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Encampment fire sets commercial building ablaze



Clara Harter

FIRE: A building in Venice was damaged when fire spread from a nearby homeless encampment.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

On Wednesday morning a fire broke out at a homeless encampment on the Venice boardwalk and spread into a vacant commercial building.

According to the LAFD, 116 firefighters were on scene and it took 2 hours and 17 minutes to extinguish the flame in a 68 year-old, two-story, 6,952 square-foot structure located at 723 S Ocean Front Walk.

Firefighters responded to a call for a structure fire at 6:19 a.m., according to LAFD Deputy Chief in Charge of Operations for the West Bureau Armando Hogan.

Upon arrival, they saw significant flames engulfing the building and approximately 26 minutes into the operation firefighters took a defensive position on the blaze as a portion of the roof collapsed.

According to Hogan, firefighters took a "surrounding and drowning" approach using heavy water streams to combat the fire on multiple sides of the building. At 8:36 a.m. LAFD

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Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem retain positions

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SMDP Staff Writer

Councilmembers Sue Himmelrich and Kristin McCowan retained their positions as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore in a vote Tuesday that occurred as a result of alleged Brown Act violations.

Himmelrich and McCowan were reelected to their respective positions for two years in two separate unanimous votes, but not before Counncilmember Oscar de la Torre attempted to persuade the two to split the terms with one of Council's newest elected representatives.

"The Latino community has waited for 300 years for us to get the first Latino mayor ever, and that Mayor only served one year... he had to share that year. And I'm thinking how many white women have served as mayor in the City of Santa Monica; I think there's quite a few, but we only had one Latino or Latina in the city's history," de la Torre said after Councilmember McKeown nominated Himmelrich and McCowan. "I'm just thinking that it would be a good gesture for us to meet the moment here in the City of Santa Monica around the issues of inclusivity, diversity and racial justice, which a lot of callers are advocating for."

Citing concerns relating to her job and the need for steady leadership in the wake of the pandemic, Himmelrich said she wasn't interested in a nomination that would ask her to serve less than two years.

De la Torre would eventually support Himmelrich in the ensuing mayoral vote, but the subject of splitting a term with Brock or Parra was broached again during the vote for Mayor Pro Tem.

"I want to ask Councilwoman McCowan to reflect on the importance of us sharing power for the sake of unifying our city, and I'd like to move that we have Councilwoman McCowan start the position of Mayor Pro Tem," before Phil Brock would assume the position of Mayor Pro Tem, de la Torre said just prior to McCowan asking to read a statement she prepared for the night.

McCowan said she still believes she cured herself of the alleged Brown Act violations as was stated in Interim City Attorney George Cardona's letter.

The bigger problem over the

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Santa Monica to Establish Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

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SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica is set to create its first civilian police oversight body known as the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission.

With unanimous approval from City Council Tuesday, the city will follow recommendations made by the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee, which convened in the summer of 2020. The City will form a Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission that will promote the best practices in community-oriented policing for the fair treatment, safety, and wellbeing of all.

"This is the product of a months long community engagement process that included public comments from many members of the public and that brought a dedicated and historically diverse group of our community members, including members of both our Black and Brown communities, and members of the community across advocacy, mental health, law, finance, parenting and community services together...," Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said. "Our hope tonight is that we fulfilled Council direction to deliver a lasting institutional mechanism to achieve what we all aspire to, which is a Santa Monica Police Department that is a benchmark of excellence and a community that is thoughtfully engaged in the immensely challenging work of co-producing public safety and wellbeing."

The ordinance is expected to return to Council for second reading and final adoption at its next meeting on January 26. When the commission is formed, members are expected to have the power and duty to:

- Review and make recommendations regarding SMPD policies and practices;
- Receive information relating to any violations of procedures or policies in connection with disciplinary investigations, proceedings, and actions, and make recommendations regarding any such violations;

Collaborate with the SMPD to sponsor and promote ongoing interaction and trust building between the SMPD and community members, including providing channels and opportunities for ongoing dialogue between the SMPD and community members in both organized and informal settings;

- Promote transparency and availability to the public of SMPD data and records;
- Collaborate with the SMPD and the community to promote restorative justice;
- Evaluate and make

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California opens scarce vaccines to those 65 and older

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California is immediately allowing residents 65 and older to get scarce coronavirus vaccines, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Wednesday.

The move puts seniors in line before emergency workers, teachers, childcare providers and food and agriculture workers even as counties complain they already don't have enough doses to go around.

"There is no higher priority than efficiently and equitably distributing these vaccines as quickly as possible to those who face the gravest consequences," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement. "To those not yet eligible for vaccines, your turn is coming. We are doing everything we can to bring more vaccine into the state."

