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City evolves Pier enforcement with new task force



Clara Harter

VENDING: Individuals from several departments are working together on a newly coordinated effort.

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

A new multi-department task force to patrol unlicensed vending on the Pier has already shown results with a pair of arrests targeting public safety but officials hope that escalating their existing enforcement efforts will make a long-term dent in the Pier's unlicensed vending problems.

The City of Santa Monica has launched a new interdepartmental task force focused on criminal activity associated with unlicensed vending at the Santa Monica Pier. The group includes representatives from SMPD, SMFD, Public Works, Code Enforcement and the City Attorney's Office. While the task force is composed of Santa Monica employees it works in partnership with county offices including the County Department of Public Health.

Deputy City Manager Anuj Gupta said the team hit the Pier for the first time this week.

"So, this past weekend was the beginning of the city's further enhanced efforts with regards to public health, public safety, and the environment at the Pier as it relates to the impacts of unpermitted venting, and it really builds on the work we've been doing over the last several months," he said. "It's a collaboration with the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Fire Department, as well as Public Works and the City Attorney's Office. So it's a very interdepartmental effort focused on protecting public safety and public health and the environment."

Lt. Rudy Flores said the task force model differs from recent efforts by establishing a cohort of individuals who will consistently enforce rules on the Pier.

Many of the individuals working on the task force have worked on Pier enforcement over the past few months however under the new system participants, including police officers, are being reassigned to work Pier task force shifts on peak days each week for the duration of the task force.

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New Roads student wins prestigious full ride QuestBridge Scholarship

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Liam Waldman is dedicated to his education — so much so that he chose to endure a 2.5 hour round trip from his home in Glendale to New Roads in Santa Monica every school day for seven years.

Now that commitment to attending the best school for his interdisciplinary interests has paid off with Waldman winning a full ride four-year scholarship to Wesleyan University through QuestBridge's Match Scholarship.

Waldman's parents are both Israeli immigrants who work in the fashion and garment industry and passed on to him a love for the visual arts that he found difficult to pursue in his public elementary and middle schools. He chose to apply to New Roads because of its excellent art resources. While attending New Roads, he developed and was able to simultaneously pursue interests in debate, journalism and public policy.

"There were moments when I definitely considered just going to my local public high school, but in the end I think I realized that New Roads gave me all these opportunities and different ways to pursue my passions that I really would not have been able to do at any other school," said Waldman.

Although the commute was draining, Waldman chose to view it as an opportunity and applied his in-car observations to a two-year research project that combined several of his interests.

"When you're driving through a city as diverse and constantly evolving as Los Angeles, you start to notice a lot of things and one of the things that I noticed was there was this patchwork of architecture...

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SMMUSD leadership to discuss going green

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

A brief discussion item on the Thursday, Jan. 13, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education meeting will address a new policy focused on making the district more sustainable.

"The policy addresses ways in which the District can minimize the environmental impacts of its facilities and operations, and maximize positive, tangible environmental change while preparing students to be stewards of their communities, the earth and its resources," according to the agenda item for the discussion.

Aspects of the proposed new policy, BP 3510, include a recycling program, energy and water conservation, and sustainable transportation.

According to the meeting's staff report, it will be up to Superintendent Ben Drati or his

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 32 CALLS ON JANUARY 10

EMS 1600Blk 5th St 12:12 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:15 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 4th St / Broadway 12:28 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400Blk 4th St 12:46 a.m.
EMS 100Blk Broadway 1:08 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Arizona Ave 2:10 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1500Blk 9th St 3:03 a.m.
EMS 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:18 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 17th St 7:04 a.m.
EMS 2300Blk Pico Blvd 7:40 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 8:11 a.m.
Wires Down 3200Blk Colorado Ave 9:23 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 6th St 9:23 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 10th St 9:31 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk Pico Blvd 10:02 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk Centinela Ave 11:03 a.m.
EMS 2300Blk 30th St 11:03 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk 17th St 11:41 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 12:44 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2300Blk Main St 12:52 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 2:00 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Highland Ave 2:17 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 2:41 p.m.
EMS 300Blk San Vicente Blvd 4:08 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 16th St 5:15 p.m.
Wires Down 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:04 p.m.
Public Assist 400Blk Montana Ave 6:30 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Yale St 6:44 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 9:15 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 5th St 10:33 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:39 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:56 p.m.

Omicron may be headed for a rapid drop in US and Britain

MARIA CHENG AND CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

Scientists are seeing signals that COVID-19's alarming omicron wave may have peaked in Britain and is about to do the same in the U.S., at which point cases may start dropping off dramatically.

The reason: The variant has proved so wildly contagious that it may already be running out of people to infect, just a month and a half after it was first detected in South Africa.

"It's going to come down as fast as it went up," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle.

At the same time, experts warn that much is still uncertain about how the next phase of the pandemic might unfold. The plateauing or ebbing in the two countries is not happening everywhere at the same time or at the same pace. And weeks or months of misery still lie ahead for patients and overwhelmed hospitals even if the drop-off comes to pass.

"There are still a lot of people who will get infected as we descend the slope on the backside," said Lauren Ancel Meyers, director of the University of Texas COVID-19 Modeling Consortium, which predicts that reported cases will peak within the week.

The University of Washington's own highly influential model projects that the number of daily reported cases in the U.S. will crest at 1.2 million by Jan. 19 and will then fall sharply "simply because everybody who could be infected will be infected," according to Mokdad.

In fact, he said, by the university's complex calculations, the true number of new daily infections in the U.S. — an estimate that includes people who were never tested — has already peaked, hitting 6 million on Jan. 6.

In Britain, meanwhile, new COVID-19 cases dropped to about 140,000 a day in the last week, after skyrocketing to more than 200,000 a day earlier this month, according to government data.

Kevin McConway, a retired professor of applied statistics at Britain's Open University, said that while cases are still rising in places such as southwest England and the West Midlands, the outbreak may have peaked in London.

The figures have raised hopes that the two countries are about to undergo something similar to what happened in South Africa, where in the span of about a month the wave crested at record highs and then fell significantly.

"We are seeing a definite falling-off of cases in the U.K., but I'd like to see them fall much further before we know if what happened in South Africa will happen here," said Dr. Paul Hunter, a professor of medicine at Britain's University of East Anglia.

Differences between Britain and South Africa, including Britain's older population and the tendency of its people to spend more time indoors in the winter, could mean a bumpier outbreak for the country and other nations like it.

On the other hand, British authorities' decision to adopt minimal restrictions against omicron could enable the virus to rip through the population and run its course much faster than it might in Western European countries that have imposed tougher COVID-19 controls, such as France, Spain and Italy.

Shabir Mahdi, dean of health sciences at South Africa's University of Witwatersrand, said European countries that impose lockdowns won't necessarily come through the omicron wave with fewer infections; the cases may just be spread out over a longer period of time.

On Tuesday, the World Health Organization said there have been 7 million new COVID-19 cases across Europe in the past week, calling it a "tidal wave sweeping across the region." WHO cited modeling from Mokdad's group that predicts half of Europe's population will be infected with omicron within about eight weeks.

