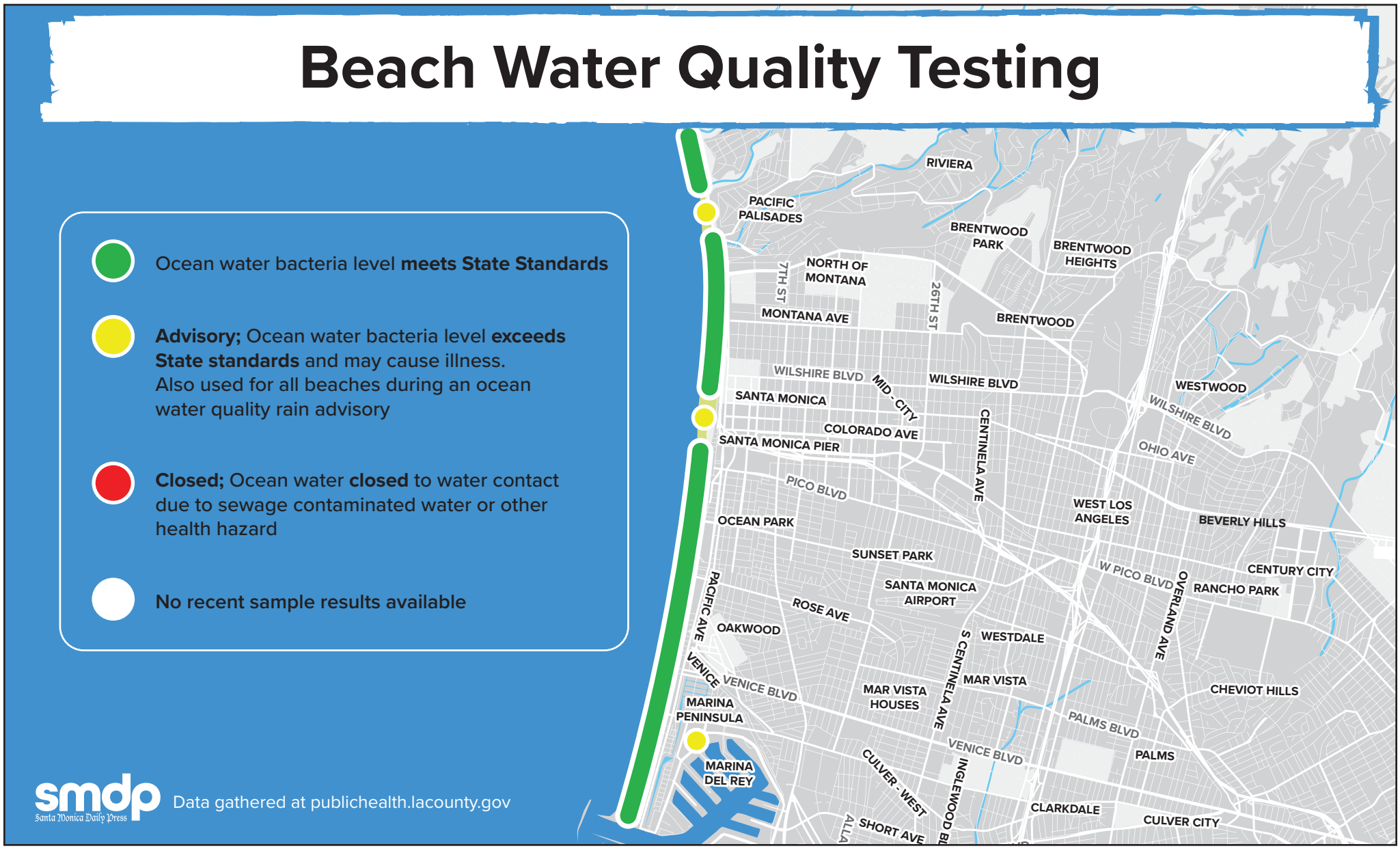
"We like to really bring out a lot of the statistics at that time," she said. "A lot of the information to really, truly educate people on why it's important to give their money to our organizations."

But they also run regular events throughout the year to raise their profile as a place where teenagers can seek help and to spread awareness of emergency resources, she said.

