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# Santa Monica Pier's iconic Ferris Wheel going Earth Hour dark

**SCOTT SNOWDEN** 

SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica Pier will plunge into darkness tomorrow, albeit deliberately, in order to raise awareness of the urgent need to address environmental damage and climate change.

In addition to the Sydney Opera House in Australia, Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament in London, the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Greece, the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Great Wall of China, Pacific Park's lights will be turned off for 60 minutes.

"From our solar-powered Ferris wheel to the power of our grassroots efforts, Pacific Park is committed to being the best environmental partner possible by working within our community and globally with national and international companies," said Nathan Smithson, Director of Marketing and Business

Development at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier.

"Wehavebeen a staunch supporter of Earth Hour since the beginning and believe in its messaging and initiatives on sustainability, climate and environmental awareness throughout the world."

Earth Hour this year comes only days after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report confirming the dire situation we all face if more action isn't taken to limit the damage caused as a result of climate change.

"There is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all," stated the report, which is the culmination of more than six years of work by thousands of climate scientists contributing to the United Nations. The panel also found that a critical aim of the landmark Paris

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PIER: The "face of Santa Monica," the iconic Ferris Wheel on the equally iconic Pier dimmed its lights for last year's Earth Hour.

# Former Loews Hotel staff may be re-hired by Regent

**GRACE INEZ ADAMS** 

SMDP Staff Writer

Familiar faces will be staffing The Regent Santa Monica Beach when it opens this year in the former Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel property.

Nearly 300 of the hotel's staff members were laid off when Loews closed in early March. After a nine month renovation period, the new owner, IHG, and operator, Strategic Hotels, recently committed to hiring these workers.

This commitment is part of an



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HOTEL HIRING: View of the former Loews Hotel from the beach.

## Weather-weary California hopes for sunny spring

# STEFANIE DAZIO AND GREGORY BULL

Associated Press

Californians are tired. Tired of the rain, tired of the snow, tired of stormy weather and the cold, relentlessly gray skies that have clouded the Golden State nearly nonstop since late December.

With spring now underway, the state's 39 million residents are hopeful for sunnier days ahead. But this week's atmospheric river — the 12th such storm here since late December — had other plans.

The powerful systems dump huge amounts of rain and snow as they bring massive plumes of Pacific moisture into California. They have already wreaked havoc across the state, with a death toll rising as communities dig out and floodwaters recede. High winds toppled trees, snowfall stranded mountain communities and storm surges inundated coastal towns with no end in sight.

Californians initially welcomed the precipitation and chilly temperatures after a record-hot summer and yearslong drought that included the driest January through March on record in 2022. But the atmospheric rivers busted the drought in two-thirds of the

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# California may punish oil companies for high gas prices

**ADAM BEAM** 

Associated Press

A first-in-the-nation bill to punish oil companies for profiting from price spikes at the pump breezed through the California Senate on Thursday at the urging of Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, the first major vote in an effort to pass the law by month's end.

The proposal is in response to sales last summer, when the average price of a gallon of gasoline in California soared to a record high \$6.44. Drivers in some places paid as much as \$8 per gallon, prompting widespread outrage in an election year.

Newsom, a Democrat seen as a possible presidential candidate beyond 2024, reacted by attacking the oil industry, specifically the five companies that provide 97% of gasoline in the state. He asked the Democratic-controlled state Legislature to pass a new tax on oil company profits, arguing it would protect consumers by preventing price spikes.

That idea went nowhere in the Legislature, as lawmakers feared it would create chaos in the petroleum market and cause companies to make less gasoline, thus increasing prices.

Instead, lawmakers and Newsom settled on a bill that would let the California Energy Commission decide whether to impose civil penalties on oil companies for price gouging. The commission – a five-member panel appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate - would rely on information from a new state agency that would have the power to monitor the market, including forcing companies to disclose financial information

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- Kelly Seyarto state Sen.

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and having the power to subpoena oil executives to testify.

In 10 years, the bill requires the state auditor to investigate the program to find out if it is working to reduce gas prices. If it's not, the auditor can order the program to shut down – but lawmakers will have six months to review that decision and reverse it if they

"It is our role to protect our residents from any practices of any business that may harm them," said state Sen. Nancy Skinner, a Democrat from Berkeley and the author of the bill.

The bill highlights the challenges of balancing the competing pressures of protecting consumers at the pump while at the same time pushing policies to end the state's reliance on fossil fuels. California's climate strategy — which includes banning the sale of most new gas-powered cars by 2035 — would reduce demand for gasoline by 94% by 2045.

To sum it all up, it's our energy policy our energy policy and our efforts to replace fossil fuel with all-electric in a very, very short amount of time," said state Sen. Kelly Seyarto, a Republican from Murrieta who opposes the bill. "Why can't we just tell our constituents that? That's why your gas prices are so high."

California's gasoline prices are already higher than most other states because of taxes, fees and environmental regulations. California's gas tax is the second-highest in the country at 54 cents per gallon. And the state requires oil companies make a special blend of gasoline to sell in California that is better for the environment but is more expensive to

Republicans on Thursday tried to force a vote on a separate bill that would suspend the state's gas tax and some gas-related regulations for one year. But Democrats voted not to bring the bill up for debate.

At one point last year, the average price of a gallon of gasoline in California was more than \$2.60 higher than the national average — a difference regulators say is too large to be explained by taxes, fees and regulations.

Much of the oil industry's complaints about the bill have focused on the new, independent state agency lawmakers would create to investigate the market. Oil companies would be required to disclose massive amounts of data to this agency, giving regulators a better sense of what could be driving price spikes. And, crucially, the agency would have subpoena power to compel oil company executives to testify.