By that time, however, Hunter and others

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 275 CALLS ON JANUARY 10

Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Main St 12:09 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2300Blk La Mesa Dr 12:33 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 100Blk Broadway 1:08 a.m.
Arson 1500Blk 9th St 3:03 a.m.
Battery 1600Blk Franklin St 3:56 a.m.
Burglary 3300Blk Pico Blvd 4:18 a.m.
Battery 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:40 a.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk 17th St 5:10 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Ocean Ave 5:37 a.m.
Found Senile Person 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:05 a.m.
Death Investigation 1100Blk 17th St 7:12 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 200Blk Ocean Ave 7:23 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:26 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300Blk Pico Blvd 7:49 a.m.
Kidnap In Progress 18th St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:11 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2600Blk 6th St 8:20 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2400Blk Kansas Ave 8:20 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 8:37 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 6th St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:37 a.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 8:38 a.m.
Burglary Report 300Blk California Ave 9:10 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 3200Blk Colorado Ave 9:23 a.m.
Battery Report 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:24 a.m.
Found Senile Person 1300Blk Pearl St 9:47 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:07 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2200Blk Georgina Ave 10:08 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900Blk Ocean Ave 10:10 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 10:11 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900Blk Ocean Ave 10:35 a.m.
Arson 2900Blk Pico Blvd 10:36 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:47 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 16th St 10:51 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400Blk 20th St 10:57 a.m.
Sexual Assault 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:05 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 2400Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:17 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Report 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:33 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 100Blk Hill St 11:34 a.m.
Burglary Report 1100Blk 4th St 11:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 5th St 12:02 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 5th St 12:09 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400Blk Chelsea Pl 12:18 p.m.
Lost Property 2300Blk Pearl St 12:21 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 2nd St 12:26 p.m.
Grand Theft 700Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:39 p.m.
Encampment 1000Blk Bay St 12:41 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 5th St 12:42 p.m.
Arson 2300Blk Main St 12:51 p.m.
Expired Registration 1900Blk 14th St 12:59 p.m.
Fraud Report 2900Blk Exposition Blvd 1:10 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2300Blk Oak St 1:11 p.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 1:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 23rd St / Ocean Park Blvd 1:23 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2000Blk Main St 1:41 p.m.
Burglary Report 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:51 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 12th St 2:07 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2100Blk Delaware Ave 2:16 p.m.
Burglary Report 2300Blk La Mesa Dr 2:18 p.m.
Battery 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 2:23 p.m.
Fight 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 2:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500Blk Yale St 2:33 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:39 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 400Blk San Vicente Blvd 2:51 p.m.
Fight 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 2:57 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 200Blk Broadway 3:03 p.m.
Panic Alarm 3400Blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:06 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:13 p.m.
Found Property 1600Blk Main St 3:13 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1500Blk 14th St 3:14 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk 18th St 3:22 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800Blk 6th St 3:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Pico Blvd 3:44 p.m.
Assault 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:56 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 900Blk 9th St 4:30 p.m.
Encampment 1100Blk 14th St 4:41 p.m.
Loud Music 700Blk Ozone St 4:42 p.m.
Fraud Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:25 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 3200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:29 p.m.
Expired Registration 1000Blk Ozone Ave 5:41 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900Blk Ocean Ave 6:02 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk Marguerita Ave 6:14 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000Blk 3rd St 6:15 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2000Blk 21st St 6:28 p.m.
Death Investigation 1100Blk Yale St 6:46 p.m.
Identity Theft 1000Blk Pearl St 6:53 p.m.
Loud Music 700Blk Ozone St 7:01 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 700Blk Broadway 7:14 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1700Blk Appian Way 7:30 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Palisades Beach rd 7:58 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 8:12 p.m.
Battery 1500Blk 2nd St 8:42 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2700Blk Main St 9:08 p.m.
Battery 1400Blk Ocean Ave 9:14 p.m.
Prowler There Now 900Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:34 p.m.

US shoppers find some groceries scarce due to virus, weather

DEE-ANN DURBIN AND PARKER PURIFOY
AP Business Writer

Benjamin Whitely headed to a Safeway supermarket in Washington D.C. on Tuesday to grab some items for dinner. But he was disappointed to find the vegetable bins barren and a sparse selection of turkey, chicken and milk.

"Seems like I missed out on everything," Whitely, 67, said. "I'm going to have to hunt around for stuff now."

Shortages at U.S. grocery stores have grown more acute in recent weeks as new problems — like the fast-spreading omicron variant and severe weather — have piled on to the supply chain struggles and labor shortages that have plagued retailers since the coronavirus pandemic began.

The shortages are widespread, impacting produce and meat as well as packaged goods such as cereal. And they're being reported nationwide. U.S. groceries typically have 5% to 10% of their items out of stock at any given time; right now, that unavailability rate is hovering around 15%, according to Consumer Brands Association President and CEO Geoff Freeman.

Part of the scarcity consumers are seeing on store shelves is due to pandemic trends that never abated - and are exacerbated by omicron. Americans are eating at home more than they used to, especially since offices and some schools remain closed.

The average U.S. household spent $144 per week at the grocery last year, according to FMI, a trade organization for groceries and food producers. That was down from the peak of $161 in 2020, but still far above the $113.50 that households spent in 2019.

A deficit of truck drivers that started building before the pandemic also remains a problem. The American Trucking Associations said in October that the U.S. was short an estimated 80,000 drivers, a historic high.

And shipping remains delayed, impacting everything from imported foods to packaging that is printed overseas.

Retailers and food producers have been adjusting to those realities since early 2020, when panic buying at the start of the pandemic sent the industry into a tailspin. Many retailers are keeping more supplies of things like toilet paper on hand, for example, to avoid acute shortages.

"All of the players in the supply chain ecosystem have gotten to a point where they have that playbook and they're able to navigate that baseline level of challenges," said Jessica Dankert, vice president of supply chain at the Retail Industry Leaders Association, a trade group.

Generally, the system works; Dankert notes that bare shelves have been a rare phenomenon over the last 20 months. It's just that additional complications have stacked up on that baseline at the moment, she said.

As it has with staffing at hospitals, schools and offices, the omicron variant has taken a toll on food production lines. Sean Connolly, the president and CEO of Conagra Brands, which makes Birds Eye frozen vegetables, Slim Jim meat snacks and other products, told investors last week that supplies from the company's U.S. plants will be constrained for at least the next month due to omicron-related absences.

Worker illness is also impacting grocery stores. Stew Leonard Jr. is president and CEO of Stew Leonard's, a supermarket chain that operates stores in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Last week, 8% of his workers - around 200 people - were either out sick or in quarantine. Usually, the level of absenteeism is more like 2%.

One store bakery had so many people out sick that it dropped some of its usual items, like apple crumb cake. Leonard says meat and produce suppliers have told him they are also dealing with omicron-related worker shortages.

Still, Leonard says he is generally getting shipments on time, and thinks the worst of the pandemic may already be over.

Weather-related events, from snowstorms in the Northeast to wildfires in Colorado, also have impacted product availability and caused some shoppers to stock up more than usual, exacerbating supply problems caused by the pandemic.

Lisa DeLima, a spokesperson for Mom's Organic Market, an independent grocer with locations in the mid-Atlantic region, said the company's stores did not have produce to stock last weekend because winter weather halted trucks trying to get from Pennsylvania to Washington.

That bottleneck has since been resolved, DeLima said. In her view, the intermittent dearth of certain items shoppers see now are nothing compared to the more chronic shortages at the beginning of the pandemic.

"People don't need to panic buy," she said. "There's plenty of product to be had. It's just taking a little longer to get from point A to point B."

Experts are divided on how long grocery shopping will sometimes feel like a scavenger hunt.

Dankert thinks this is a hiccup, and the country will soon settle back to more normal patterns, albeit with continuing supply chain headaches and labor shortages.

"You're not going to see long-term outages of products, just sporadic, isolated incidents __ that window where it takes a minute for the supply chain to catch up," she said.

But others aren't so optimistic.

Freeman, of the Consumer Brands Association, says omicron-related disruptions could expand as the variant grips the Midwest, where many big packaged food companies like Kellogg Co. and General Mills Inc. have operations.

Freeman thinks the federal government should do a better job of ensuring that essential food workers get access to tests. He also wishes there were uniform rules for things like quarantining procedures for vaccinated workers; right now, he said, companies are dealing with a patchwork of local regulations.