Ciara Coleman, who works for a large philanthropic foundation, approached the fundraising problem from the angle of a donor when she started a giving circle in New Orleans to support women and girls in her city. Her professional experience had taught her that too often, decision-makers in philanthropy overlooked her community.

"I gathered nine of my friends at the time and just had this conversation about reshaping philanthropy because I was frustrated with

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SMMUSD

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for providing restorative justice training to enhance district-wide inclusion. The training will be given to Will Rogers and Grant staff to make students in the focus population "feel safe," Richardson noted.

The plan has a budget allocation of approximately $346,000, equal to 15% of federal special education funds from Resource Codes 3310 and 3315. The allocation will be used for teacher training, after-school hours for teachers, training of classified staff on intervention programs, as well as the cost of instructional materials.

Board members noted that this is an issue they have been looking at for a while, and SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton added that this is a "learning opportunity" for the district to "address concerns" for a "pocket" of students that are "not achieving where we know they can achieve."

"It's clear that what (the plan is) doing is really important, and while it's almost a pilot (program) ... it really has much broader significance," added board member Laurie Lieberman. "I love that it's being done (this way), because I think you'll work out the kinks, see what works and what doesn't work."

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NONPROFIT

FROM PAGE 7

the roles being dominated by white men," Coleman said. Since it was founded in 2021, the giving circle, Geaux Girl Giving, has donated $50,000 to 30 organizations in grants that range from $1,000 to $5,000.

She and the other members also volunteer, serve as mentors and open their networks to their grantees and the people those organizations serve, which she sees as embodying the original, Greek meaning of the word philanthropy. That is, "the love of humanity, which never was, I think, intended to mean solely those who write a large check," Coleman said. "But those who really have a love for people and tap into all of their resources in order to exude that love for others."

Ultimately, many donors are motivated to give by deep personal connections to causes or issues or because someone they know asks them.

When asked how he decides where to give, Jacob Qualls, a business consultant in Chicago, grabbed a manilla envelope on his desk and sifted through his giving receipts from the past year. Many of his donations have supported education in some way, though he's also supported disaster relief and medical research.

Qualls wasn't planning to donate specifically on GivingTuesday, though he said if an organization or person he knows reaches out to him, he may respond. There are other occasions that move him more, he said, like the 100th anniversary of his chapter of the fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, which he gave to this year, or his alma mater, Morehouse College, which fundraises at other times.

"It can be anchored towards our founding date, it can be anchored towards, yes, GivingTuesday and or homecoming and or other things that are relevant to potential donors," he said.

LAUGHING MATTERS

FROM PAGE 4

JFK was handsome, charming and had a great wit. Jackie was beautiful and elegant and they had two adorable children. I even ditched school to watch JFK's press conferences. I was a sports writer on my high school paper and on occasion was able to get a signed pass to leave campus "on a story" from my rather ditsy teacher.

There was a run down hamburger joint nearby that had a black and white TV and almost no customers at least until after school let out. Thus I could get the owner to tune to the press conference if I gave him some business. So I ordered a hamburger and fries, which I wolfed down as I watched JFK press conferences.

As JFK playfully bantered with the press, I found myself unwittingly imitating his Boston accent. Eventually I could impersonate all three Kennedy brothers. Four decades later, in 2004, Santa Monica City Council candidate Bobby Shriver (JFK's nephew) left me a voicemail. In returning his call, though I contemplated it, thank God I didn't do my JFK impression on Shriver's voicemail, "Bobby, this is Jack."

Pat Lawford, JFK's sister, lived in Santa Monica with her husband, actor Peter Lawford, on the beach in an estate once owned by Louis B. Mayer. It was a wedding present to them from Joe Sr. whom I didn't care for with his bootlegging, mafia connections and his many mistresses. Joe Sr.'s womanizing was a poor example for his sons who unfortunately seemed to follow in his footsteps.

As JFK often visited Pat and Peter there's a wonderfully moving video of him. Google: Kennedy swims in Santa Monica." In the still photo of JFK who locks eyes with an attractive woman in a bikini. (Reporters assumed she was his mistress but ten years ago I Facebooked her daughter who said, while they exchanged broad smiles, the two never met.)