Kevin Slagle, spokesperson for the Western States Petroleum Association, said oil companies would have to report data on 15,000 transactions per day, what he called "a ridiculous level of reporting" that would drive up costs. He said the real problem with California's gas prices are state laws and regulations that hinder the supply of fuel. He criticized Newsom and lawmakers for rushing the bill through the Legislature with little input from the oil industry.

"Why does the governor want to jam this through? Clearly it's because the details of this are not good for California consumers," Slagle

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# Rare tornado touches down in Montebello, rips building roofs

JOHN ANTCZAK AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

A rare tornado touched down in a Los Angeles suburb, ripping roofs off a line of commercial buildings and sending the debris twisting into the sky and across a city block, injuring one person.



# It's definitely not something that's common for the region

- Rose Schoenfeld Meteorologist



The National Weather Service sent teams to assess damage in Montebello and later confirmed that a tornado had touched down around 11:20 a.m. Wednesday.

The weather service said that the tornado was an EF1, a measurement on the Enhanced Fujita Scale that indicates it had winds of 86 mph to 110 mph (138 kph to 177 kph). That made it the strongest tornado to hit the Los Angeles metropolitan area since March 1983, the weather service said.

"It's definitely not something that's common for the region," said meteorologist Rose Schoenfeld with the weather service.

One person was injured and was taken to a hospital in Montebello, said Alex Gillman, a city spokesman. He didn't know the severity of the injury.

Michael Turner could hear the winds get stronger from inside his office at the 33,000-square-foot (3,065-square-meter) warehouse he owns just south of downtown Montebello. When the lights started flickering, he went outside to find his employees gazing up at the ominous sky. He brought everyone

"It got very loud. Things were flying all over the place," Turner said. "The whole factory became a big dustbowl for a minute. Then when the dust settled, the place was just

Nobody was hurt, but the gas line was severed, fire sprinklers broke, all the skylights shattered and a 5,000-square-foot (465-square-meter) section of roof was "just gone," Turner said. He said his polyester fiber business, Turner Fiberfill, could be closed for

"I've been in California since 1965. Never seen anything like this," Turner said. "Earthquakes — we're used to that."

Debris was spread over more than one city block. Inspectors checked 17 buildings in the area, and 11 of them were red-tagged as uninhabitable, according to the fire department. Several cars were also damaged.

The rare and violent weather came amid a strong late-season Pacific storm that brought damaging winds and more rain and snow to saturated California. Two people died Tuesday as the storm raked the San Francisco Bay Area with powerful gusts and downpours. An on-duty San Francisco police sergeant was hospitalized with life threatening injuries after a tree fell on him Tuesday, the department said.

The weather service also sent assessment teams to the Santa Barbara County city of Carpinteria, where it confirmed that a tornado hit a mobile home park on Tuesday, with gusts up to 75 mph (120 kph) that damaged about 25 residences.

That tornado was measured at a relatively weak EF0, with winds of 65 mph to 80 mph (105 kph to 129 kph).

The last time the weather service's Los Angeles office sent out tornado assessment teams was 2016 near Fillmore in Ventura County, where it was determined that a small twister had touched down, Schoenfeld said.

A tornado warning based on radar also was issued Tuesday night for the Point Mugu area west of Malibu. The warning was later canceled and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office tweeted there was no evidence a tornado touched down.

The storm was tapering off in California from north to south while pushing inland across the Southwest, the Four Corners region and the central and southern Rockies, the National Weather Service said. On Tuesday, some residents of north-central Arizona were told to prepare to evacuate because of rising water levels in rivers and basins.

The wind and rain mayhem from San

Francisco Bay south to Monterey Bay on Tuesday was caused by an extraordinary drop in barometric pressure over the eastern Pacific that meteorologists described as "explosive cyclogenesis."



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- Turner Fiberfill



"Wow. Even by the standards of what has turned out to be one of our most extraordinary winter seasons in a very long time, yesterday ... stands out," the Bay Area weather office

Trees and power lines were blown down. Windows were blown out from two San Francisco high-rises, NBC Bay Area reported. Ferry service was disrupted because conditions were too rough. Three barges got loose and damaged a bridge.

An Amtrak commuter train carrying 55 passengers struck a downed tree and derailed near the East Bay village of Porta Costa. The train remained upright and nobody was injured, Amtrak and fire officials said.

Five deaths were attributed to the storm. In the Bay Area community of Portola Valley, a man driving a sewer truck was killed when a tree fell onto the vehicle, the California Highway Patrol said. And in the community of Rossmoor, a driver was injured and a passenger died after a large tree fell onto a car, the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District said.

In Oakland, a man inside a tent died Tuesday night after a tree fell on it near Lake

Two people also died at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital on Tuesday while receiving treatment for injuries suffered in separate storm-related incidents, according to

In the Monterey Bay region, Santa Cruz County was blasted with gusts up to 80 mph (129 kph). Along the coastline of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, ocean foam blew across the roadways like large snowflakes.

Some 45,000 customers were without electricity early Thursday throughout the state, according to PowerOutage.us.

The National Weather Service said Tuesday's storm, which came on the first full day of spring following the state's extraordinary winter, was a Pacific low pressure system interacting with California's 12th atmospheric river since late December.

California's unexpected siege of wet weather after years of drought also included February blizzards powered by arctic air.

The storms have unleashed flooding and loaded mountains with so much snow that roofs have been crushed and crews have struggled to keep highways clear of avalanches.

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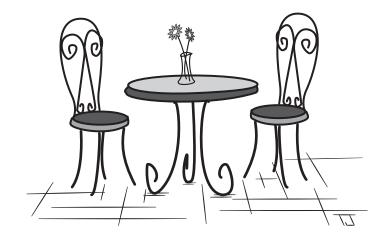
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# **UCLA's prep for the Sweet 16,** first time since 2019

JOE REEDY

When it comes to getting her team ready, UCLA coach Cori Close stresses mental preparation as much as making sure her players know their assignments.