"I think, as we've seen before, this eases as each wave eases. But the question is, do we have to be at the whims of the virus, or can we produce the amount of tests we need?" Freeman said.

In the longer term, it could take groceries and food companies a while to figure out the customer buying patterns that emerge

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361**

SUBJECT: **Providence Saint John's Health Center Phase Two Master Plan, Development Agreement Amendment, and related entitlements** (15ENT-0068; 15ENT-0212; 18ENT-0307; 19ENT-0206; 19PWMISC-0080)

ADDRESS: **2121 Santa Monica Boulevard and associated addresses:** 2001, 2021, 2032, 2042, 2121, 2200, 2209, 2211 and 2221 Santa Monica Boulevard; 2201, 2207 and 2213 Broadway; 1301 and 1339 20th Street; 1414, 1417, 1440 and 1453 21st Street; and 1300 and 1347 22nd Street

APPLICANT: Providence Saint John's Health Center
PROPERTY OWNER: Providence Health Systems Southern California

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider recommendations to the City Council for the following: The Applicant, Providence Saint John's Health Center (PSJ), has submitted applications for approval of a Phase Two Master Plan, Third Amendment to the Development Agreement between City and PSJ, repeal of the outdated Hospital Area Specific Plan (HASP), amendment to the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan to reflect the repeal of the outdated HASP, Tentative Tract Map to align existing parcel lines within the Phase Two Master Plan area that is bounded by Santa Monica Blvd, 20th Street, Arizona Avenue and 23rd Street, and conditional (i.e., future) vacation of a portion of 21st Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard upon dedication of new public streets to be located on Saint John's South Campus. The Phase Two Master Plan and Third Amendment to the Development Agreement provide certain vested rights, development standards, infrastructure requirements, and community benefits for future buildings/improvements on portions of the Saint John's Health Center Campus. The existing hospital rebuilt during the first phase of development will remain.

PSJ's Phase Two Master Plan proposes a long-range plan for phased design, approval, and development of wellness/healthcare/research facilities, subterranean parking, open space areas, visitor housing, a minimum of 10 units of replacement multi-family housing, and new facilities for Providence's existing Santa Monica Cancer Institute and Child and Family Development Center, all located on PSJ-owned parcels. The Master Plan's phased development proposes up to 660,150 SF of above-grade floor area (approximately 563,625 SF of net-new above-grade floor area) that may be built over a period of 17 years.

The proposed project was analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and this analysis is contained in the project's Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2017041030) (FEIR). The Planning Commission will consider the analysis and provide comments on the FEIR. The Planning Commission will also consider resolutions of recommendation to the City Council to do the following: 1) repeal the outdated HASP; 2) amend the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan to modify references to the HASP; and 3) adopt the Phase Two Master Plan

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/pxsduhkz or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 1226847 #)

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made on the night of the hearing by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 582696764 and Passcode: 4756 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per agenda item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Roxanne Tanemori, Principal Planner, Re: Providence Saint John's Health Center Master Plan

MORE INFORMATION:
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FRIDAY, DEC. 31 AT 12:42 P.M.

Downtown Services Unit (DSU) Officers responded to McDonald's on the 100 block of Colorado Ave. for a fight in progress. Upon arrival, the victim relayed that he was sitting in front of the location when the subject began to harass him and his family. When the victim asked the subject to back off, the subject hit him with a nearby object and then tried to take the victim's property. The victim confronted the subject and a fight ensued. The victim was able to hold down the subject until police arrived. Daniel Ortiz, a 39-year-old male from Norwalk, was arrested for assault and a stay-away order from McDonald's was requested.

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expect the world to be past the omicron surge.

"There will probably be some ups and downs along the way, but I would hope that by Easter, we will be out of this," Hunter said.

Still, the sheer numbers of people infected could prove overwhelming to fragile health systems, said Dr. Prabhat Jha of the Centre for Global Health Research at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

"The next few weeks are going to be brutal because in absolute numbers, there are so many people being infected that it will spill over into ICUs," Jha said.

Mokdad likewise warned in the U.S.: "It's going to be a tough two or three weeks. We have to make hard decisions to let certain essential workers continue working, knowing they could be infectious."

Omicron could one day be seen as a turning point in the pandemic, said Meyers, at the University of Texas. Immunity gained from all the new infections, along with new drugs and continued vaccination, could render the coronavirus something with which we can more easily coexist.

"At the end of this wave, far more people will have been infected by some variant of COVID," Meyers said. "At some point, we'll be able to draw a line — and omicron may be that point — where we transition from what is a catastrophic global threat to something that's a much more manageable disease."

That's one plausible future, she said, but there is also the possibility of a new variant — one that is far worse than omicron — arising.

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as the pandemic ebbs, said Doug Baker, vice president of industry relations for food industry association FMI.

"We went from a just-in-time inventory system to unprecedented demand on top of unprecedented demand," he said. "We're going to be playing with that whole inventory system for several years to come."

In the meantime, Whitely, the Safeway customer in Washington, said he's lucky he's retired because he can spend the day looking for produce if the first stores he tries are out. People who have to work or take care of sick loved ones don't have that luxury, he said.

"Some are trying to get food to survive. I'm just trying to cook a casserole," he said.

Durbin reported from Detroit and Purifoy reported from Washington. Anne D'Innocenzio in New York contributed.

Your column here

Paul Scott & Zan Dubin-Scott
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Time to go electric

It's time for Santa Monica residents to go electric and dump the pump! Now that there are dozens of compelling electric vehicles on the market with prices comparable to equivalent gas cars, more residents are switching to the cleaner, better choice.

But where to charge your EV? It's an especially critical question in Santa Monica, where approximately 70% of us live in multifamily housing. But if at-home charging is not an option, there are more than 200 public charging stations in Santa Monica.

You will also be happy to know that California has been working for years to remove barriers to EV charging for those who don't live in single-family homes. Such residents usually have no problem installing a charger, just as they might put in a new heat pump or windows. But some landlords and Home Owners Associations have been known to limit renters and condo owners from setting up the simple station they need to "fill 'er up" at home, even though they are paying for this electricity.

In response, the California legislature passed AB 1796 and SB 638. The two bills make it possible for all renters and condo owners who have a dedicated parking space to install an EV charging station as long as the resident pays for it. If these conditions are met, no HOA or landlord can say "no."

To make it even easier, Southern California Edison provides rebates for any SCE customer who buys an EV, new or used. Even better, the city's Electrify Santa Monica Rebate Program will provide up to $2,000 to install an EV charger in a multi-family building or up to $3,000 for those who qualify as low-income. By combining these two incentives, most residents can cover the entire cost of installation. You can find additional resources on the city's new EV webpage (https://santamonica.gov/topic-explainers/electric-vehicles).

Before you buy or lease your EV, it's a good idea to make your home charger-ready by following these simple steps:

1. Decide what level of charging works best for you: Level 1 (L1) or Level 2 (L2). An L1 charge is provided by a standard 120-volt outlet (think of your toaster) and typically does not entail added equipment or cost. An L2 charge requires a 240-volt outlet (typically used for clothing dryers) and requires additional investment in a charging unit plus the cost of adding conduit, obtaining a permit and hiring an electrical contractor. An L1 plug will give you about four miles of range for every hour of charging and an L2 will provide about five times that. If your car is parked overnight for at least 10 hours and you don't typically drive more than 40 miles a day (which most do not), an L1 supplemented by the occasional trip to a fast charger station (see below) may suffice. If not, L2 may be a better option.

2. Check with your property manager to see if the electrical capacity you need for your new charger is available. (You'll only need to tell them whether you're using L1 or L2.) If power is not available, an electrical panel upgrade, which would increase costs, may be needed. In some cases, new electricity-load management technologies can mitigate the need for an upgrade.

