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Susan Cline Appointed as Acting Assistant City Manager

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to assist the community as COVID-19 peaks in Los Angeles County and vaccination begins, Public Works Director Susan Cline is set to join the City Manager's Office as Acting Assistant City Manager this month.

Interim City Manager Lane Dilg asked Cline, a Santa Monica resident who has held key leadership roles in the Public Works Department for more than a decade, including serving as Director of Public Works since 2016, to assume the position, which will be responsible for working alongside Dilg, Deputy City Manager Anuj Gupta and department directors to advance the City's top priorities: emergency operations, clean and

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Courtesy photo
CLINE: Public Works Director Susan Cline will join the City Manager's office.

After 65 years of sweet service Vienna Pastry is on the brink of shutting down





Clara Harter
BAKERY: The shop at 1215 Wilshire Blvd. is in danger of closure due to pandemic-related problems.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

As the pandemic wears on, so does the strain on local businesses and the owners of the Vienna Pastry fear their business will not make it to the finish line.

The bakery has been a staple in Santa Monica since 1957 and was taken over by the Khadavi family in 1988, after they came to America as refugees fleeing the Islamic Revolution in Iran.

For 65 years the store has remained as resilient as its owners, operating as a true mom-and-pop with three sisters running the baking and multiple generations lending a hand at the shop.

At the beginning of 2020 business was still flourishing, but

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Muscle Beach closed



Matthew Hall
CLOSED: Some equipment has been removed from Muscle Beach.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

It's barely been two months since local residents and fitness junkies were allowed to return to pump iron on the sunny shore of Santa Monica's Muscle Beach but visitors are once again prohibited from utilizing the popular workout area.

COVID-19 forced city officials to close Muscle Beach and other Santa Monica parks when safer-at-home orders were instituted by state and Los Angeles County officials who sought to control the region's surging case counts.

City leaders worked with Santa Monica gyms and fitness centers to allow outdoor classes in public spaces but residents were adamant that Muscle Beach should also be available for use. In November, the County cleared recreation areas like Muscle Beach for reopening as long as users wore a mask and were socially distanced at all times; limited their visit to thirty minutes if others were using the equipment; and chose not to eat or drink on the grounds.

However, due to users' non-compliance with public health requirements, Muscle Beach was

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California turns stadiums into COVID-19 vaccination centers

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California is transforming baseball stadiums, fairgrounds and even a Disneyland Resort parking lot into mass vaccination sites as the coronavirus surge overwhelms hospitals and sets a deadly new record in the state.

California's COVID-19 death toll reached 30,000 on Monday, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins University.

It took six months for the nation's most populous state to reach 10,000 deaths but barely a month to jump from 20,000 to 30,000 deaths. California ranks third nationally for COVID-19-related deaths, behind Texas and New York, which is No. 1 with nearly 40,000.

Public health officials have estimated about 12% of those who catch the virus will require hospital care, usually several weeks after infection as they get sicker.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and public health officials are counting on widespread vaccinations to help stem the tide of new infections, starting with medical workers and the most vulnerable elderly, such as those in care homes.

Newsom, a Democrat, acknowledged the rollout of vaccines has been too slow and he pledged 1 million shots will be administered this week, more than twice what's been done so far.

That effort will require what Newsom called an "all-hands-on-deck approach," including having vaccinations dispensed by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, dentists, paramedics and emergency medical technicians, and members of the California National Guard.

Orange County, south of Los Angeles County, announced Monday that its first mass vaccination site will be at a Disneyland Resort parking lot in Anaheim. It's one of five sites to be set up to vaccinate thousands of people daily.

The sites are "absolutely critical in stopping this deadly virus," county Supervisor Doug Chaffee said in a statement.

The state will vastly expand its effort with new mass vaccination sites at parking lots for Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, Petco Park in San Diego and the CalExpo fairgrounds in Sacramento.

Cars lined up early Monday near the downtown stadium in San Diego, where officials aimed to inoculate 5,000 health care workers daily.

"It's kind of like a Disneyland ride" with cars moving through, said Heather Buschman, spokeswoman for UC San Diego Health, whose medical staff was administering the shots.

She said people seemed eager to be vaccinated, with more than 12,500 health care workers in San Diego County initially scheduling appointments.

By week's end, the city of Los Angeles planned to convert its huge COVID-19 testing site at Dodger Stadium into a vaccination center to handle 12,000 inoculations daily.

Los Angeles County is an epicenter for the COVID-19 outbreak, accounting for some 40% of California's virus-related deaths and a huge number of new cases.

On Monday, nearly 8,000 people were hospitalized in Los Angeles County, which had fewer than 50 intensive care units available in an area with a population of 10 million people, said Dr. Christina Ghaly, county director of Health Services.

While the county saw a dip in new cases, the director of public health, Barbara Ferrer, said that probably is due to decreased testing after the New Year's holiday. She predicted another increase in cases from people who gathered together unsafely over the holiday.

Ferrer also said COVID-19 is still killing someone in the county every eight minutes, on average.

There is a sliver of hope, with new hospitalizations statewide down from about 3,500 a day earlier this month to about 2,500. Some forecasts have predicted the hospitalizations will level off by the end of the month.

Yet recent frightening jumps in new positive cases show the state may simply have bought itself time to prepare for what officials still expect to be a "surge on top of a surge" in the next few weeks driven by New Year's celebrations, officials said.

Still, the state may get "a little breathing room" for hospitals with staff and oxygen supplies stretched thin, and for 1,000 newly arriving contract medical workers to be augmented by another 1,000 or so before the surge peaks, said Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency.

Lawmakers also continued to plead with people to keep social distancing to slow the spread of infection. In Los Angeles County, residents were being urged to wear masks even when at home if they go outside regularly and live with someone elderly or otherwise at high risk.

"Dying from COVID in the hospital means dying alone," county Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis said. "Visitors are not allowed into hospitals for their own safety. Families are sharing their final goodbyes on tablets and mobile phones."

"One of the more heartbreaking conversations that our health care workers share is about these last words when children apologize to their parents and grandparents for bringing COVID into their homes, for getting them sick," Solis said. "And these apologies are just some of the last words that loved ones will ever hear."