During the season, Close motivated them with the quote "Everything you want is on the other side of hard" from Phoenix Suns coach Monty Williams.

Over the past couple of weeks, though, Close has turned to Lady Gaga's "Just Dance" to inspire her team to be at their best during March Madness. The impromptu dance parties before practice have relaxed the young Bruins as they've advanced to their first Sweet 16 in four years. UCLA (26-9) will face topseeded South Carolina (34-0) on Saturday in a Greenville 1 Regional semifinal.



I wish I had handled the day before the championship game differently. I learned that I don't need to motivate them to work hard. This is a hardworking group. I know they want it

- Cori Close UCLA coach

"I don't want them to play tight," Close said. "I want them to play free. I want them to play focused, and I want them to play with great gratitude and joy."

Close began stressing more joy after a painful loss to Washington State in the Pac-12 tournament final. The Bruins advanced to the championship game after beating top-seeded Stanford in the semifinals but Close saw her players put more pressure on themselves leading up to the final.

"I wish I had handled the day before the championship game differently. I learned that I don't need to motivate them to work hard. This is a hard-working group. I know they want it," Close said. "The 48 hours between when we played — won in the semi-final and playing in the finals — we got tense. We didn't play our best basketball in the final. As the day went on, we were putting more and more pressure on ourselves. I think that was a conscious choice on the staff's part.

"If we kept preparing with great focus, then we needed to bring great joy. I think that balance is really important.

So as the Bruins huddled at center court last Friday before practice, Gabriela Jaquez started things off with a couple of moves in the center of the famed UCLA circle at Pauley Pavilion. Emily Bessior and Christeen Iwuala followed before teammates and coaches started chanting, "We want Kiki." Freshman Kiki Rice took a brief step back from the circle before giving in and dancing into the center while everyone applauded.

"That was her example of having us dance to just show that it's fun," senior guard Gina Conti said. "We worked hard to get here. It's okay to be present, enjoy the moment, and take those feelings (of pressure) you're feeling to flip them to be good for you.'

This season has been as much of a learning process for Close as for her players. UCLA missed the NCAA Tournament last season for the first time since 2015 but there was the anticipation of a turnaround with the nation's top-ranked signing class coming in. The group included Rice, the 2022 National High School Player of the Year.

The Bruins began the season unranked but got as high as eighth in January. They went 4-5 during a stretch late in conference play, which put them in danger of not hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. But three wins in the Pac-12 Tournament got UCLA a fourth seed in the Greenville 1 Regional and the opportunity to play at home the first two rounds.

UCLA looked like it was about to succumb to pressure during the third quarter of Monday night's second-round game against Oklahoma. The Bruins raced out to an 18-point lead during the first half but the Sooners went on a 22-3 run during the third quarter to grab a four-point lead.

Charisma Osborne made a three-point play late in the quarter and the Bruins rallied in the fourth for a 82-73 victory.

"I think our identity is more solidified. We worked hard at that," Close said. "It hasn't been easy, but we are more confident in who we are and when we are at our best."

Despite having to go cross country and facing the unbeaten Gamecocks, UCLA is going into Saturday's matchup confident. The Bruins lost 73-64 at South Carolina on Nov. 29 but the game was tied at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

UCLA is also one of only four teams this season not to lose to South Carolina by double digits.

'We know that we held 'em to a close game when we played down there the first time, but we also know that we're so much better this time around," Rice said. "I think everyone on our team has grown in so many different ways and we've collectively gotten so much better. No lack of confidence going in just because of the No. 1 seed."

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Fine Arts**

#### **Waterfalls and Geysers Galore**

The William Turner Gallery is pleased to present the fourth solo exhibition of Los Angeles-based, multi-disciplinary artist Jay Mark Johnson

Ten spectacular large format images of waterfalls and geysers are selected from the most recent photographic artworks in the artist's two-decades-long production of paradigm-shifting timeline imagery.

The artworks presented in SLENSKIR FOSSAR were produced in Iceland in October of 2021 towards the end of global travel restrictions. Traversing the stark volcanic landscape, Johnson focused on the atmospheric turbulence of rushing waters and freezing air emanating from the region's waterfalls and geysers, capturing the dramatic interplay of the spectacular geological events within the seasonal low-raking "golden hour" light. In the Icelandic language, the word "foss" means waterfall—with roots in the Nordic word for "force". In his exploration of the possibilities for timeline photography, Johnson has repeatedly turned his attention to marveling at the forces of nature, specifically the reciprocal physical interactions of light, water and atmosphere found in coastal waves and inland waterfalls.

Johnson has always been fascinated at how the trans morphisms of his slit scan photographs—because they are both recognizable and strange—challenge the viewer's expectations, forcing recognition of both the truthfulness and validity of alternative perspectives. Over the years he has worked to exploit both the refraction and diffraction of light waves as they encounter objects out in the environment and within the camera itself. Working close to the billowing plumes of waterfalls he plays with the naturally occurring displays of banded light waves visible in rainbow-like color patterns. He "paints" with the incoming color spectrum emanating from the outer reaches of the waterfalls, from the water as it crashes against rocks, and from the space between the falls and the sheer rock face behind. Recorded within his inventive temporal delineations, the resulting artworks are as startling and unimaginable as they are eye-popping and poetic.

Each image in the exhibition bears distinct site specific features. For SELJALANDSFOSS #3, Johnson carried his camera equipment into a giant cavern behind a monolithic, 200 foot high cascade. Turning to look back outward, he captured an ephemeral curtain—a delicate and translucent water wall—through which one magically views a wide horizontal stretch of the distant azure sky. In SKÓGAFOSS, a rainbow materializes through the viscous spray at the heel of the cataract while the volcanic substrate immediately behind the falls is refracted into muted color striations. In GEYSER #1, an abrupt eruption of a massive thermogenic jet sprays its sulphured-green waters skyward and then, vanishing quickly, dissipates into the low-hanging overcast fog. Two of the images in the show were produced at Stewart Falls in Sundance, Utah while another was recorded on the Big Island in Hawaii.