3. Apply for your rebate through the City's Electrify Santa Monica Rebate Program described above.

4. Select your charging equipment. Common choices include the ClipperCreek HCS-40, the JuiceBox Pro 40, the Siemens VersiCharge and the ChargePoint Home Flex. "Smart" chargers, such as the JuiceBox and ChargePoint stations, are Wi-Fi-connected and can monitor charge rates and energy use from a phone or computer. If you don't drive much, an L1 smart outlet such as the PlugZio device may be a great low-cost alternative, especially if your electrical panel capacity is limited.

5. Hire an electrical contractor. They will obtain a permit and install the station. You'll receive your local rebate after completing all required program steps and submitting documentation. Don't forget to contact SCE about their rebate, too.

Another alternative to home charging that may work for some is public fast charging. This involves Level 3 charging stations, which can provide a full charge in 15-45 minutes, depending on the EV. Although perhaps not as convenient as home charging, public fast chargers in Santa Monica currently number 18, with Tesla planning some 60 more and EVgo installing 24 more in downtown Santa Monica. These, along with the city's 150-plus L2 public chargers, can be found on the EV community's favorite charger-map app, PlugShare.

Either way — charging at home or in public — you'll never have to go to a gas station or worry about skyrocketing gas prices again. Just plug in and go. Plus, EVs require less maintenance than gas-powered vehicles (no more oil changes or smog checks!). Read more about additional benefits to switching to an EV at https://www.cleanfuelreward.com/why-buy-electric-vehicle/electric-car-benefits.

For help choosing an EV, visit ElectricForAll.org or the Electric Vehicle Shopping Guide and Much More (https://www.facebook.com/EVShoppingGuide). The latter is a new Facebook page we started that features a multitude of helpful resources, including more rebates and incentives, plus the chance to communicate with EV experts and newbies alike.

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Biden challenges Senate on voting: 'Tired of being quiet!'

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Pounding his hand for emphasis, President Joe Biden challenged senators Tuesday to "stand against voter suppression" by changing Senate rules to pass voting rights legislation that Republicans are blocking from debate and votes.

Biden told a crowd in Atlanta gathered on the grounds of Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University that he'd been having quiet conversations with senators for months over the two bills — a lack of progress that has brought him criticism from activists in his own party.

"I'm tired of being quiet!" he shouted to cheers from the crowd.

In his remarks, Biden invoked the civil rights battles of the 1960s. He likened the wrongs of the past to modern-day efforts to subvert elections through the Capitol riot a year ago and a series of GOP-backed laws passed after former President Donald Trump lost in 2020 and then falsely claimed widespread voter fraud. Biden chastised Republicans for falling in line behind Trump's election lies.

"Today, we call on Congress to get done what history will judge," Biden said. "Pass the freedom to vote act."

Biden's speech was forceful, blunt and explicit, referring to new efforts to limit voting access as "Jim Crow 2.0." For the first time, he directly advocated eliminating the Senate's vote-blocking device called the filibuster in order to debate and vote on election and voting rights legislation. Though his focus brings more national attention to the debate ahead, it's not clear what impact his newfound fire will have.

Current rules require 60 votes to advance most legislation — a threshold that Senate Democrats can't meet alone because they have just a 50-50 majority with Vice President Kamala Harris to break ties. Republicans unanimously oppose the voting rights measures.

There also aren't enough Democratic votes to change the Senate rule. West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin threw more cold water on the idea Tuesday, saying he believes any changes should be made with substantial Republican buy-in. And there aren't any Republican senators willing to sign on.

"Not a single Republican has displayed the courage to stand up to a defeated president to protect Americans' right to vote," Biden said. "Not one. Not one."

Congressional Democrats have written voting legislation that would usher in the biggest overhaul of U.S. elections in a generation by striking down hurdles to voting enacted in the name of election security. The legislation also would reduce the influence of big money in politics and limit partisan influence over the drawing of congressional districts.

The package would create national election standards that would trump state-level GOP laws. It would also restore the ability of the Justice Department to police election laws in states with a history of discrimination.

Republicans say the changes are not aimed at fairness but at giving Democrats an advantage in elections.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky accused Biden of invoking "the brutal racial hatred of Jim Crow Segregation to smear states'" new voting laws.

And it is coming from "a sitting president of the United States who pledged to lower the temperature and unite America," McConnell said.

Even if Democrats clear the obstacles to passing the legislation, it could be too late to counter voting restrictions passed in 19 states following Trump's 2020 loss and his lies — embraced by many in the GOP -- that the election was stolen through voter fraud.

Voting rights advocates in Georgia and nationwide are increasingly anxious about what may happen in 2022 and beyond. They view the changes in many states as a subtler form of ballot restrictions like literacy tests and poll taxes once used to disenfranchise Black voters, a key Democratic constituency.

"This matters to all of us," Biden insisted. "The goal of the former president and his allies is to disenfranchise anyone who votes against him, simple as that."

The president spent decades in the Senate, and he spoke with regret of how much it's changed for the worse, calling it "a shell of its former self." He spoke of an era not long ago when an issue like voting rights would never have been so rancorously partisan.

He recalled working with segregationist lawmakers in the Senate to get legislation passed and for it then to be signed into law by Republican presidents. But now, the filibuster has been used frequently to block even the debating of some legislation.

"How do you want to be remembered?" he asked his former congressional colleagues.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has set next Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a deadline to either pass voting legislation or consider revising the rules. Biden told his audience, "The next few days, when these bills come to a vote, will mark a turning point in this nation's history."

"Will we choose democracy over autocracy, light over shadow, justice over injustice? I know where I stand. I will not yield. I will not flinch," he declared. "I will defend the right to vote, our democracy, against all enemies foreign, yes and domestic. The question is where will the institution of the United States Senate stand?"

Biden also visited Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. once held forth from the pulpit. He stood quietly as Martin Luther King III placed a wreath outside at the crypt of King and his wife, Coretta Scott King.

Some voting rights advocates boycotted Biden's speech out of frustration over Washington's inaction. Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, known for her untiring voting rights work, said she skipped the event because of a scheduling conflict, which she did not explain further.

King said in a statement that he was happy to host Biden, but that he also supported those who chose to skip the speech.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Judge says FTC's antitrust case against Facebook can proceed

A federal judge has ruled that the Federal Trade Commission's revised antitrust suit against Meta, formerly known as Facebook, can proceed, shutting down the social media company's request for a dismissal.

In a revised complaint filed last August, the FTC argues that the company pursued a "buy or bury" strategy against rivals to suppress competition.

This is the FTC's second antitrust run at the company. A federal judge in June dismissed antitrust lawsuits brought against Facebook by the agency and a broad coalition of state attorneys general that were among multiplying efforts by federal and state regulators to rein in tech titans' market power.

The FTC is seeking remedies that could include a forced spinoff of Facebook's popular Instagram and WhatsApp messaging services, or a restructuring of the company.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg, who in June ruled that the FTC's original lawsuit was "legally insufficient" and didn't provide enough evidence to prove that Facebook was a monopoly, said in Tuesday's ruling that the first complaint "stumbled out of the starting blocks."

But he added that, though the "core theory" of the lawsuit – that Facebook is a monopoly engaging in anticompetitive behavior – remains unchanged, the facts alleged this time around are "far more robust and detailed than before."

Meta said in an emailed statement it is "confident the evidence will reveal the fundamental weakness of the claims."

"Our investments in Instagram and WhatsApp transformed them into what they are today," the company said. "They have been good for competition, and good for the people and businesses that choose to use our products."

Holly Vedova, director of the FTC's bureau of competition, said the agency presented a "strong amended complaint a strong amended complaint, and we look forward to trial."