Watson reported from San Diego. Associated Press writers John Antczak, Robert Jablon and Christopher Weber in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 206 CALLS ON JANUARY 11

Loud Music 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:49 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:38 a.m.
Person Down 1400blk 4th St 4:25 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:39 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:51 a.m.
Bike Theft 200blk 7th St 6:50 a.m.
Loitering 2800blk 2nd St 7:33 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 14th St 8:03 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1900blk 18th St 8:04 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2000blk 18th St 8:06 a.m.
Petty Theft 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 400blk 20th St 8:18 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 8:18 a.m.
Stalking 200blk 20th St 8:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2300blk 4th St 8:35 a.m.
Person With A Gun 3200blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:00 a.m.
Death Investigation 1500blk 11th St 9:07 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Harvard St 9:37 a.m.
Identity Theft 1000blk 19th St 9:45 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2900blk 3rd St 9:49 a.m.
Petty Theft 800blk Broadway 9:53 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:55 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 6th St 9:55 a.m.
Battery 00blk Marine Ter 9:58 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Berkeley St 10:19 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:23 a.m.
Grand Theft 900blk 11th St 10:24 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 7th St / Colorado Ave 10:34 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2000blk Montana Ave 11:09 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 200blk 7th St 11:20 a.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1000blk 11th St 12:02 p.m.
Shots Fired 23rd St / Alta Ave 12:03 p.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:04 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800blk The Beach 12:06 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500blk 6th St 12:06 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1100blk Euclid St 12:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 12:13 p.m.
Adult Prot Serv Check 1700blk Pico Blvd 12:18 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:19 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:44 p.m.
Assault 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk Pine St 1:04 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Main St / Hollister Ave 1:12 p.m.
Grand Theft 2300blk Oak St 1:13 p.m.
Grand Theft 1000blk 20th St 1:15 p.m.
Grand Theft 900blk 10th St 1:32 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:35 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 900blk 2nd St 1:42 p.m.
Vandalism Now 2200blk Main St 1:57 p.m.
Overdose 1100blk Pico Blvd 2:09 p.m.
Lost Property 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:16 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2100blk 20th St 2:34 p.m.
Panic Alarm 600blk 15th St 2:42 p.m.
Public Intoxication 600blk Ocean Ave 2:48 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Fraud 1600blk Main St 3:09 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 3:18 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500blk 6th St 3:33 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk Olympic Blvd 4:03 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 11100blk Olinda 4:12 p.m.
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Animal Related Incident 21st Pl / San Vicente Blvd 4:58 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 20th St 5:00 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 2nd St 5:01 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk 11th St 5:12 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 5:20 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Broadway 5:24 p.m.
Vandalism 2100blk Main St 5:51 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200blk Stanford St 5:54 p.m.
Vandalism 2100blk Main St 5:55 p.m.
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Living In A Vehicle 11th St / Pico Blvd 7:51 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Centinela Ave 8:02 p.m.
Grand Theft 1200blk 11th St 8:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Idaho Ave 8:35 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 8:36 p.m.
Person Down 1100blk 4th St 8:54 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 9:07 p.m.
Person Down 1000blk 18th St 9:43 p.m.
Construction Noise 1400blk 12th St 9:52 p.m.
Armed Robbery 21st St / Ashland Ave 10:34 p.m.
Loud Music 900blk Palisades Park 11:26 p.m

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CORRECTION

The upcoming SMMUSD appointment will be held on Thursday, January 14 via the online platform Zoom. Closed session begins at 3:30 p.m. and open session begins at 4:30 p.m. Visit www.smmusd.org for more information.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 1300blk 17th St 2:18 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 3:48 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 4:25 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 26th St 5:32 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Ocean Ave 6:31 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 6:57 a.m.
EMS 900blk Pico Blvd 7:52 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 11th St 9:00 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 10:25 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk Michigan Ave 11:04 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 12:11 p.m.
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EMS 1300blk California Ave 2:04 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 2600blk Broadway 5:18 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 6:21 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 7:07 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 7:19 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:41 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 18th St 9:43 p.m.
EMS 700blk 16th St 10:05 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:22 p.m.

Fury at the shaken Capitol over the attack, security, virus

CALVIN WOODWARD AND ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

This time the fury enveloping the Capitol comes not from an insurgent mob but from within.

The anger on display is searing — Democrat against Republican; Republican against Republican; legislators of both parties against the catastrophic security failure that left top leaders of the government vulnerable to last week's violence as well as to the coronavirus in their ranks.

The rage is being stoked even hotter by the passions aroused by Democrats' fresh drive to impeach President Donald Trump.

This is a "powder keg" moment, one Democrat said. It's certainly a historic one.

The House is moving toward making Trump the first president to be impeached twice as part of an extraordinary effort to remove him from office before Democrat Joe Biden's inauguration a week from Wednesday. The charge to be brought against him: "incitement of insurrection."

Once again the phrase of the founders, "high crimes and misdemeanors," has been turned against Trump, who was acquitted by the Senate in his first impeachment trial. And tempers are flaring in congressional hallways and offices still cleaning up from the trashing by the attackers.

Shaken members, long accustomed to protective bubbles, inquired whether they can expense their own bulletproof vests to taxpayers (yes they can). Democrats assailed a collection of always-Trumpers — Republicans who pressed the president's false accusations of a fraudulent election even after the mob, motivated by the same lies, had finally been cleared away.

Democratic Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, among others, called for the expulsion or censure of Republican members who argued Trump's case for overturning the will of the voters, if those lawmakers refuse to resign. Democrats were primarily after Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and a selection of House lawmakers who had also tried to throw up obstacles to Biden's election certification.

"Failing to hold those responsible for the insurrection accountable would be a profound injustice and give a green light to future authoritarians," Casey said.

Said Democratic Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland: "They have a full-blown independent reality, totally cut apart from the world of facts, and that is the groundwork for fascism. When you add racism, anti-Semitism, conspiracy theory and magical thinking, that is an absolute powder keg in terms of an assault on democracy."

There was Republican to Republican finger-pointing, too. Much of it was aimed at House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California for not showing enough leadership, according to congressional GOP aides who spoke on condition of anonymity and former lawmakers.

Some House Republicans are upset that McCarthy, one of Trump's staunchest defenders in Washington, defended him too forcefully and for too long, making it harder to dissociate themselves from Trump after the Capitol siege.