After JFK won the nomination there was an elegant party at the Lawford's house and my mother was among those who were invited. I stayed up late until she finally got home. I eagerly grilled her for details like had she talked to JFK one on one. Reluctantly she confessed that JFK had ditched the Secret Service to rendezvous with Marilyn Monroe in nearby Brentwood!

Naive as I was, I refused to believe it. I was so upset I compared my mom to gossip columnist "Hedda Hopper." Decades later, when JFK's affair with Monroe was documented, I apologized profusely to my mother though she had forgotten the incident. (I jokingly asked if there was anything else I could apologize for and she jokingly pretended to be thinking.)

Indicative of how I miss JFK to this day, I'm reminded of a popular 1837 Irish folk song "Johnny, We Hardly Knew Ye." John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917-1963) R.I.P.

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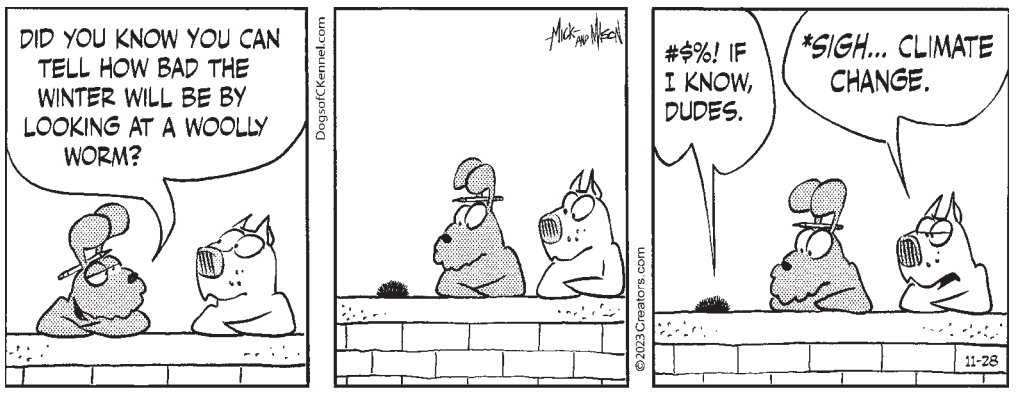
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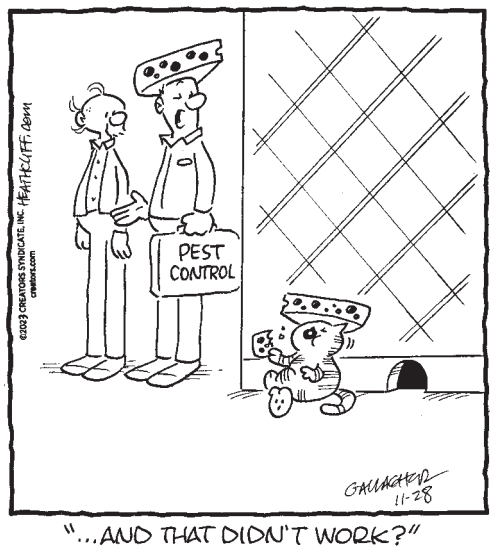
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FIND THE WORDS

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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6042

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Blue	Gates	Mist	Rugs	Unwind
Bogs	Geehi	Mogul	Runs	Urge
Boots	Glare	Murray	Selwyn	Warm
Cable	Grey	River	Shower	Wool
Caps	Hats	Neve	Skis	Yaouk
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 28)