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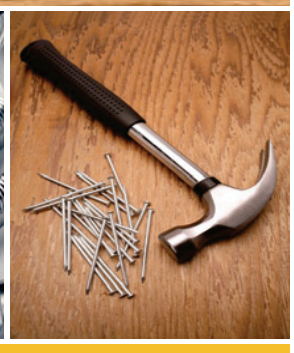
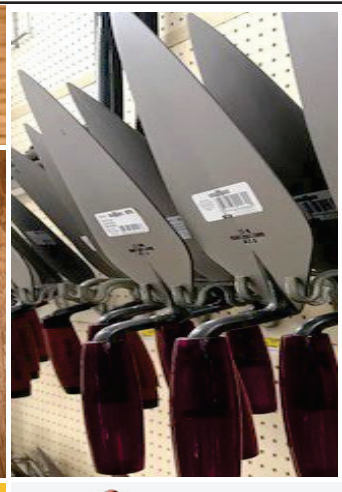
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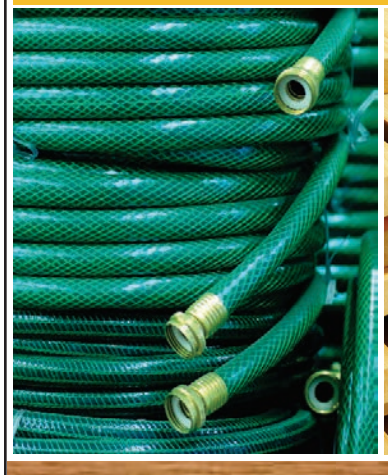
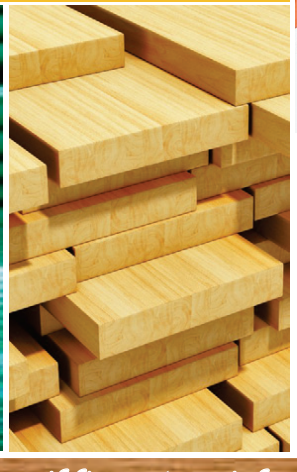
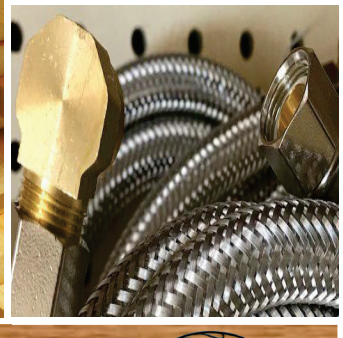
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The Information Wars



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COMING SOON: The development at Lincoln & Ocean Park.

WELL.
WELL, WELL, WELL.

It seems quite a few people are just a teensy bit upset over renderings of the very large development creature gestating at Lincoln and Ocean Park. Let's just call it the LOP Monster here, for convenience, shall we?

These upset people are for the most part calm, reasonable, let's-get-along, patient, non-confrontational even non-political folks, not malcontents, troublemakers, naysayers, NIMBYs or nattering nabobs of negativism. So we must give them a nice pat on the head for those qualities. They have had the good sense to let our fine City government map our destinies in a certain way for a couple of decades now with such vision, fiscal responsibility, compassion and respect for residents and our unique history here, so no one wants to upset that apple cart. (... maybe a few dirty hot dog carts on the Pier, though, but be careful, they are packing.)

The neighborhood folks especially, Ocean Park, Sunset Park and Pico Neighborhoods, have watched patiently and mostly silently as our City Fathers, and ... Mothers, have given piece by piece approval to the Great Wall of Lincoln, of which this will be another (huge) brick in the wall, a piece needed to hop down the street to the block-long gaping open pit that will become – more apartments.

POPULATION EXPLOSION?

As some of those gentle souls look around their neighborhood, at all the new units going in where Norm's used to be, Denny's, the gas station on the west side of south Lincoln (a really, really ugly building, looking like a prison), and now these four mammoth building of five, or maybe six stories each, built right up to the sidewalks, 521 more units (most at market rate, which raises the prices for all existing units in town), and more, oh yes, many many more in the pipeline, some wonder, where are all these people who need these coming from? Santa Monica's population has increased very little in the last half-century – 1970: 88,300; 2020: 93,706.

It must be because there is a severe housing shortage here. That is why the quasi-official CA state government entity SCAG ordered SM to build more than 9,000 new units by the end of the decade. And 70% of them must be "affordable housing." Well, that will be a good trick.

They originally had us pegged for half that number but then doubled it, for some reason. Some think the reason has entirely to do with zoning. We are in our worst situation ever in this regard because a series of new laws passed in Sacramento have usurped local control over zoning and development. Does that remind you of certain politicians who are usurping local rights on voting, and even on a woman's most personal right to choose her family life?

Some small SoCal cities immediately banded together to fight the takeover, but we are late to the game. I will never forget, some years ago when it was first announced, that the immediate reaction of then-Councilperson Terry O'Day was not, what can we do? But, "well, I guess we'll just have to change our zoning." I could not tell if he had a delighted grin on his face at the time. And by the way, at that time we had an estimated 4,500 vacant units here. And still do. So why...? Oh, never mind.

SCHOOL BOARD

Unlike the current City Council, whose makeup has shifted from past decades of all SMRR-Forward-approved cheerleaders for overdevelopment (thanks to the miracle of the last election), our current School Board has been grifting us for almost as long, but it's not so noticeable to most, especially if you don't have kids in school. Very, very few residents have enough knowledge of what's going on. So very few will get even a teensy bit upset.

While the School Board doesn't really change the skyline or densify the city, create more traffic congestion or raise crime statistics. But they have managed to demolish – unnecessarily – the very historic History Building and other WPA-created

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SCHOLARSHIP

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then alongside that there was obviously this massive homelessness crisis," said Waldman.

For his independent project, Waldman researched the connection between architecture, urban planning and economic inequality in LA. He learned how politics closely shaped the design of physical spaces that residents inhabit. For example, he was particularly interested in the case study architecture of the 1960s, when the City of LA held competitions commissioning architects to build the nicest houses using the cheapest materials.

"A lot of really cheap houses were made that were very nice and are still dominant in LA architecture today, so I was really fascinated about why we live in certain houses and how that's connected to housing policy and homelessness," said Waldman.

One of his biggest takeaways from the research project was that down ballot politicians have a big impact on housing policy that residents aren't often aware of. He also said that many Angelenos unknowingly vote against their own housing interests and are swayed by corporate interests.

As a result of his project and his time on the debate team, Waldman developed an interest in public policy that he now looks forward to deepening as a political science major at Wesleyan. At the same time he is pleased to be able to continue engaging with the visual arts and admires how the interdisciplinary philosophy at Wesleyan closely aligns with the teaching style he came to love at New Roads.

Waldman said he was thrilled to find a college where he can pursue all of his interests and be free from the financial pressures that had long loomed over his college search process. The QuestBridge Match Scholarship includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses.

"I definitely had the cost of college first and foremost in my mind. When you don't have a lot of money and you're applying to college that already limits the colleges that you can apply to and even applying to college costs money," said Waldman, adding that the QuestBridge program provided the additional benefit of waiving all his college application fees.

Waldman is especially grateful for the four year scholarship guarantee, which means that he will not have to deal with the stress of his college re-examining his financial aid package each year. After university he is interested in a career in public policy and legal advocacy, potentially in the areas of housing or labor organizing.

"Liam's desire to put his knowledge into action, and to impact our world for the better is quite admirable," said Alejandra Bonilla, director of college counseling at New Roads. "He is guided by his consciousness, social justice orientation and care for others. I know in the future he will make an impact in our local community and will continue to work for the common good."

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GREEN SCHOOLS

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designee to prioritize which strategies will have the greatest impact while mitigating costs.

The proposed policy includes various suggestions including reducing water consumption (which would afford the benefit of cost savings), establishing recycling programs and shifting from paper communications to electronic ones where feasible (another cost saving program). Other suggestions include selecting products, including cleaning products, that are minimally toxic, hazardous, and odorous, ideally that also include recycled content, are especially durable, and/or reduce waste.