In contrast, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky explicitly criticized Trump's drive to overturn Biden's election, saying it would "damage our republic forever." He did so even as the mob breached the Capitol and lunged toward the chambers against outnumbered police.

McCarthy acknowledged outrage among his Republican colleagues over the attack in a letter to them Monday declaring "I share your anger and your pain" and making sure they knew the mob's threat also came close to him.

"Zip ties were found on staff desks in my office," he wrote. "Windows were smashed in. Property was stolen. Those images will never leave us."

As if nerves weren't raw enough over the actions of Trump and his diehard loyalists, three of the Democrats who sheltered with Republican House members when they were all spirited to a secure room disclosed they had since tested positive for COVID-19. Some of the Republicans in that room over those hours had refused to wear masks.

Indeed, one of the newly infected, Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington, said "several Republicans not only cruelly refused to wear a mask but recklessly mocked colleagues and staff who offered them one."

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Pause For Major Rethinking

THESE ARE TRYING TIMES

I'm trying to get a column done and the news keeps interrupting.

There has been a lot of news lately and it's pretty riveting. Mostly really bad, and scary. And since I'm writing this on Monday, God only knows what will have happened by the time you read it on Wednesday. Why, the U.S. government could be overthrown, or the President of the United States might even have been impeached… again.

Really, that's still several impeachments short, for all the laws he's broken, and sedition committed. The recent call to Georgia election officials should have been one all by itself, an ironclad conviction... in normal times, with a "normal" GOP.

"May you live in interesting times" — I have! I saw Elvis his first time on TV, I saw men walk on the moon, I survived until the Lakers became a great team again (twice) and I witnessed glorious Greta trying so hard to save us from ourselves. For the most part I've relished it. But this is now way over the "interesting" line. That English expression from the 16th century is said to have been taken from a Chinese curse. Curse you, China!

TWO THINGS WEIGH HEAVY RIGHT NOW

Well, lots more than two but these bubble up first.

(Note: I did NOT say they are the MOST important. Getting a killer global pandemic under control is, and the economic and social wreckage that has accompanied it. Not to mention climate change, racism, fact and science denial, voting rights, gun violence and more. Trust me, if I did not write this, I would hear from some very upset people who don't read very carefully. I probably still will.)

LOCALLY

It's the prospect of the iconic History Building at Samohi being demolished, SOON, when it doesn't have to be. Along with other proposed changes being rammed through by the district and the school board with very little public exposure or input and a lot of flim flam, that would leave 50,000 Samohi alumni, and anyone else who has ever visited the campus in the last 85 years, wondering, as they look around — where did my school go?

Not to mention the millions who have reveled in "Rebel Without A Cause," the 1955 landmark film with SMHS standing in for the fictional Dawson High School. Remember new kid James Dean unknowingly stepping on the school seal at the top of the stairs to the History Building? Let's go see where that was! Oh. Nevermind.

NATIONALLY

It's one part of the unthinkable Trump coup attempt of Jan. 6 that could turn out to be the most dangerous: the lack of police preparedness and response that seems more and more to be tied to connections between violent white nationalist organizations and



Courtesy image

SEAL: Rebel Without A Cause @Samohi (1955).

sympathetic and cooperative members of law enforcement. That problem could be our democracy's undoing, even in the next week.

THE HISTORY BUILDING

Yes, it's "just a building." So is the Vatican, Big Ben, the Taj Mahal and the U.S. Capitol. As CA Gov. Ronnie Ray-gun once famously intoned, when advocating for harvesting forests rather than conserving them, "If you've seen one redwood, you've seen them all."

Frank Gruber, a former Planning Commissioner, went after me recently when I posted my previous column about the pending destruction of the historic History Building: "We're not talking about an issue, the fate of this building, on which the fate of the world depends." Is that his benchmark for preservation, or anyone's?

Of course it's more important to cure cancer and feed the poor. But if you don't have to throw our history and heritage and significant architecture in the dumpster, why do it? For resume-polishing master plans by some bureaucrats (who may not even live here)? That include other questionable proposals for spending almost $100M of our bond money needlessly, foolishly? Like new pre-schools on every grade school campus (putting commercial ones out of business and significantly reducing precious open space that has been utilized by the community), as school age and state populations decrease? We're "importing" students from outside SM right now, and we're paying for their education. Going all out on an unproven Project Based Learning high school, big money commitment, when it has been proven that smaller class sizes do significantly improve learning?

THE COMMUNITY SHOULD WEIGH IN

On these and other important issues. Instead, few knew of the plans. And no, there were not extensive notifications, for years, as they have claimed. In fact, much of all this was on the consent calendar last school board meeting (no discussion, yes or no vote on the whole calendar) until someone noticed it, and the board was forced to move it to tomorrow night's meeting.

It's a complicated set of issues, but it's

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Countywide

Public Health Reports 288 New Deaths and 11,994 New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirmed 288 new deaths and 11,994 new cases of COVID-19. To date, Public Health identified 944,319 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 12,674 deaths.

The county is experiencing horrific loss of life due to COVID-19. Over the last seven days, 1,606 people lost their lives and this is an average of nearly 230 deaths per day.

Of the 288 new deaths reported today, 100 people that passed away were over the age of 80, 106 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, 61 people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, 17 people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49, and two people who died were between the ages of 18 and 29. One death was reported by the City of Pasadena.

There are 7,926 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 22% of these people are in the ICU. While the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 each day has stabilized over the last few days at slightly under 8,000 patients, the demand on our healthcare system and hospitals remains overwhelming.

The risk of acquiring and spreading COVID-19 continues to be elevated in L.A. County and businesses and employers play a key role in preventing and slowing the spread of COVID-19 within the workplace and community. All employers and businesses must follow Health Officer Orders and Public Health protocols that are in place to prevent unnecessary spread.