Held by prestigious private institutions and public collections throughout the U.S. and Europe, Johnson's work has been exhibited and collected by the Museum of Modern Art, the Smithsonian Institution, Art Institute of Chicago, Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Langen Foundation and Zentrum für Kunst und Medientechnologie, Karlsruhe.

Johnson was born in 1955 in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA. Since 1996 Johnson has resided intermittently in Paris, Antwerp, Rome and rural Italy. He currently lives and works in the Arts District of downtown Los Angeles where he also writes and sculpts.

Opening reception: Saturday, April 8th, 5–8pm April 8, 2023 – May 27, 2023

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**RUSHING WATERS:** Jay Mark Johnson ÍSLENSKIR FOSSAR

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climate agreement, to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, may already be out of reach.

Featuring a height of 130 feet, or nine stories, and a view of the Pacific Ocean, the wheel is adorned with 174,000 LED lights on its circular structure, including its 40 spokes and two hubs. Furthermore, the instantly recognizable fairground ride boasts the world's only eco-friendly, enhanced LED lighting system, which is 81 percent more energy efficient than most conventional

incandescent bulbs. It was converted into the world's first solar-powered Ferris wheel in November 1998.

The Pier recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of being saved and it's synonymous with the City and is instantly recognizable whenever it's seen on television or in a movie, which is surprisingly often. The historic Route 66 ends at the pier with the big, rolling blues waves of the Pacific Ocean offering a welcome sight after traveling 2,448 miles.

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# Lindsay Lohan and other celebs settle over crypto case

Associated Press

Actress Lindsay Lohan, rapper Akon and several other celebrities have agreed to pay tens of thousands of dollars to settle claims they promoted crypto investments to their millions of social media followers without disclosing they were being paid to do so.

Lohan, Akon, recording artists Ne-Yo, and Lil Yachty, boxer and internet personality Jake Paul, and adult film performer Michele Mason all agreed to pay more than \$400,000 combined in disgorgement, interest and penalties to settle the claims, the Securities and Exchange Commission said Wednesday.

None admitted or denied the SEC's findings as part of the settlement. Two other celebrities named in the SEC's complaint, rapper Soulja Boy and pop singer Austin Mahone, did not reach a settlement with the SEC, the agency said.

In response to a request for comment, Lohan's publicist Leslie Sloane said the actress was contacted in March 2022, was unaware of the disclosure requirement, and agreed to pay a fine to resolve the matter. Lohan, who last week announced she is pregnant, was called to give up the \$10,000 she was paid, plus interest, and pay a \$30,000 fine, according an SEC complaint.

A spokeswoman for Paul declined to comment. Emails left with representatives for the other celebrities named in the SEC complaint weren't immediately returned Wednesday.

In the complaint filed by the SEC in federal court in New York, the agency claims the celebrities were paid to promote Tronix (TRX) and BitTorrent (BTT), both crypto asset

securities that were offered for sale by three companies owned by Justin Sun, a Chinese national. Sun is the permanent representative of Grenada to the World Trade Organization and may be living in Singapore or Hong Kong, according to the complaint.

Starting at around August 2017, Sun allegedly offered to sell billions in the unregistered securities and engaged in manipulative trading, while also creating secondary markets on which Tronix and BitTorrent could be traded, according to the complaint.

"Although the celebrities were paid to promote TRX and BTT, their touts on social media did not disclose that they had been paid or the amounts of their payments," according to the complaint. "Thus, the public was misled into believing that these celebrities had unbiased interest in TRX and BTT, and were not merely paid spokespersons."

Many celebrities and athletes have used their influence and massive social media followings to promote cryptocurrencies in recent years, including Matt Damon, Tom Brady and Reese Witherspoon. But doing so without disclosing when they're being paid to do so is illegal, and has landed some big names in hot water with securities regulators. Last fall, Kim Kardashian agreed to pay a \$1 million fine to settle federal charges that she recommended Ethereum Max tokens, a crypto security, to her millions Instagram followers without making clear that she was paid to do so.

In 2020, actor Steven Seagal agreed to pay more than \$300,000 as part of a similar settlement with the SEC, which also banned him from promoting investments for three

Andrew Dalton contributed to this report.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Crossroads School**

**New Head of School at Crossroads** 

After a thorough evaluation process and careful consideration, the Board of Trustees has offered the permanent head of school position to Mariama Richards, the School's current interim head, who has enthusiastically accepted. Mariama's tenure as the new head of school is effective immediately. "Mariama has the enthusiastic support of the Crossroads community across constituencies and the full confidence of the Board of Trustees," wrote Board Chair Juan Carrillo P'21, P'23 in a letter on behalf of the Board announcing the news to the School community. Mariama first joined Crossroads in July of 2020, when she was appointed associate head of school under then-Head of School Bob Riddle. During that time, she oversaw the School's COVID-19 response, helped develop the School's reentry plans after months of

distance-learning and greatly contributed to Crossroads' ongoing work to be a more inclusive and welcoming community. After Bob Riddle's retirement at the end of the 2021-22 school year, Mariama stepped in as interim head of school. Beginning in January, the Board of Trustees engaged in a rigorous process to make a final decision on the head of school role. It included individual discussions with all members of the school leadership team and focus groups with key stakeholders in our community to identify the key competencies required in the next head of Crossroads School. Mariama then met with small groups of trustees for six comprehensive conversations about these competencies and delivered a presentation on her emerging

vision for the School. Upon completing the evaluation process, the Board determined that Mariama was an exceptional choice to be the next head of school at Crossroads.