Another aspect of the proposed green policies is education: "Integrating green school practices and activities into the educational program by providing instruction to students on the importance of the environment, involving students in the implementation and evaluation of green school activities and projects as appropriate, and utilizing green school activities and projects as learning tools."

The board policy also recognized the district's size — 16 campuses, containing 650 classrooms — made it impossible to implement a "one-size-fits-all solution" that will meet the needs of every space.

Implementation of the policy was placed on the shoulders of nearly every employee of the district, from the superintendent's office planning and offering training and guidance; maintenance & operations ensuring their equipment fits requirements; staff members implementing guidelines; custodians verifying aspects of the rules; and administration communicating the importance and impact of the conservation program in each school community.

Many of the specific suggestions offered were simple, like turning off office machines such as copiers at night, keeping doors closed between air conditioned rooms and non-air conditioned rooms, and reporting any plumbing leaks to be repaired in a timely manner.

The discussion is set to take place during the Thursday, Jan. 13, meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. and is available to watch on Zoom (meeting ID: 823 3543 7756 ; passcode: 011363 ; call-in number: 669.900.6833).

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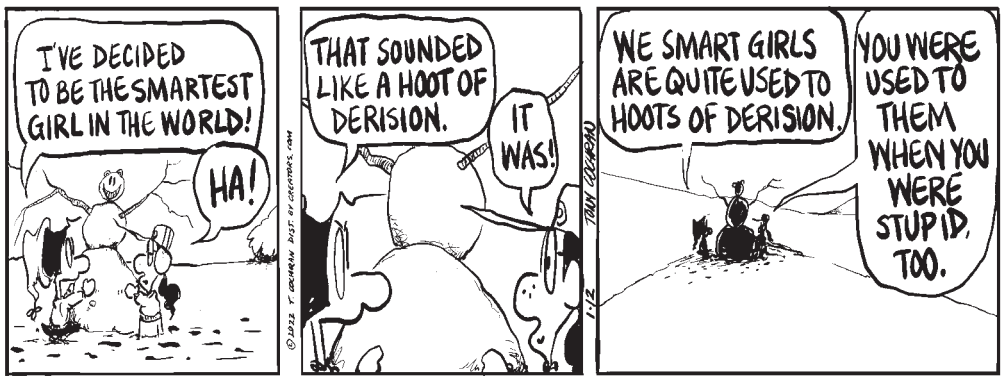
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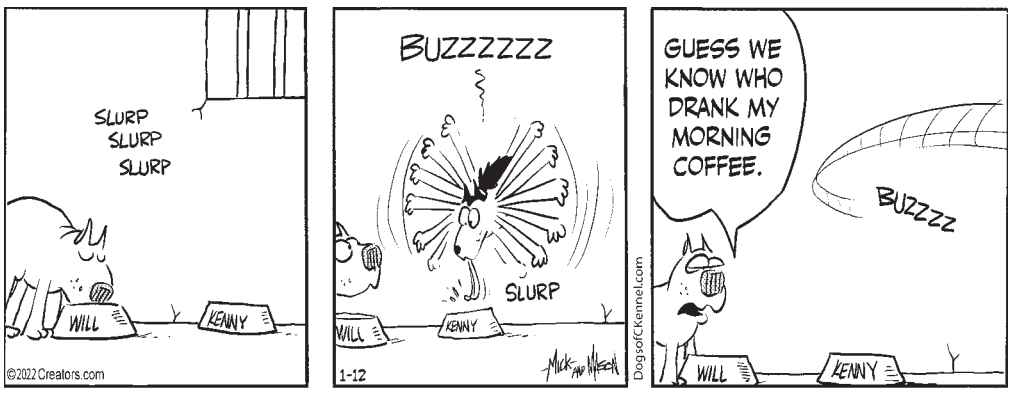
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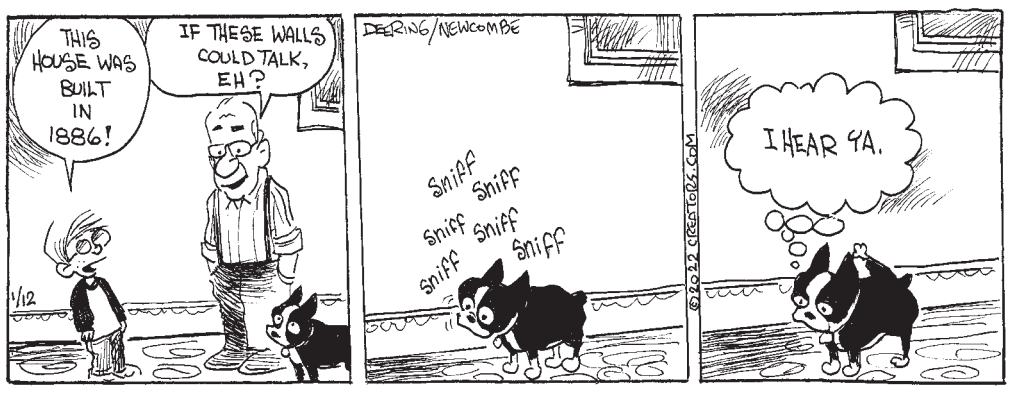
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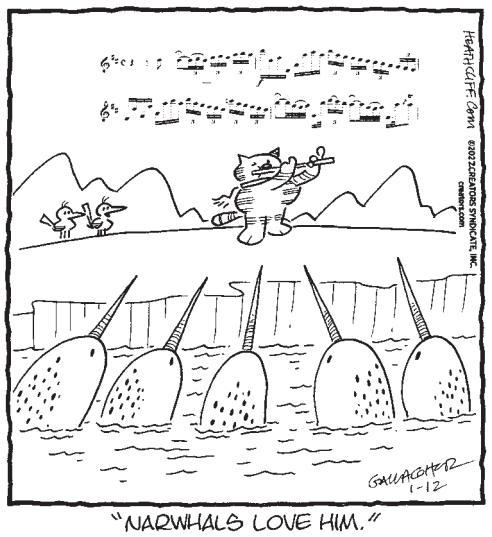
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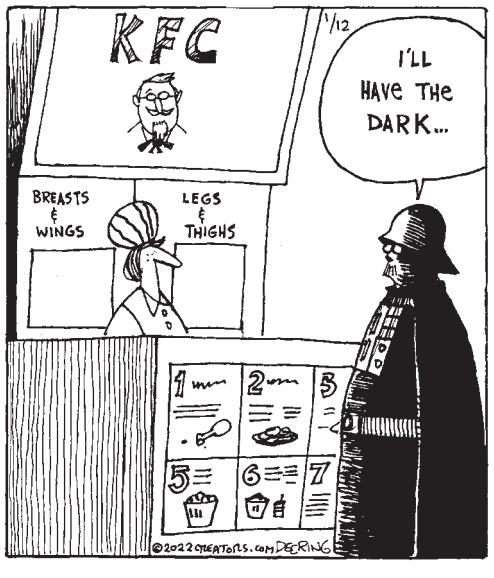
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Stronger WNW swell continues with potential favorable conditions. A predawn high tide slows down the dawn patrol but it could get pretty good as the tide drops through the morning.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Nice run of WNW swell continues with size to hold steady -- watching conditions closely. Early high tide will slow many breaks with improving shape as it drops.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Patchy dense fog after 4am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Thursday: Patchy dense fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 71.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/01/12	Wed	05:25 AM	5.12	H
2022/01/12	Wed	1:01 PM	0.28	L
2022/01/12	Wed	7:36 PM	3.11	H
2022/01/12	Wed	11:33 PM	2.41	L
2022/01/13	Thu	06:03 AM	5.32	H
2022/01/13	Thu	1:38 PM	-0.13	L
2022/01/13	Thu	8:18 PM	3.29	H
2022/01/14	Fri	12:17 AM	2.49	L
2022/01/14	Fri	06:39 AM	5.52	H
2022/01/14	Fri	2:10 PM	-0.43	L
2022/01/14	Fri	8:49 PM	3.40	H
2022/01/15	Sat	12:56 AM	2.47	L
2022/01/15	Sat	07:13 AM	5.71	H
2022/01/15	Sat	2:40 PM	-0.64	L
2022/01/15	Sat	9:17 PM	3.48	H
2022/01/16	Sun	01:31 AM	2.39	L
2022/01/16	Sun	07:46 AM	5.87	H
2022/01/16	Sun	3:10 PM	-0.77	L
2022/01/16	Sun	9:44 PM	3.53	H
2022/01/17	Mon	02:04 AM	2.29	L
2022/01/17	Mon	08:18 AM	5.97	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/10
14 17 18 21 27
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 38 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/7
7 29 43 56 57
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 300 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 1/8
2 13 25 41 42
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 7 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/10
5 11 15 31 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/10
EVENING: 9 0 4
Draw Date: 1/10
MIDDAY: 5 2 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/10
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:43.53