Public Health's compliance teams continue to visit businesses across the County every day. Inspectors review the requirements of the Health Officer Order and Public Health protocols with business owners, identify deficiencies, and issue citations for businesses out of compliance. During Public Health's most recent business compliance checks, inspectors noted that the majority of businesses visited were in compliance with most of the Public Health protocols. However, some businesses failed to adhere to capacity limits, ensure employees and patrons were appropriately distanced and wearing required face coverings, and did not post their completed protocol checklists. From January 3 through January 11, a total of 83 citations were issued to businesses including restaurants, gyms, personal care salons, hair salons/barbershops, places of worship, and shopping malls for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. Since the end of August, a total of 613 citations have been issued. For businesses that remain out of compliance, citations may be issued for up to $1000 per occurrence.

Businesses that are not adhering to safety protocols to protect workers and customers contribute to increased risk for COVID-19 spread. A list of non-compliant businesses that received citations can be found online.

Public Health encourages businesses to take advantage of the COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certification Program. The program provides business owners and employees the opportunity to take a free online training about COVID-19 infection control protocols and allows businesses to self-certify that they are fully implementing protocols in compliance with infection control and physical distancing requirements. To date, a total of 19,052 employees and employers have completed the training.

"Our hearts go out to every person experiencing the sorrow of losing a loved one to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Please do not underestimate this virus or let your drive to interact in person with friends outweigh following the safety measures that are put in place to save lives. Like many residents, I am cheering for the Rams in the playoffs and grateful to be able to watch basketball games again, but we cannot make the same mistakes we did last year. There were far too many gatherings, viewing parties, and celebrations with others that contributed to increased cases; the outcome will be disastrous to our healthcare system if we don't follow the rules."

Everyone must stay home as much as possible during this devastating surge. When you must leave your home for essential services, wear a face covering and stay at least 6 feet away from people you do not live with at all times; there should be no mingling, no crowding, and ample opportunities to sanitize your hands. If you live with people who are older or have underlying health conditions, Public Health advises wearing a face covering while indoors as well.

You must isolate immediately from your family and others if you have symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. Individuals with underlying health conditions and those that are older should remain in their home and not be around others unless seeking essential health and dental care. If you are having severe symptoms including difficulty breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, inability to wake or stay awake and/or bluish lips or face, go to an emergency room or call 911.

Testing results are available for nearly 5,048,000 individuals with 18% of people testing positive.

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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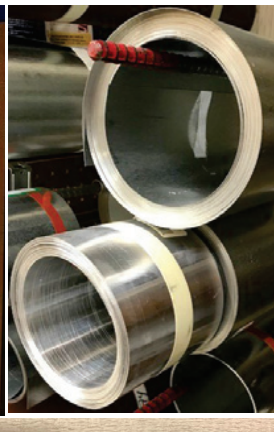


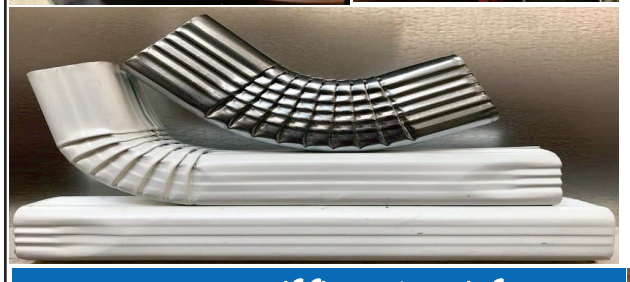


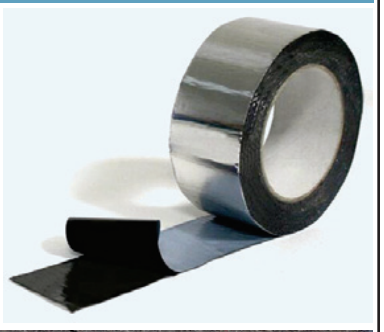
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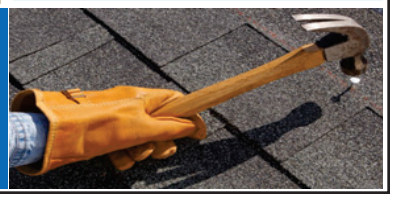








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As pandemic worsens, most US states resist restrictions

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Associated Press

As the U.S. goes through the most lethal phase of the coronavirus outbreak yet, governors and local officials in hard-hit parts of the country are showing little willingness to impose any new restrictions on businesses to stop the spread.

And unlike in 2020, when the debate over lockdowns often split along party lines, both Democratic and Republican leaders are signaling their opposition to forced closings and other measures.

Some have expressed fear of compounding the heavy economic damage inflicted by the crisis. Some see little patience among their constituents for more restrictions 10 months into the crisis. And some seem to be focused more on the rollout of the vaccines that could eventually vanquish the threat.

The most notable change of tune came from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, who imposed a tough shutdown last spring as the state became the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak.

"We simply cannot stay closed until the vaccine hits critical mass. The cost is too high. We will have nothing left to open," Cuomo said this week as confirmed infections in the state climbed to an average of 16,000 a day and deaths reached about 170 per day.

Theaters remain closed and there is no indoor dining in New York City, but Cuomo said Tuesday that if a system of rapid virus tests could be developed, it could allow those things to return more safely.

In Arizona, where the pandemic is raging, Republican Gov. Doug Ducey has been steadfast in his opposition to a statewide mask mandate or the closing of bars, gyms and restaurant dining despite repeated calls from hospital leaders to take such steps.

"If we're really all in this together, then we have to appreciate that for many families 'lockdown' doesn't spell inconvenience; it spells catastrophe," Ducey said.

Governors in other hot spots, including Texas, have expressed similar sentiments, while other states are loosening restrictions even as the U.S. death toll closes in on 380,000 and cases top 22.7 million. Deaths nationwide are running at more than 3,200 a day on average.

Minnesota allowed in-person dining to resume this week, and Michigan is set to do the same Friday. Nevada's rules are set to expire Friday.

Even in states with strict measures in place, such as California, people are flouting the rules. On Monday, as intensive care units in Southern California found themselves jammed with patients, people packed beaches in San Diego to see this week's high surf, many standing less than 6 feet apart with no masks.

Other Americans have ignored the rules as well. U.S. tourists flocked to Mexico's Caribbean coast over Christmas and New Year's, while thousands of University of Alabama football fans crowded into bars Monday night to celebrate the school's national championship.

More than 9.3 million Americans have received their first shot of the vaccine, according to the Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention, a slow rollout for a campaign that will have to inoculate perhaps 85% percent of the population, or over a quarter-million people, to conquer the outbreak.