You'll cultivate beautiful, worry-free moods, train yourself not to worry and figure out how to feel good more of the time. As you trust that things will work out (without worrying about how), your beautiful attitude attracts friends and love. A financial boost helps you experience more of the world and go where yours is the foreign accent. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 13, 2 and 17.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You get the job because you care more, take more responsibility and because you do what it takes to become excellent. Today, it's about noticing making distinctions between what's good and what's better. You notice the world closely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It takes something remarkable to spark your interest, and today, you'll stumble across it. It may not look like much to others, but you recognize it as the seed of an endeavor worth dedicating the best of your resources to, starting with your curiosity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your thoughts about someone will influence the relationship. You can accept your complex emotions, knowing that a feeling is just a signal and is not wrong or right. It's how you act on it or what you think about it that matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though moments feel destined, you still get the sense of being in charge. Fate is your dancing partner, not your puppeteer. Even with certain things out of your control, you'll still find a way to get where you want to go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). "In love, one and one are one," said playwright and philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre. Maybe you don't feel quite merged with another person, but your love definitely makes you feel close.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your moods, behaviors, attitudes and actions will go down in history in the sense that others will remember what it's like to interact with you. That reputation will be part of your legacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe the repetition of certain behaviors seems silly, but if it means something to someone, then its significance should be noted. Rituals matter to people... unreasonably so! Don't waste time negating this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). They want your attention and sometimes have unpleasant tactics for getting it. You can calm them down. Try warmth and acceptance. Try amusement and distraction. Try turning it into a game.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll think about your future and imagine what you want for yourself and your team, then cast a wide net. Don't worry about what's doable yet. See what you get, and then you can refine your approach later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you think about it in a certain light, the circumstance you thought was a disaster is laden in opportunity -- so many of them, in fact, it could even be considered an ideal situation for getting just what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're making exciting contributions to the action, and people will talk. You can't control their reactions, but you can lead their experience in a way they are likely to enjoy, a tactic that will produce today's good reviews.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things don't have to be high drama to be exciting. You prefer your theatrics to be in the world of entertainment, not in your real life. You'll aim to conserve your emotional energy by keeping your reactions to things in an appropriate scale

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

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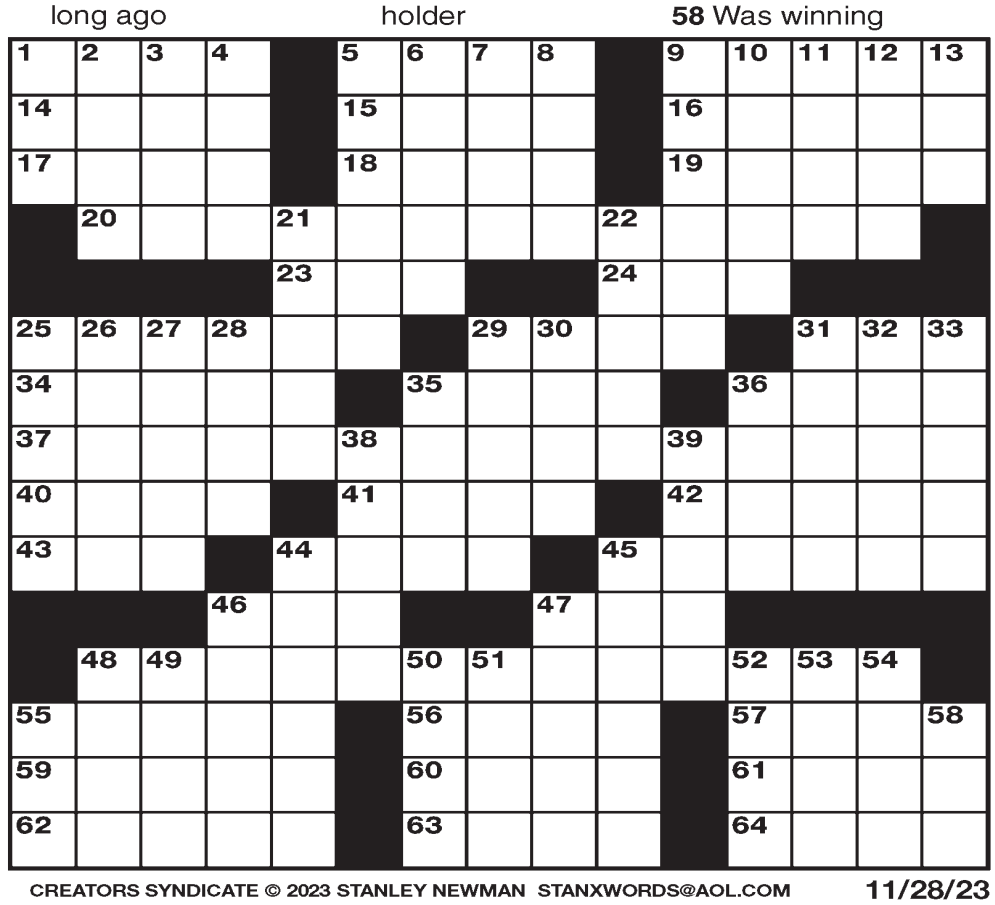
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ACROSS