Mariama's expertise was honed over decades as a teacher and administrator at renowned independent schools including Georgetown Day School in her beloved hometown of Washington, D.C., Friends' Central School outside Philadelphia and Ethical Culture Fieldston School in New York City. At Crossroads, she has proven to be a strong, thoughtful and collaborative leader with a passion for progressive education and student well-being.

"I'm thrilled and honored to lead Crossroads in its next chapter, guided by our five founding

commitments," shares Mariama. "Crossroads has a long legacy of social justice action; of creating circles where we lean into difficult conversations; and of empowering students to connect with each other by sharing what they feel and who they are. Those are things that frankly don't happen at most other schools. Parents often say that there's a certain magic that happens at Crossroads, one that you need to be here to understand. There's truth to that, but I also look forward to finding new ways of sharing that magic more widely to have an even greater impact in our community and in our world."

#### WEATHER

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state and broke precipitation records along the way.

In San Diego — famed for its 72-and-sunny climate — this week's high temperatures hover around 60 F to 61 F (15.5 C to 16 C). The average high is 67 F (19 C), said National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Moede.

And San Diego has already recorded nearly 5 more inches (13 centimeters) of rain than normal since the water year began in October, Moede said.

All that rainfall has hurt San Diego's beachfront businesses: Surf schools are slowing down, boardwalk vendors are bored, the usual sun-worshiping locals are staying home.

"We depend on the sunshine," said Duncan Taylor, who works at a surf-inspired clothing store called Sun Diego Boardshop. "We depend on people coming out and having a good time at the beach."

Noe Reyes closed up his stand in Mission Beach early Tuesday after too much rain and too few customers. He needs tourists to buy hoodies, souvenirs and drinks, but an empty promenade doesn't make money.

"It's been rough," he said. "There's no one out here, not even locals."

Weather in typically temperate Los Angeles hasn't been much better. Angelenos experienced the wettest January and February since 2005, according to the National Weather Service. That put a damper on everything from youth baseball leagues that faced cancellation after cancellation to washed-out beach yoga classes overlooking the Santa Monica Pier.

Beach Yoga SoCal co-owner Eric Gomez said he and his wife, who are from less-sunny New Jersey, took over the business in 2018 to experience yoga in "quintessential LA."

"We never imagined it to be this rainy," Gomez said Wednesday after canceling another class. "It definitely feels like a different climate of sorts these past few months."

Even Californians eager for winter weather found themselves exhausted by the season.

"I am so tired of this rain," said Nicolas Gonzalez, a National Audubon Society spokesperson. "I am just ready to be outside again"

Gonzalez and a friend had planned a cabin weekend last month in the city of Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains with the goal of spotting the Southern California valley's bald eagle pair between snowy hikes and trips to the hot tub. They postponed their trip when major snowfall forced road closures that blocked most routes to the cabin.

"I'm hoping that next month, it'll be just as snowy and wintry with less of a life-endangering risk to get there," he said in February.

No such luck. The pair had to scrap the trip entirely as more snow fell and roads remained treacherous for weeks.

Along the central coast — where storm surges and pounding rain have destroyed picturesque seaside towns and inland farming communities alike — TV forecasters are exhausted.

"I don't want to come into work," said Lee Solomon, KSBW's chief meteorologist. "To have to focus your brain on three storms all at once, in a seven-day period — it's hard."

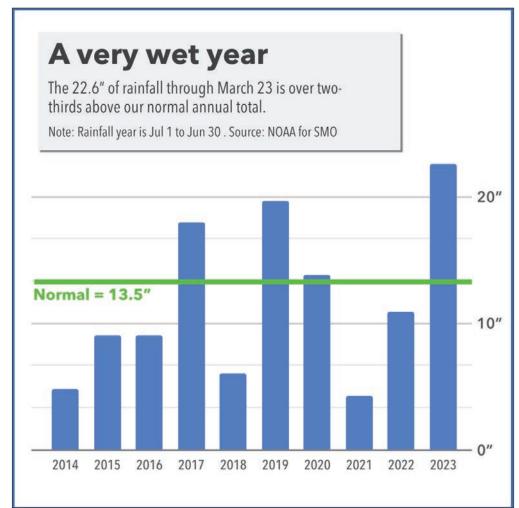
The stress is compounded by the complexity of knowing when to tell people to flee in a state with microclimates encompassing the coast, high mountains and valley farmlands. The evacuation orders are piling up with the atmospheric rivers, Solomon said, but you don't want to "overwarn people" and risk complacency.

In coastal Carmel, Jaime Schrabeck's nail salon was under evacuation orders for days in mid-January. Now she's contending with power outages — the result of the 11th atmospheric river — that could cost her up to \$1,000 a day. Her clients prefer gel enhancements, which need electricity to power a special light.

"We can't take it outdoors and use the sun's rays to cure it properly," she said.

At Schrabeck's utility provider, Pacific Gas and Electric, crews work 12- to 14-hour days, hanging from poles trying to keep the lights on. They've been at it for months, but outages still topped 500,000 statewide during one storm.

"When everybody else has battened down



Todd James

WEATHER: This year's rainfall in Santa Monica in 2023 is far above average.

the hatches, they're out there working," said Bob Dean, business manager for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 1245, the union that represents thousands of line workers in Northern California and Nevada. "It's like, 'My God, we need a break here."

Further south at Bart's Books, the partially outdoor bookseller has seen business slow with the rain. The Ojai store lost a shelf of 150 Russian history books to a leak two months back, but manager Matt Henriksen is looking on the bright side.

"We lose more books to damage from the sun than water," Henriksen said. "This is a Southern California problem." As is the current surfing outlook. Even after the rains let up, experts tell swimmers to stay out of the water for three days. Contaminated runoff increases bacteria, introducing a risk of serious illness.