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 12)

You take on interesting challenges, get stronger and become more skilled, too. As a result, your financial and social status will climb. Even so, this is not what makes you happiest this year. The source of your good feelings will be what you can give others. The more you give, the more you'll have to give. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 33, 37, 50 and 2.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No matter how great you are at what you do, you can always improve. Some are discouraged by this idea, but not you. You'll jump at the chance to develop your talents, even when it means humbling yourself to follow instructions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll meet people who share your values yet do things differently. This meeting will have you considering new alternatives, especially having to do with lifestyle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The job you do and how good you are at it definitely matters. It should be noted, however, that the perceptions around this will matter just as much, if not more. Make believers out of people and they'll keep coming back.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will be a temptation to say too much or relate with too much familiarity. Professionalism is the required quality for success in today's deal. Greater social awareness will set you apart from the amateurs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Before you begin the hustle, run your plans through the projector of your mind and see yourself handling the day like a boss. Envisioning successful outcomes helps you see what you need to do to set them up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have something in common with game show contestants today as you experience a situation in which everything seems to ride on a moment. You'll shine in that moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You get a funny feeling around certain people. You sense there is more to them than they want you to know, which makes you both curious and cautious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Lie detectors are designed on the premise that dishonesty causes bodily stress. In some ways, honesty is easier. In other ways, it's harder. There's a rule in place that's keeping people from telling the truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you don't concern yourself with matters over which you have no influence, something interesting happens. The simplicity conserves your energy. Your power grows, and so does your circle of influence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you get serious, they go for the laugh. When you kid around, they get stern. It would seem you're on different pages, but you're really balancing each other from two columns of the same page.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel obligated but it's not clear whether you really are. Find out what other people are doing. Do you feel it's necessary to do more than others do? And if so, why?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll learn faster when you're not worried about having to get things right the first time. Don't force it. Just show up with an open mind and keep coming back. You'll absorb when you need. Believe it.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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G	O	B	I	■	G	R	E	E	T	■	O	P	E	N
S	L	E	D	■	S	E	L	L	S	■	N	E	S	T

Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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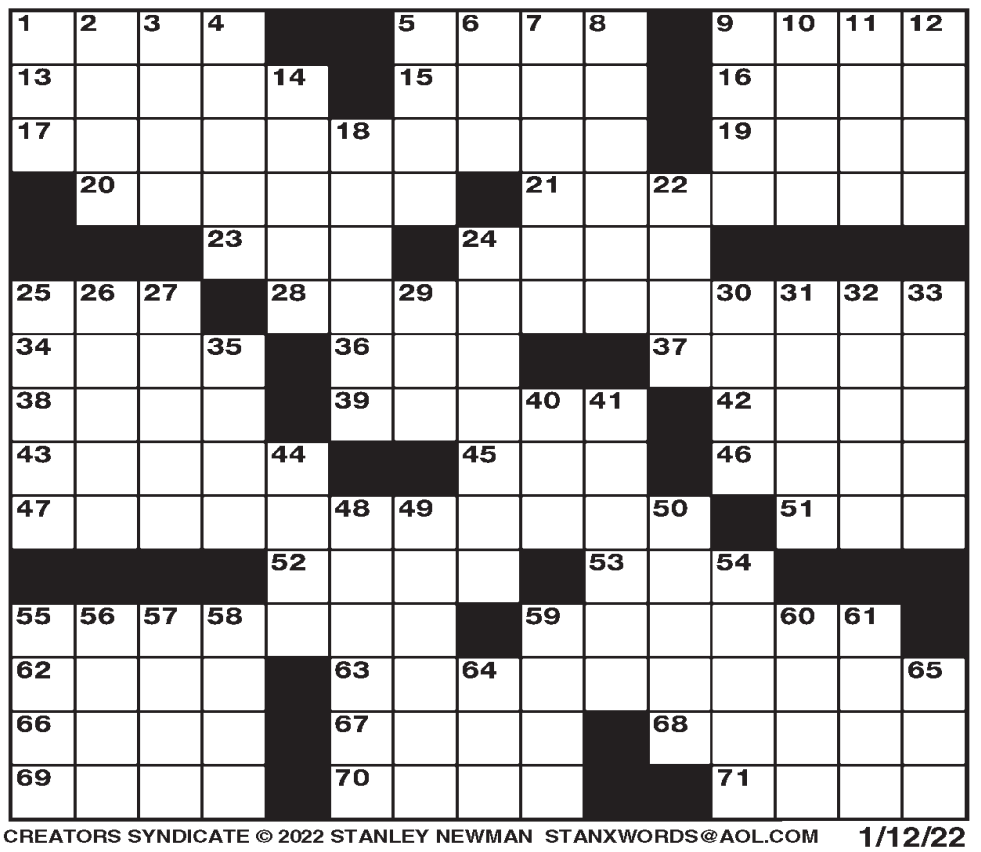
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Newsday Crossword

SPORTS SPOTS by Mark McClain
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Harvard U.'s state
5 Pasta nutrient, for short
9 Greek cheese
13 Women's chorus section
15 Prefix meaning "height"
16 "You can count on me!"
17 Judge's domain
19 Abandon suddenly
20 100% complete
21 Casual cotton tops
23 Fighter jets' HQ
24 Tennis great Sampras
25 Drain the strength of
28 Observable area
34 Person from Istanbul
36 __-la-la (song syllables)
37 Starchy side dish, slangily
38 *Garfield* pooch
39 __ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
42 Infamous Roman emperor
43 Silent performers
45 Liquid lubricant
46 Give off, as light
47 Investible cash obtained from a group
51 Get the point of
52 Song for a couple
53 Degree for many a prof.
55 Disentangle
59 Get one's bearings
62 Optimistic emotion
63 "Burning" Johnny Cash tune
66 Crude cartel
67 __ about (approximately)
68 Men's chorus voice
69 "Darn it!"
70 Used to be
71 Repetitive learning

DOWN
1 __ and cheese (kids' lunch)
2 Natural balm
3 Daze or amaze
4 Somewhat, so to speak
5 Informal eatery
6 Knee MRI target
7 For mature audiences
8 Greets formally
9 South Pacific nation
10 Mideast monarch
11 Lean to one side
12 Pests in a pantry
14 Difficult to bend
18 Planetary paths
22 Lift with difficulty
24 Think through carefully
25 Jump up and down (on)
26 Sound from a loudspeaker
27 First rate, informally
29 Chapter of history
30 Gadget atop a barn
31 EXPRESS: 12 __ OR LESS
32 Strange and scary
33 Inscribed
35 Spine of a ship
40 Metal in bronze
41 Seasoned expert
44 Bubbly beverage
48 Brow line
49 Leopard or lion
50 Change gears
54 Delay for a while
55 "Looks like trouble!"
56 Informal refusal
57 Design detail, for short
58 Thin part of a guitar
59 Fairy tale fiend
60 Spanish boy
61 Leisurely run
64 Neither here __ there
65 Before, in poetry



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | JAN 12

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

THURSDAY | JAN 13

SMMUSD MEETING
Regular Meeting of the SMMUSD Board 5:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED WORK (VIRTUAL PROGRAM)
Advancing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy of racial equity. Hosted by New Roads School featuring young orators, filmmakers, musicians and artists. For more information visit www.newroads.org/MLK

RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m.