1 24-hr. cash sources
5 Paper fastener
9 Auto engine
14 Get ready, for short
15 Carousel or Ferris wheel
16 Run off to wed
17 __ fish sandwich
18 Make level
19 Gave as a bonus
20 Federation with Italy, France and Sweden
23 Midmorning hour
24 Office neckwear
25 Takes in, as a rescue dog
29 Adhesive substance
31 Double-curve letter
34 Aladdin's magical pal
35 Of low quality
36 Ancestry chart
37 "Down under" swimming stroke
40 Applies frosting to
41 __ bar (serve drinks)
42 Art studio's stand
43 Table tennis barrier
44 Male deer
45 Sheets placed on windshields
46 __ Beta Kappa
47 Everyone
48 Purple flower of Tanzania
55 Mistake
56 Beer's topping
57 Shaped like an egg
59 Minimum amount
60 Without any guarantee
61 Ceramic flooring piece
62 Wives or husbands
63 Depend (on)
64 Vehicle on snow

DOWN

1 Rental dwelling: Abbr.
2 Factual
3 Restaurant's listing
4 Practice boxing
5 Fancy pancakes
6 Perk (up)
7 Notion
8 Actor Sean
9 Cruel person
10 "Golden" song of long ago
11 Phrase atop a chore list
12 Unlock
13 Scarlet or crimson
21 Furry river mammal
22 Driver's reversal
25 A second time
26 Low poker card
27 Initial stage
28 Cherry seeds
29 About to leave
30 Fill with cargo
31 Remove a pencil mark
32 Underground drain
33 Is a dealer in
35 Urgent request
36 Cafeteria's food holder
38 House's upper storage level
39 Big stringed instrument
44 Tank tops and tees
45 Weak, as an excuse
46 Nonpoetic writing
47 To no __ (unsuccessful)
48 Vicinity
49 College club, for short
50 Worship from __
51 Aroma detector
52 A whole bunch (of)
53 Wicked
54 Colorful story
55 Furniture wood
58 Was winning



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STOP

FROM PAGE 1

Local resident Ken Dapper said he asked the work crew if they could refresh the faded paint of the other set of road markings. "I asked if they were going to repaint the markings on the ones that have clearly faded on the other side of the street ... After all, they had everything they needed here, but they told me 'no, we're not doing that,' which is a shame," Dapper said, adding, "But this is still a huge improvement, of course"

Dapper said that he and another neighbor had been in contact with the gentleman that had kindly lent them the "ghost bike" that had been placed in memoriam at the intersection because there had been another cyclist death at the intersection of Cotner Ave and Santa Monica Blvd.

"There was a death there just less than a week ago and so we took the bike and we put it there," he said.

Tania Mooser died at 19th and Idaho in October and Paul Postel survived a crash at the same place just two weeks ago albeit with four broken and two bruised ribs. In the most recent accident a car was traveling westbound on Idaho and the cyclist southbound on 19th. The vehicle broadsided the rider, hitting his left side, and knocking him to the ground.

This intersection, like many in the neighborhood, was until today, a two-way stop sign, not a four way stop and almost the entirety of the public comment preceding the Nov. 14 meeting was concerned with this subject.

"There are real people behind those numbers whose lives are irreparably damaged because of these tragedies, these preventable tragedies. Every single person that's needlessly injured or killed is a preventable tragedy. And we have the tools and the resources to make our streets safer for all," Natalya Zernitskaya said during the public comment.