On Tuesday, the Trump administration announced plans to speed things up by releasing practically twice as much vaccine, instead of holding large quantities in reserve to make sure that people received the required second dose on time. The practice of holding back doses was spurred by fear of production delays, but officials said they are now confident the supply will be there.

The Trump administration also asked states to immediately start vaccinating other groups lower down the priority scale, including the estimated 54 million Americans 65 and older, as well as younger people with certain health problems. Several states had already begun offering shots to senior citizens over the past few days.

But experts warn that life is unlikely to get back to normal any time soon. Vaccinating enough Americans to stop the virus could take well into the second half of 2021, by some estimates.

"We're at a really critical point right now," said Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, head of epidemiology at the University of California, San Francisco. "On the one hand, it is clear with vaccines that we have light at the end of the tunnel, but it is also pretty clear it's going to be a pretty long tunnel."

California is an outlier, with a strict lockdown in most of the state that has limited restaurants to takeout and delivery and shuttered hair salons and gyms.

California's COVID-19 death toll reached 30,000 on Monday. Hospitals in Los Angeles are so swamped that patients on gurneys are being treated in gift shops and parking lots. Officials started urging people to wear masks even at home if they go outside regularly and live with someone elderly or otherwise at high risk.

Anger over the restrictions has led to a recall movement against Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom that has nearly gathered the 1.5 million signatures needed to put his career to a vote.

Some Californians are escaping by heading to neighboring Arizona, where they can eat and drink at bars and restaurants.

Bartender Raul Amaya, who works at Carly's Bistro in Phoenix, said he is grateful for the business since it keeps him employed. Everyone, he said, needs a break.

""I think every time there has been a closure in different states, a lot more influx of different people from different states has come in," he said. "The only reason I've noticed it is they want a drink and we have to ask for ID from everybody. So, I was like 'Oh, this is a lot of California or Nevada IDs.'"

Watson reported from San Diego. Associated Press writers Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Zeke Miller in Washington; Jennifer Peltz in New York City and Marina Villeneuve in Albany, New York; Christopher Weber and John Antczak in Los Angeles; and Don Thompson in Sacramento, California, contributed to this report.

PASTRY

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the pandemic put everything at risk.

With no banquets, weddings, or parties to cater to and all hotels canceling their pastry orders, the bakery is only running at 40 percent of its usual business, according to owner Fred Khadavi.

"People still come in person but they buy a much smaller amount instead of buying for bigger events," said Khadavi. "With the same expenses and so much less business we can't survive. I think we have to close it soon, because we owe a lot of money."

The precipitous drop in demand coupled with the landlord's desire to raise rent has made continuing operations untenable. But, the family isn't ready to give up yet.

Facing what they know may be a losing battle, the bakery team is keeping the store's doors open for now.

They plan on expanding their offerings to include vegan pastries and more healthy treats to try and attract new shoppers. They are also doubling down on their social media outreach and appealing to their loyal customer base.

"Lots of our customers love this bakery. When they found out that there is a possibility we will close some of them cried," said Khadavi. "Some people are actually panicking 'oh where am I going to buy my cakes for my son's birthday'. It's really nice to see that kind of support; we appreciate it so much and that's giving us the energy to keep trying."

Family friends of the bakery have organized a GoFundMe to try to raise $50,000 to cover the store's back rent.



Clara Harter

PASTRY: The store is trying to cover rent.

Prior to the pandemic their landlord had discussed raising the rent by $5000 to cover upgrades to the building, and despite the subsequent and ongoing economic turmoil he wishes to proceed with the price increase, according to Khadavi.

As the bakery is already behind its current rent, owners say there is no way they can pay an increased rent. Negotiations with the landlord have yielded no compromise so far.

What the owners hope for most of all is government relief. They have tried multiple times to apply for a Small Business Association loan through the COVID-19 relief program but have yet to receive any money.

The Vienna Pastry GoFundMe can be found at: https://www.gofundme.com/f/vienna-pastry-needs-your-help

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CAPITOL

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Reps. Bonnie Watson Coleman of New Jersey and Brad Schneider of Illinois were the others who announced positive tests after their time in the room as everyone waited to hear whether more cases were coming.

Democrats were livid.

"In the midst of a deadly assault on our United States Capitol, a number of our Republican colleagues laughed off rules designed to keep not just their colleagues safe, but to protect the lives of the teams of workers keeping things going, law enforcement, and staff throughout the Capitol," said Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich.

On Tuesday, the House sergeant at arms office issued a statement saying all members and others going into the chamber must be screened for prohibited items, including firearms, and anyone failing to wear a mask on the House floor will be removed. The House was also voting to impose fines on lawmakers without face coverings.

The screening requirement comes as at least one lawmaker, freshman Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., has talked openly about carrying her firearm around town and onto the Capitol grounds, which has infuriated gun-control Democrats.

At a virtual meeting of the House rules committee, Democrats implored Republicans to stop peddling Trump's myths of a stolen election. Trump's accusations have been refuted for weeks by judges and election officials but motivated the mob and are still believed by legions of Trump supporters.

"When does service to Donald Trump end?" demanded Democratic Rep. Joe Morelle of New York. "It should be an easy one to answer."

"When the people speak, it's over," he went on. Otherwise, "we have nothing. There is no America."

There were some signs that the top Republican in the House was backing off his unwavering show of loyalty to Trump.

McCarthy had joined most House Republicans in December in supporting a lawsuit to block Biden's election, and again last week in two votes against certifying Biden's win. The lawsuit and both votes failed. He has so far avoided lambasting Trump publicly. But in a private conference call Monday with GOP colleagues, he expressed an openness to censuring Trump.

McCarthy "amplified the president's disinformation about widescale election fraud," former Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who often clashed with Trump, said in an interview last week. "That has been irresponsible. Mitch doesn't fall in that category."

"McCarthy is all in with Trump," said Paul Cook, who retired in January as a GOP congressman from California and had differences with him over the years. "I think sometimes you have the greater good of the country, it's not always the party."