STORYTIME AT CAYTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Join organizers for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays and, after storytime, enjoy the museum for free. Babies to Preschool. Registration is required: visit https://bit.ly/SMPLCayton. 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

DRAG SHOW
A Night with the stars drag show. Weary Livers located at 2819 Pico Blvd. Doors open at 8 p.m. show at 9 p.m.

FRIDAY | JAN 14

COURTYARD & SPLASH PAD OPEN
The Annenberg Community Beach House gated area, including the courtyard and splash pad, are open to the public daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please note, from September - May hours are subject to change with short notice. Check the Beach House website calendar or call (310) 458-4904 to confirm.

MLK INTERFAITH FREEDOM CELEBRATION (VIRTUAL PROGRAM)
For information and registration, contact the Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council: office@mtolivelutheranchurch.org or minister@ciop4justice.org. To be held at Mt. Olive Lutheran.

SATURDAY | JAN 15

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

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NOTABLE BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP
A community-led book club, focusing on books which have won major prizes or are otherwise notable. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ANNUAL MLK HOLIDAY CONCERT
John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1630 Pearl Street, 2 - 3:30 p.m. https://www.mlkjrwestside.org/ or www.smsymphony.org

SUNDAY | JAN 16

MAIN ST. FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St. (In The Victorian Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | JAN 17

37TH ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION
Come join the 37th annual celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The festivities will include music by the Linda Alvarez Trio and spoken word by Get Lit: Words Ignite, who will also receive a Community Light Award. Education awards will be presented to local students and a Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to longtime community activist, LaVerne Ross. 9 a.m. Free. Visit https://www.mlkjrwestside.org for more information.

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books selected by the group. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

CANCELED: Architectural Review Board Meeting is canceled.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5357

Racing carnival

M	E	H	O	R	S	E	S	V	A	L	U	E	L	E
F	R	U	T	B	O	U	I	H	A	N	D	S	L	R
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V	E	R	H	T	E	S	T	T	B	U	L	C	L	B

Arab	Dunaden	Horses	Post	Track
Arwon	Fall	Lame	Prize	Trot
Away	Fast	Lose	Punt	Turf
Barrier	Feed	Mane	Reins	Value
Bets	Gait	Mare	Risks	Viewed
Bolt	Gate	Media	Roan	Waler
Brew	Gray	Puzzle	Saddle	Whip
Club	Grey	Odds	Shoe	Wotan
Crowds	Hands	Pacer	Sirius	Zulu
Debts	Hats	Pays	Sore	
Diet	Hock	Poitrel	Start	
Draw	Hoof	Polo	Tote	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Painting it red

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PIER

FROM PAGE 1

"The problem that we saw in the past was that you have a group of officers working on the weekend, they deal with it one way or they communicate with the vendors one way. And then you have a different group of officers working the following weekend, and then another group of officers the following weekend, and so now it's like, you lose a whole lot of consistency," he said. "Now that we have this in place, I think it's going to help and obviously it showed this weekend. During the hours that they were out there, the illegal vendors did not come on to the Pier."

With assigned members and a larger team, the group will be better equipped to handle ongoing issues as they will develop institutional memory regarding past contacts and compliance. Consistent staff also allow vendors to understand how rules will be enforced and officials said the relationships built through that process will hopefully generate more compliance over time.

The group will be working the Pier and surrounding area throughout the day to maximize their coverage and SMPD's focus is on the criminal activity associated with the vending, not the act of vending itself. While SMPD isn't focused on enforcing administrative vending violations, its presence gives support to other departments that may pursue non-criminal violations and/or health ordinances.

Councilwoman Lana Negrete said the approach would help tackle the real danger of flammable material on the Pier while also working to dismantle criminal behavior associated with the unlicensed vendors and enforce existing rules regarding unlicensed sales.

"So I want to send the message that we're doing it for all these safety reasons, but please do not be mistaken, there's criminal turf war activity," she said.

Negrete said she's been meeting with task force participants, community members and the Pier tenants' association with everyone pushing for the same resolution.

"The city, businesses, and the community at large have asked us to take back our Pier. We see what's going on. It's beyond the vending. There's fights, stabbings, shootings, all these other activities happening. So by being there and addressing this issue, they're addressing a bigger issue."

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 6

(1930s) structures at Samohi, despite public outcry and expert opinions to the contrary, spending hundreds of millions of our tax/bond dollars (they are going to be asking us for a lot more!) to modernize our high school but way, way beyond what was necessary. By the time they finish their master plan, most of which has not been subject to public scrutiny or input, hiding important facts and often being insultingly dismissive of anyone who disagrees or even asks for information, none of 130 years of former Samohi students turning to "their" campus will be able to recognize it.

The cost of progress and modernization? No. Common sense, fiscal responsibility and community input were put on the chopping block in favor of a master plan that gives Samohi state-of-the-art shiny new objects (good for property values and for making millions from rentals) at the sacrifice of the essence and soul of education. What is a school district teaching when they ignore the community and many architectural experts to tear down... the History Building? Irony is indeed dead.

For both our city and our school district, what's gone is gone. If you are sad, upset or even angry, turn that into determination to fix things for our future. This is a small city. We still have elections, where the votes are counted, fairly. (Even if the campaigning is not done fairly.) Information is vital, and I will do my best to provide it. The past is prologue. There are people and forces who want your future, Santa Monica, because it can make them very wealthy and powerful. I say it's a numbers game, and we have the numbers.

I may have been born in Florida, stopped off in Detroit and spent 30 years in New Mexico but this is my town now, 35 years in. I'm a fighter, and Santa Monica is worth fighting for.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com



BIDEN

FROM PAGE 5

"We've seen what's possible when President Biden uses the full weight of his office to deliver for bridges," he said, referencing Biden's successful push for a $1 trillion infrastructure spending deal. "And now we need to see him do the same for voting rights."

Republicans who have fallen in line behind Trump's election misinformation are separately promoting efforts to influence future elections by installing sympathetic leaders in local election posts and by backing for elective office some of those who participated in the riot at the U.S. Capitol.

Vice President Kamala Harris spoke before Biden on Tuesday, warning that the barrage of new state laws means there is "a danger of becoming accustomed to these laws, a danger of adjusting to these laws as though they are normal."

"There is nothing normal about a law that makes it illegal to pass out water or food to people standing in long voting lines," she said, to cheers.

Georgia is at the center of it all, one of the key battleground states in the 2020 elections. After the votes were counted and recounted, Trump told the top state election official he wanted the official to "find" enough votes to overturn his loss. The state's votes nonetheless went to Biden, and both of its Senate seats went to Democrats as well.

Last year, the state's Republican governor signed a sweeping rewrite of election rules that, among other things, gives the State Election Board new powers to intervene in county election offices and to remove and replace local election officials. That has led to concerns that the Republican-controlled state board could exert more influence over the administration of elections, including the certification of county results.

Amy reported from Atlanta. AP Congressional Correspondent Lisa Mascaro and Brian Slodysko contributed to this report.

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