For Eric "Bird" Huffman, owner of Bird's Surf Shed in San Diego, the swell has remained stubbornly small, and the 12th atmospheric river's forecast is much the same.

Too many rainy days, too little sunshine. And way too much winter.

Dazio reported from Los Angeles.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Education Leadership**

#### Warm Enough to Swim Yet?

On Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10:00AM participants of all ages, rain or shine, hot or cold, windy or calm, will be in the pool anxiously waiting for the music to start and their dedicated instructor, Cynthia Mandel. Mandel, the inspiring instructor, makes the trek from the San Fernando Valley to Santa Monica to guarantee that her classes are well planned, fun, exciting, and provide a great aerobic workout all in deep water. As an employee of the city of Santa Monica, Mandel has worked many years developing the program that has come to be a part of life for the dedicated following on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Every class is designed to give members a full body and aerobic workout in 50 minutes. Mandel calls out and demonstrates the exercises from the deck against a background of carefully selected music all designed to help motivate and inspire all the participants. As the time flies by participants show their appreciation with a huge round of applause at the end of each class.

Aerobic classes are open to all members of the community. Deep water aerobic exercises are unique in that they can be performed as on dry land with the exception of the brutal impact that is associated with many dry land workouts. For those with specific injuries this is an ideal way to stay in shape in spite of any physical limitations. Elaine, a long time participant reflects, "I'm so grateful the city provides us, many of who are seniors, with such a great way to stay fit." "Deep water aerobics with Cynthia have enabled me to avoid hip surgery because she provides a complete body workout without impact. Thank you Cynthia!" The classes are coed. Mario, a regular shares, "Cynthia's classes have helped me increase my flexibility." All and all, this is a wonderful program! Working out has never been so much fun.

The Santa Monica Swim Center is a community-serving facility located at 16th and Pico (2225 16th St, Santa Monica, CA 90405). Throughout the year, the Swim Center offers a full range of programs including swim lessons, fitness classes, lifeguard training, and special community events. It also hosts several team user groups. The Swim Center is owned and operated by the City of Santa Monica.

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Transportation in Santa Monica**

#### What Do You Think About Metro

Metro Invites Public to Participate in The Telephone Town Hall on March 28

Metro invites the public to provide feedback about the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget process during a live, interactive Telephone Town Hall on Tuesday, March 28, from 6PM to 7PM.

Metro encourages all Angelenos to provide input on funding for Metro projects and programs including Metro's reimagined public safety, cleaning efforts, and service enhancements. Staff will be on hand to provide information about these and ongoing projects such as the Purple Line Extension and East San Fernando Valley Lines. Public participation is important to ensure that the needs and priorities of the public are reflected in the FY24 budget.

Participants can register in advance for Metro's Telephone Town Hall meeting at https://tthm.wufoo.com/forms/metro-telephone-town-hall-signup/

Alternately, the public may also join the meeting using the following phone numbers (please only call on the specific date and time of the meeting)

English: On the day and time of the meeting, the toll-free call-in number is 888-400-1932

Spanish: On the day and time of the meeting, the toll-free call-in number is 888-400-9342

Those who want to participate via webcast through their computers can do so through one of the following links:

English Webcast Link for 3/28/2023: https://janus.teletownhall.us/?id=Metro&eid=92206 Spanish Webcast Link for 3/28/2023: https://janus.teletownhall.us/?id=Metro-sp&eid=92207

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#### **GAS PRICES**

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said. "They don't address the problem, but it provides him a political win."

Dana Williamson, Newsom's chief of staff, said she has repeatedly had meetings with representatives from the oil industry to discuss the bill, including meetings with specific

companies and two meetings with the Western States Petroleum Association.

Newsom said the bill would end "the era of oil's outsized influence and holding them accountable."

This story has been updated to correct the record-high average price for a gallon of gasoline in California. It is \$6.44 per gallon, not \$6.48 per gallon.

#### **LOEWS**

FROM PAGE 1

agreement reached this week between the companies and UNITE HERE Local 11, the union that represents the hotel's workers. The agreement also includes fully paid family health insurance, a \$3.00 an hour pension contribution and two weeks of penalty pay if the renovations are not completed on schedule.

"We fought hard for this extraordinary agreement," said Ligia Rivas, who worked at Loews as a room attendant for 11 years. "While we are nervous about how we will survive during this layoff, knowing that our families will have health insurance and we will continue to build our pension is an enormous relief."

UNITE HERE Local 11 Co-President Kurt Peterson said nearly 200 workers attended bargaining sessions on the matter.

"I think that sent the message to the company that this is a very important negotiation, so I feel like the workers delivered the message that they wanted a very fair settlement," he said.

While Peterson said he expects the vast majority of the former Loews employees to return to staff the Regent, those who don't want to or who are nearing retirement will be offered a severance package of up to \$150,000 as part of the agreement.

"We're proud of that too, that if they choose to, if they're near retirement, they will be able to have money to help them begin their new chapter in their lives."

When the Regent opens, the workers will continue to be represented by UNITE HERE

"They know that they will be able to come



# We fought hard for this extraordinary agreement

- Ligia Rivas

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back to work when the hotel reopens under a union contract," he said. "We believe that all workers, whether they're hotel workers or executives, deserve that kind of respect and that's what this agreement is, respecting the job they've done and welcoming them back to continue to do their wonderful job of treating guests as if they were family."

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#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 24)

Welcome to your cinematic year in which you sometimes feel you're in a movie. You'll be inspired to record your life — a treat for future you! You'll sign on for a challenge because you sense it will bring you deeper, more meaningful rewards than the easy route. Correct! More highlights: You'll be called to an unusual path. You'll give without remembering and take without forgetting. You'll be celebrated in song and dance. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 3, 20, 15 and 28.