A senior congressional Republican and defender of McCarthy, who would only speak anonymously, said the GOP leader would have been criticized no matter how the congressional challenge to Biden's electoral votes played out. The Republican also said McCarthy's strong relationship with Trump has benefited GOP lawmakers because it's enabled him to talk Trump out of attacking them, especially moderate Republicans who vote against him.

But to Cook, it all comes down to the oath. "You take an oath, a lot of people kind of forget the words to that," he said.

In their oath of office, lawmakers vow to defend the Constitution "against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

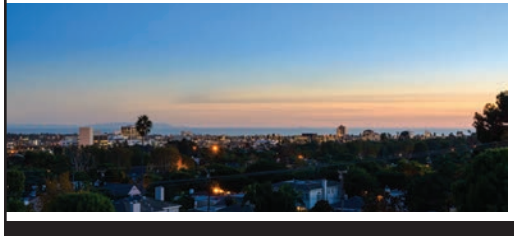
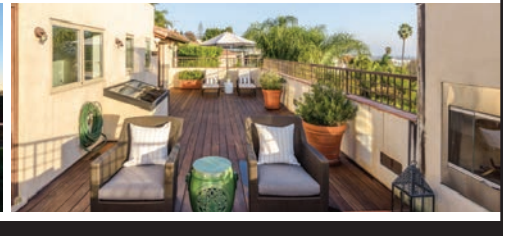
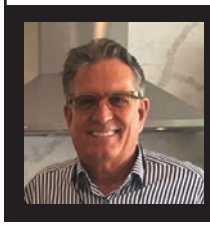
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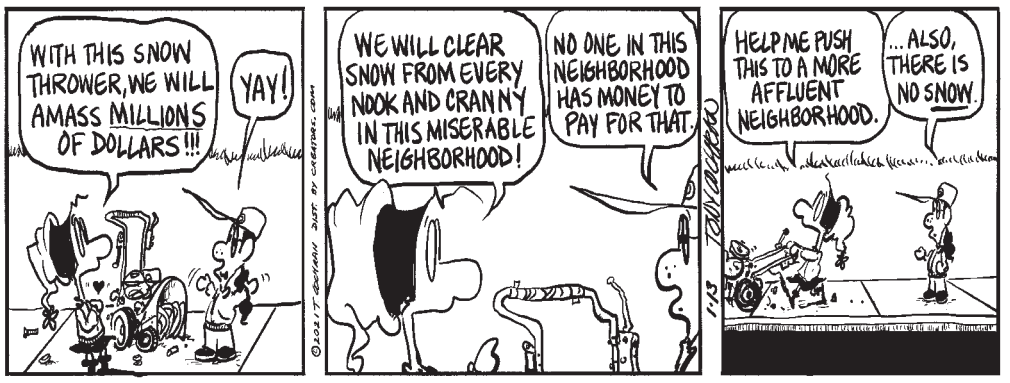
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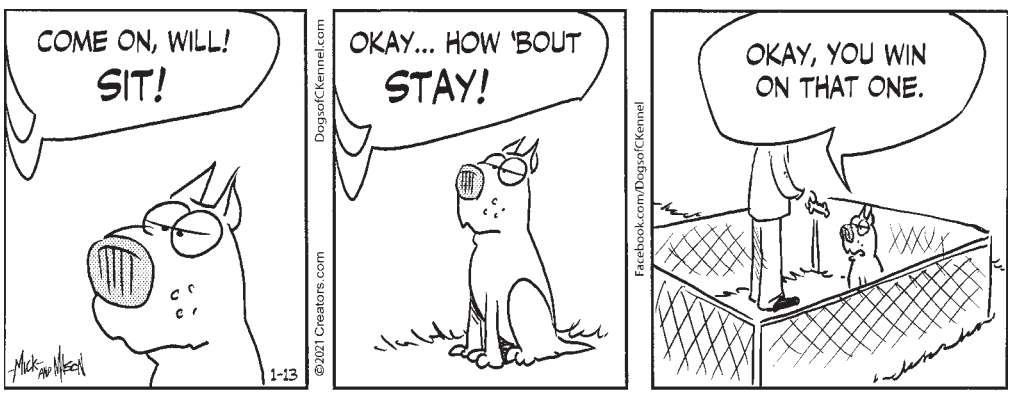
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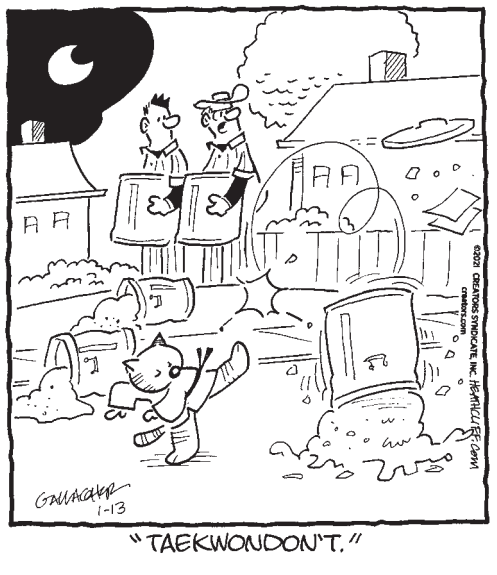
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Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). This is no time to limit your scope. Success can come from many different avenues. If you're counting on one person, that's too much pressure for both of you. Go out and find three more to bet on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You really don't need to make any earth-shattering advances to land where you want to go. This will be about doing small things consistently a little better. The only two steps you need: improve, repeat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll wonder if you're doing better or if you've just gotten comfortable with how you were doing before. Either way, that stress is over, so it's time to create some fresh stress in a flavor you love.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You enjoy your things, but you don't let them define you, not in your mind and not in the mind of others. That second part requires that you use discretion, cherish modesty and enact privacy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Magic comes in many forms, and today's might be the most spectacular one of all — evidence of love from your unconditional fan. A person who wants to see you smile is worth more than their weight in gold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Check in with those people who like to figure things out on their own. It may be the case that they are too humble to ask for the help that would be so easy for you to give.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The software update never comes at a convenient time. That's because routine maintenance isn't exciting enough to be a priority. You make sure that when it's time for people to interact with you, they're in for a treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is someone you want to be in the future. Thinking about it won't make it so. Acting on it every day certainly will. It doesn't matter much how successful or unsuccessful the action is, only how consistent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Powerful outcomes will be delayed. This is why it's important to have faith. Faith will keep you stepping forward when it seems futile to do so. Faith can fuel you until the actual results kick in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know loving people who hold you dear from afar. Today you'll get more from the ones who demonstrate their care, actively pursue what you're offering, and let you know when they miss you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If there's no right answer, no guarantee and no clear mark of value beyond a feeling, you just might be dealing in the realm of art. Art solves problems in mysterious ways.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be serving a communal function. It will be most fulfilling to know that people need what you're doing. In fact, it is an integral part of what they are doing.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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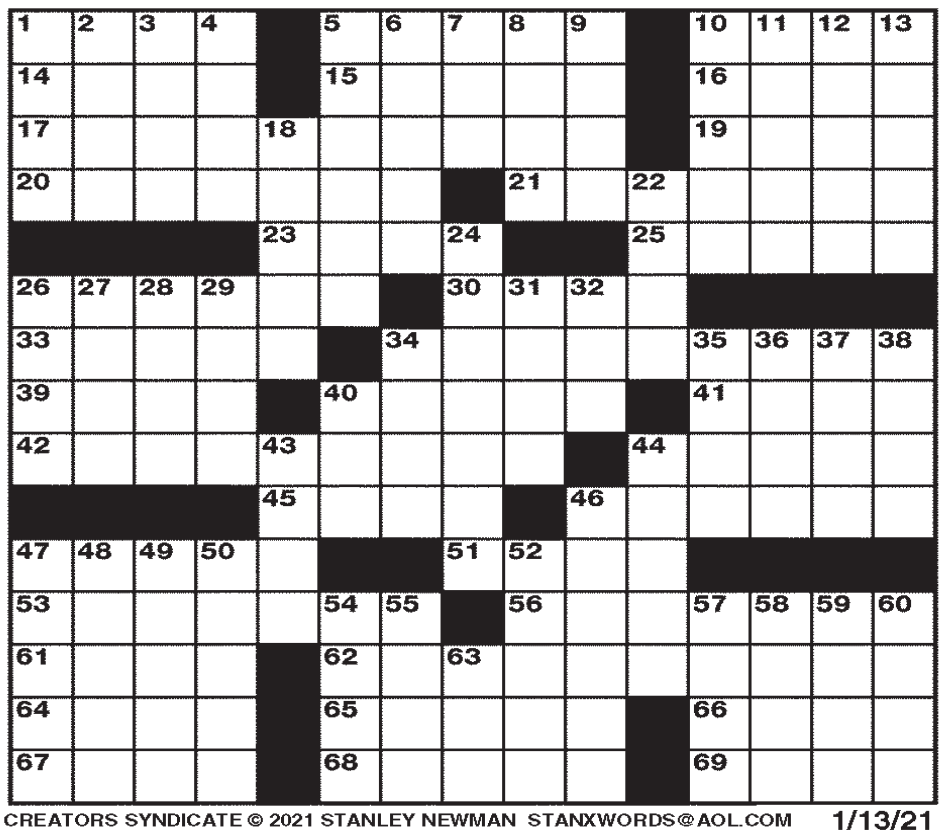
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Newsday Crossword