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VIKINGS

FROM PAGE 6

solo, 6 asst)

Charles Cravings (#3, Junior): 6 tackles (4 solo, 2 asst)

Samuel Reynoso (#45, Junior): 6 tackles (1 solo, 5 asst)

Darian Hawkins (#20, Sophomore): 5 tackles (3 solo, 2 asst), INT

Paco Vandenbrook (#89, Senior): 5 tackles (2 solo, 3 asst), 0.5 Tackles For Loss

Isaiah Fernandez (#22, Sophomore): 4 tackles (2 solo, 2 asst)

Carlos Gonzalez-Melchor (#44, Senior): 4 tackles (1 solo, 3 asst)

Jayden Montanez (#71, Senior): 4 tackles (1 solo, 3 asst)

Theo Naessens-Dowling (#4, Senior): 3 tackles (1 solo, 2 asst)

Manny Lares (#24, Junior): 3 tackles (1 solo, 2 asst)

David Solis-Valdovinos (#9, Senior): 3 tackles (1 solo, 2 asst)

Amir Jahromi (#57, Senior): 2 tackles (2 asst)

Ryland Hawkins (#75, Senior): 2 tackles (2 asst)

Jeremy Guerrero (#10, Junior): 1 tackle (1 solo)

Kidus Woldegiurogis (#8, Senior): 1 tackle (1 asst)

Special Teams:

Osbaldo Rivera (#18, Junior): 3-3 PAT

Wyatt Brown (#7, Sophomore): 4 Kickoffs, 207 yds, 1 Touchback

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SAMOHI BOYS BASKETBALL:

Nov 20- Vikings vs Oaks Christian, West Valley Tip Off Classic

Vikings win 64-56

Nov 21- Vikings vs Shalhevet, West Valley Tip Off Classic

Vikings win 61-46

Nov 24- Vikings vs Oak Park, West Valley Tip Off Classic

Oak Park wins 53-48

Nov 25- Vikings vs Chaminade, West Valley Tip Off Classic

Chaminade wins 60-57

Vikings Record: 4-2

Next Game: Vikings vs Santa Margarita, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

SAMOHI GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Nov 20- Lady Vikings vs St. Mary's Academy

St. Mary's Academy wins 62-39

Lady Vikings Record: 1-4

Next Game: Lady Vikings at Grenada Hills Charter, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 28

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME

The Santa Monica Public Library hosts a fun and engaging series, featuring stories, songs and rhymes. Limited space, free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. showtime. For ages 2-5.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Santa Monica Family YMCA will be hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1332 6th Street. Free parking, receive a gift of elf socks with your donation. In partnership with the American Red Cross.

HOW ART CAN SHAPE A CITYSCAPE

Santa Monica Arts Commissioner Michelle Edgar and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. Operations Director Jeremy Ferguson will host a conversation entitled "How Art Can Shape a Cityscape" at 6 p.m. at the Santa Monica Ice Rink. The fireside chat will include Hodge Patterson, CEO of Santa Monica Family YMCA, Retna (Marquis Lewis) and artist Vida Rodriguez of FYT Creative Arts.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons at the Montana Branch Library, from crafting the perfect character to participating in a short campaign. Materials provided. No registration necessary. For ages 10-up. Montana Branch Library located at 1704 Montana Ave.

GAME DAY FOR GROWNUPS

Santa Monica Public Library hosts a board games night, exploring games based on your favorite books to celebrate International Games Month.

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 29

HOLIDAY PET PAGEANT- WEDNESDAYS ON ICE

Get your pup ready to sashay down the runway at the pet paw-rade! Ice at Santa Monica is on the lookout for the most stylishly dressed pooch. Contestants will be judged on costume, strut and overall holiday spirit. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Every Wednesday from November 15 through January 10, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. sessions. Ice at Santa Monica, presented by Netflix, invites guests to join Wednesdays on Ice themed skate nights during the 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. sessions throughout the season. For more information on each themed night, visit iceatsantamonica.com

KID'S CLUB AT SANTA MONICA PIER

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Located at the Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., beginning at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 30

TECH & TASKS

Need a little help? Visit our Tech & Tasks program to receive one-on-one assistance from our volunteer tutors and build your skills. Staff and volunteers can assist with reading, writing, and technology related tasks. Drop-in between 2-4pm every Thursday to get help with completing online forms and applications, resume writing, device help, improving reading skills, email, downloading eBooks, and much more. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 1

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A consent form for COVID-19 Vaccines is required for minors to be vaccinated at sites run by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Minors are not eligible for the Monkeypox Vaccine at this time.

Note: You do not need to show ID to get a vaccine at a site run by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: However, it is recommended that when you get a vaccine, you provide the name that is on your ID.

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