#### **HOROSCOPES**

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll make an impression on someone without trying to. In fact, not trying is the secret to your charm. You've thought about the image you wanted to portray, but it turns out that you are at your magnetic best when you're just being yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Keeping up with the world can have you feeling simultaneously connected and sad. Choose your input carefully. This is an excellent day to clean up your social media feeds and find sources of news and entertainment that are likely to bring uplift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Delineations of right and wrong do not seem as clear-cut to you as they once did. To think of morality in terms of helping and harming could make this easier. Who or what will be helped or harmed? Know this before you make your move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Expecting to get it right on the first try — or the first 10 tries for that matter — is silly, and possibly unkind. Be nice to yourself instead. Give yourself plenty of leeway to try what interests you whether or not you're any good at it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Step back and let your loved ones learn and do on their own. You have better things to do than get involved in situations that don't require your input. If you can get it, sunshine and exercise will be the self-care of happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just when things were in danger of growing monotonous, as if on cue the tedium is broken by a new challenge. You respond with swift action and a willingness to take risks. You have a way of minimizing the risk in your mind though, so it hardly feels like the courageous act that it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you care about someone, their lives and actions have impact on you. You ride along through the range of emotions that they are experiencing. This isn't necessarily unhealthy codependency; rather, it's part of the human social bond.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll make superb decisions today, the sort that would not be possible had you not learned from past experience, most notably the mistakes. As you continue to build on your yesterdays, you'll have an advantage in the game of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't see the fascinating aspects of yourself because they all seem so normal to you. However, your lovable quirks, talents and natural gifts will be seen and appreciated by others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When others around you feel comfortable, so do you. You'll provide a safe space with encouraging words, an affirming smile, a healing touch. This, teamed with a great sense of timing, will make a difference in the lives of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone has to lead The one in charge isn't necessarily any more talented than the others on the team, but they have the role. Respect and defer to authority today because it makes everything run better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Memories are malleable. The way you frame the past can change. It's best to think of the past in a way that makes moving forward easy. Some of your old stories have become cumbersome and you'll either lose them or rewrite them.

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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## **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- **1** Shout of support
- **5** Spot on
- 8 Doesn't tread lightly
- 14 Part of some dressing recipes
- **15** Sign of a smash
- 16 Polar phenomenon
- 17 Messy teardrop
- 19 Nonsense
- 20 Three times three
- 22 Distracting factor
- 23 Used to be cool
- 27 Messy
  - sergeants
- 29 Pub menu section
- 30 Somewhat
- 31 Got up in a hurry
- 34 Knock over
- 35 Joyful noise
- 38 Messy parsley
- **40** Messy gallery
- 42 What many get for their sushi
- **43** Barely noticeable
- 44 Pull out all the stops
- 45 Confirm a check
- 48 Something for a floor or roof
- 49 Messy residents
- 53 Signed over
- 54 Pet accessory
- **55** Petitions for
- **57** Magic potion
- **59** Messy painters
- 64 Modern map 65 Long lead-in
- 66 \_\_ mater
- 67 Scotland's \_ Islands

#### 68 Big Blast Of Science author

69 Speak up for

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Deejay gear
- 2 Detract from
- 3 Look over
- 4 Nomination, in headlines
- 5 About
- 6 Sharp projections
- 7 Performer in a ring
- 8 Woebegone
- 9 Deejay gear
- 10 Mythical huntsman
- 11 It might be a

#### 12 Be persistent

- 13 Marketing data
- 18 Mary \_\_ Evans (George Eliot)
- 21 Earth, in some sci-fi
- 23 Barely noticeable
- 24 Crunchy snack
- 25 Wrapping material
- 26 "In my opinion . . ."
- 28 Lagoon locale
- **32** Group following a coup
- **33** Ecological
- 35 Extra Extra Dry brand
- 36 Quick-thinking
- 37

#### www.stanxwords.com 39 Holds for a show

- **41** Miniaturizing ending

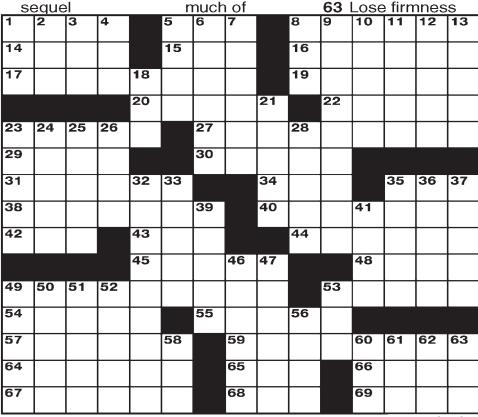
**MESSY** by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman

- 46 Intensify
- 47 First adjective in "The Raven"
- 49 Dora the Explorer's

cousin

- 50 Goof-off
- 51 Public outcry
- 52 Anglo-\_
- 53 OKC winter settina
- 56 Where a patch may be placed
- 58 Princesa's pop
- 60 Criticize
- 61 Not up to par
- 62 Feathered

Made too six-footer much of 63 Lose firmness



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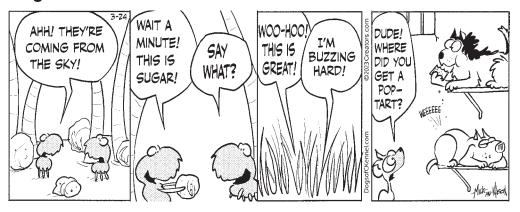
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By TONY COCHRAN



### **Dogs of C-Kennel**

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



#### **Zack Hill**

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



#### Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

# **Strange Brew**

By JOHN DEERING



"I WIGH THERE WERE A HUNDRED OF HIM."