IN PURSUIT by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Lofty
5 Video game pioneer
10 What email filters block
14 Rights advocacy org.
15 Glossy gown material
16 Help for a detective
17 Usual sitcom audio
19 Dustcloths
20 Money worth about $1.20 in Barcelona
21 Posh properties
23 Actor __ Damon
25 Manicurist's abrasive
26 Of the backbone
30 Spot of land in a sea
33 Elizabeth of cosmetics
34 *As Good as It Gets* Oscar actress
39 Brewery grain
40 Added to the staff
41 Cleveland's lake
42 Colorful cosmetic
44 __ cum laude
45 Found a purpose for
46 Cash in
47 Save for later
51 Agenda, in brief
53 Tropical fruits
56 Paperless boarding pass
61 Topped, as cupcakes
62 Washington suburb
64 Infamous Roman emperor
65 Bloom from a bulb
66 European mountain range
67 Lee of comic book fame
68 R.L. of scary kid lit
69 Lease payment

DOWN
1 Saintly light
2 "__ hardly wait!"
3 Scrapbooker's adhesive
4 Enormous
5 Of the stars
6 Fortune-teller's deck
7 __ loss for words
8 Grain in sushi
9 Cartoonist's liquids
10 "Take a hike!"
11 Dish holding a dinner
12 Hole-making tool
13 Needing straightening up
18 Earthling, in sci-fi
22 Adolescent
24 Steering system linkages
26 Identical
27 Say grace, for example
28 Not doing anything
29 Receives after taxes
31 Whole bunch
32 Was winning
34 Stay out of sight
35 Spheroid of lettuce
36 Strongly recommend
37 WXYZ on cell phones
38 Group of collaborators
40 Contains
43 Donald Duck nephew
44 Battlefield healer
46 Key in again
47 Twirls around
48 Musical "don't play" notation
49 Drama with singers
50 Heaviest inert gas
52 Costner of films
54 49 Down segments
55 Closed securely
57 Blacken on a grill
58 Green-chips veggie
59 Airer of NFL games
60 Lab trial
63 Yale student



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4992

Stars of old

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Blake
Boom
Brando
Bringing Up Baby
Cosi
Davis
Dead Calm
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Jaws
Kenny
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Mad Max
Monroe
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Rain Man
Rush
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CITY MANAGER

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safe neighborhoods, economic recovery, and racial equity inside and outside the organization.

The position is slated for a six-month term beginning January 18, 2021, and is expected to provide additional stability and continuity for the organization when Dilg leaves Santa Monica this Spring, according to city staff.

Cline is also expected to play a critical role within the City's Emergency Operations Center to promote public health as the city works to save lives and support vaccination efforts amidst the COVID-19 crisis, according to a news release from city leaders.

The statement said she will help make adjustments to operations to deliver strong city services since the city was forced to make large cuts to its operating budget last Summer to account for the revenue decreases that are forecast for the future.

"Susan has proven herself again and again as a strong leadership voice for resident-facing services, increased public health measures to protect the community, and racial equity initiatives within the City organization," Dilg said. "Her deep knowledge across City operations and her grit and resilience in overseeing essential staff during the pandemic will be invaluable as we move through the next stages of this crisis. I am grateful to her as a City leader and a resident for taking on this critical role."