# 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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5793

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Barn	Compaction	Foals	Pens	Teams
Bins	Cook	Fodder	Plant	Thrive
Birth	Cows	Gate	Pump	Toil
Bloat	Crops	Germ	Rewards	Tough
Bran	Cups	Hand	Rich	Tube
Break	Dairy	Herd	Role	Wool
Bull	Dogs	Lambs	Shed	
Calf	Eggs	Locusts	Shoot	

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#### FRIDAY | MARCH 24

#### **BEYONCE NIGHT: A NIGHT OF RENAISSANCE**

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#### SATURDAY | MARCH 25

# BHAKTI NIGHT WITH GRAMMY AWARD ARTIST MICHAEL GUNGOR

Bhakti Night with Grammy award artist Michael Gungor. 7:30pm-9:00pm. 1235 4th St. Santa Monica, CA

#### **RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

Local boys soccer team FC England Boys 2008 are fundraising for their sweden tournament in july. Please come support by finding some gems. Bagels & cream cheese along with coffee for sale in the morning then baked goods & lemonade in the afternoon. 7am – 3pm, Seashore Motel 2637 Main Street, Santa Monica.

#### SUNDAY | MARCH 26

# LOS ANGELES YOUTH ORCHESTRA SPRING 2023 CONCERT AT BARNUM HALL

The Los Angeles Youth Orchestra presents the Spring 2023 Concerts, 'To Stir the World', on Sunday, March 26 at 7:30pm at Barnum Hall in Santa Monica and Monday, March 27 at 7:30pm at Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. The Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Steinberg, will perform Dvorak's Symphony No. 7. The Ruth Borun Concert Orchestra, conducted by Jorge Padron, will perform Saint-Saens' Intro and Royal March of the Lions; Rachmaninoff's Vocalise; Grieg's Holberg Suite; and De Falla's Ritual Fire Dance. www.eventbrite.com/o/losangeles-youth-orchestra-19228767714

#### MONDAY | MARCH 27

#### PARENT & ME UKULELE

The Enrichment Program at Virginia Avenue Park is a component of the Virginia Avenue Park After School program. The Enrichment program is comprised of Artists in Residence who are hired to teach enrichment classes to the youth in our program. These programs are high quality and teach the youth with a hands-on approach. This class is taught by Santa Monica Youth Orchestra (SMYO) and requires registration with SMYO and Virginia Ave. Park. This class is every Monday from 5:30PM-6:30PM Registration in-person only, begins on Monday March 6, 2023. For more information, call our office at (310) 458-8688

#### **TUESDAY | MARCH 28**

#### **GUNNAR**

Produced by OBrien at the legendary Henson Recording Studios, Best Mistake encompasses a guitar-heavy sound echoing the eclectic mix of influences that form GUNNARs musical DNA (90s alt-rock, mid-aughts garage rock, singersongwriters and classic country). Already well on his way to rock stardom GUNNAR has amassed 22M global streams of his music to date, 5.7M Youtube plays and 48M TikTok plays with a following of over 250,000 fans on the platform. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA https://www.ticketweb.com/event/gunnarbest-mistake-album-the-venice-west-tickets/12936285

#### **WEDNESDAY | MARCH 29**

#### KIDS OCEAN DAY FUNDRAISER

Join us for a beach party fundraiser at the beautiful Annenberg Community Beach House catered by Back on the Beach Cafe. Kids Ocean Day empowers kids to save the Earth by connecting them to the beaches and ocean. Your support provides kids with a hands-on opportunity to make a difference and to fall in love with the beaches and ocean. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica, CA

#### **TUESDAY | MARCH 30**

#### THE OTHER ART FAIR

Presented by Saatchi Art, The Other Art Fair is an art fair unlike any other. Where elitism is the norm, The Other Art Fair dares to deviate by creating a space where art is for everyone. The fair continues its mission to reframe art, and how it is enjoyed; offering a fair that is inclusive, evocative, and inspiring, with a vibrant program of exciting features, guest exhibitions, immersive installations, live poetry readings and DJs.

#### PIANO DUET CONCERT: 4HANDSLA

11:15am-12:15pm, Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA https://www.smc. edu/calendar/index.php

#### FRIDAY | MARCH 31

#### **LOBSTER & TRUFFLE FOR 2**

Planning a cozy dinner night in? Pick up an indulgent 5 course lobster and truffle take-home dinner for 2 from Bazille (can also be enjoyed for dine in). Here's what you get: Lobster Bisque or Roma Tomato Basil Lobster Deviled Eggs Little Gem Caesar or Simple Salad Lobster & Truffle Gnocchi or Asparagus Gnocchi Flourless Chocolate Cake Santa Monica Place 395 Santa Monica Pl, Santa Monica, CA

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#### **SURF REPORT**

FRIDAY

SURF: 2-3ft Thigh

: 2-3ft Thigh to waist Conditions likely to improve for the morning. WNW swell leftovers dropping off through the day.

WATER TEMP: **57.2** 

SATURDAY POOR

SURF: 2-3ft

Thigh to waist

Potential for fresh NW swell mix and elevated

onshore NW winds.



#### **WEATHER** -

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 62. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north 10 to 15 mph. **Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 47. Breezy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph. **Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 63. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Breezy.

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2023/03/26	Sun	12:27 AM	5.08	Н
2023/03/26	Sun	07:51 AM	0.24	L
2023/03/26	Sun	2:33 PM	2.71	Н
2023/03/26	Sun	6:14 PM	2.28	L
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2023/03/27	Mon	09:17 AM	0.50	L
2023/03/28	Tue	02:06 AM	4.26	Н
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Mega#: 11 Jackpot: 302 M Draw Date: 3/22

Draw Date: 3/21

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Draw Date: 3/22 15 20 27 37 41 Mega#: 16 Jackpot: 44 M



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