In her previous role as Public Works Director, Cline has overseen operations for the City's largest department, a department that offers many of the services that have the greatest impact on resident's lives, including refuse collection, public landscape, beach maintenance, capital projects, and environmental programs. Cline is a champion for sustainability and has been instrumental in incorporating sustainable practices across Public Works and City operations.

"I love Santa Monica and look forward to contributing to community health and resilience in a new way alongside the City Manager's Office and the talented City leadership team," said Cline. "During this critical time amidst the health emergency, there's nothing more important right now than doing all we can to save lives and keeping our essential staff healthy as they serve the community on the front lines."

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BEACH

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closed last Thursday and will remain so indefinitely, City Spokesperson Constance Farrell said.

"The rings and ropes have been removed and the green space has been closed off and will undergo improvement work during the closure," she said. "We ask for the community's support in slowing the spread of COVID-19 by not gathering, wearing face coverings, and maintaining physical distancing when out of the home for essential trips."

However, the best way to stay safe is to stay home, Farrell added, mentioning Muscle Beach is the only park closure as of now. In an attempt to contribute to regional efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and beyond, the city has also decided to temporarily close the Santa Monica Pier every Saturday and Sunday from now until Sunday, January 31.

Based on observations over the weekend, guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and where COVID-19 positivity rates and hospital capacity are, city leaders believe it best to move forward with an abundance of caution and with community health in mind, Farrell said Monday when she discussed the topic.

"At this time, we encourage everyone to protect their own health and our healthcare and essential workers by staying home except for essential purposes," she said.

Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer recommended earlier this week that anyone who lives with someone who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 should wear a face covering at home as well.

"If you're a worker who's leaving every day, or [if] you're somebody who has to run the essential errands in your family," Ferrer said, "it will just add a layer of protection while we get through this surge."

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PAUSE

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also very simple. Just pause. Until plans and actions that will affect all of Santa Monica for… ever, can get more discussion, of possible alternatives.

The school board zoom meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, Jan. 14, 5:30. But you have only until 3:00 that day to write the board to express your thoughts and suggestions. Just copy to all these interested parties: brd@smmusd.org, bdrati@smmusd.org, samohialumni@gmail.com, advocacy@smconservancy.org, fixsmmusd@gmail.com, council@smgov.net, senator.allen@senate.ca.gov, adding: Please include this in the public comments for the 1/14/2021 School Board meeting.

POLICE

I've been pondering their role for a long time, but what is slowly coming out about this mob assault on the Capitol is stunning.

When some police take sides against democracy, as some individuals did, we're screwed; the military is all we have left. Not a good way to go forward into history. It's so important that we have police we can trust, and that is going to now take some national soul searching. I support the police (philosophically) and think "defunding" is a stupid way to label an important and complicated process, no way to reframe such an important issue.

The information we're getting is shocking and thought provoking, but must be dealt with. I hope I can make the space in a future column to offer my thoughts on this crucial issue. Before I get strung up as an Enemy of the People.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 35 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

Editorial

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Feldman has earned the appointment

Editor

The SMMUSD board meets on Jan. 14 to fill the vacancy left when Oscar De La Torre accepted a position on City Council and of the applicants, Jason Feldman should clearly receive the appointment.

Of the 24 applicants Feldman is one of only two to have run in the recent election that created the vacancy, he has a strong backing among parents and his priorities are in line with the local community.

Anyone that feels so strongly about education that they're asking to be put in charge of local schools had the opportunity to express that desire in the recent election. Only Feldman and fellow applicant Keith Coleman did so and their commitment unquestionably raises them to the top of the pack.

Of the two, Feldman received 14,078 votes and Coleman received 13,682. Voters had the chance to evaluate the two and favored Feldman. Given the proximity to the election, the Board should recognize the will of the voters in making its selection.

Aside from the election results, Feldman has secured the backing of a vocal and passionate group of parents. Two of his fellow candidates from the November election are backing him as are groups of parents associated with some of his priorities such as special education.

Both Feldman and Coleman were willing to endure the sometimes rough road of an election and both have remained active in local politics but Feldman was the preferred candidate of the two in November and deserves to be recognized as such with the appointment this week.

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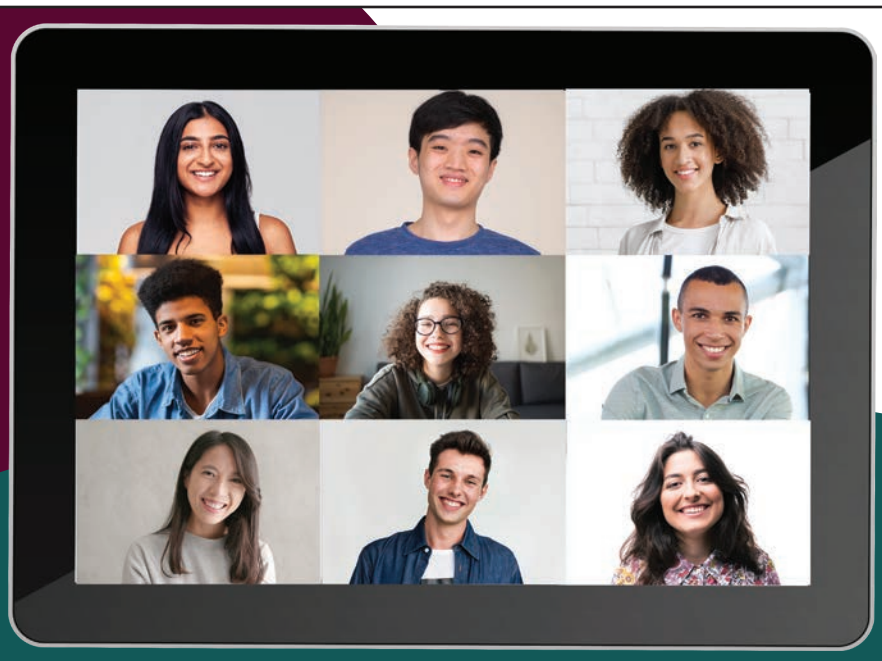
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