While health care workers and those in nursing homes and other congregate living facilities can still be vaccinated, state officials are expanding the program to those 65 and up because they are at the greatest risk of being hospitalized and dying.

A growing list of states that includes Florida, New York and Oregon either already are offering vaccines to that age group or have announced plans to do so.

In California, virus cases and hospitalizations have exploded since Thanksgiving, though in recent days the numbers have flattened.

"With our hospitals crowded and ICUs full, we need to focus on vaccinating Californians who are at highest risk of becoming hospitalized to alleviate stress on our health care facilities," said Dr. Tomás Aragón, director of the California Department of Public Health and the state's Public Health Officer. "Prioritizing individuals age 65 and older will reduce hospitalizations and save lives."

The moves follows recommendations Tuesday from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But it comes after members of a state advisory panel on Tuesday worried that adding seniors will inevitably delay vaccines for others.

Anthony Wright, executive director of the consumer health care advocacy group Health Access California, said he generally favored moving toward vaccinating older residents, the group most likely to be hospitalized and die of the coronavirus. But he was among those who said the expansion could further strain the state's already delayed rollout of scarce vaccines.

"This is a very tough conversation about trade-offs," he said.

Adding the aging "does not mean we're abandoning our commitment" to those already in line for vaccines, the panel's co-chairwoman, California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris said later. "We are working together to solve multiple challenges at the same time."

Newsom also announced a new system to let people know if they are eligible to receive a vaccine, to start next week.

If residents are not yet eligible, the system will allow them to register for a text or email notification when they are.

A "second phase" of that system will help counties and cities that have begun mass inoculation centers at sports stadiums and fairgrounds by allowing eligible members of the public to schedule their appointments at mass vaccination events.

Newsom set a goal last week of delivering 1 million doses by Friday, beyond the roughly 480,000 that had been administered by last week.

Associated Press writers Janie Har in San Francisco, Amy Taxin in Orange County, and Don Thompson and Adam Beam in Sacramento contributed.

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Housing advocates call on Biden to extend eviction ban

MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

Housing advocates around the country staked out courthouses and held rallies Wednesday, calling on the incoming Biden administration to extend and strengthen the current federal ban on evictions.

President Donald Trump's directive, implemented in September by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was extended until the end of January. Given the pandemic is still ongoing, advocates argue tenants should have protections for the next several months and that the ban should be expanded beyond only tenants who cannot pay their rent.

"Today, was an opportunity to stand in solidarity with the people," said Alan Tanner, a minister at St. Luke's Christian AME Zion Church who spoke at a rally in Boston, one of 17 on Wednesday in 14 states.

Several dozen tenants, advocates and small landlords gathered outside a housing court in Boston, chanting "Housing is the Cure" and holding signs including "Eviction Free Zone" and "Ban Utility Shutoffs." They marched to the nearby John F. Kennedy Federal Building to call on federal action to address evictions. About a dozen cars also circled the housing court, honking their horns.

"We need regulation and legislation that is going to prevent evictions," he said. "We need an extension of the moratorium. We need something more strict and stern than even than the eviction ban, something that is not temporary and will last through the duration of the pandemic."

Bans on eviction were used early on in the pandemic by states and cities to keep tenants housed and avoid a spike in homelessness. But with most of those expired, the federal ban is the only remaining protection preventing the more than 23 million renters from being evicted.

Expectations are high that one of the first things Joe Biden does when taking office will be extending that CDC eviction order. Advocates are also pressing him to include tens of billions of dollars in rental assistance in the next coronavirus relief bill. That would be on top of the $25 billion approved in the $900 billion coronavirus relief bill passed by Congress in December.

"We're calling on President-elect Biden on his first day, his first hour to sign a new executive order implementing a new extended, strengthened, enforced eviction moratorium for the duration of the pandemic," Diane Yentel, president of the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, said.

"When he comes into office, the current federal eviction moratorium is set to expire 11 days later. It is literally impossible for the $25 billion of emergency rental assistance to get to the tenants and small landlords who need those funds by that time," she continued. "The eviction moratorium has to be extended in order to continue to create protection for tenants while states and localities work to get emergency rental assistance out to tenants who need it most."

The organizers behind Tuesday's protests, Right To The City Alliance, also said Congress needs to move to cancel any rent or mortgage debt related to the pandemic. Along with a rally and march in Boston, protesters built a living room in front of the CDC headquarters in Atlanta and a mariachi band played outside the home of a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors member.

"Millions of families, most of them people of color who are also frontline workers, are living in fear of ending up on the street month to month even as this pandemic continues to kill us," Kamau Walton, senior organizer for communications with the Right To The City Alliance, said in a statement. "This isn't just about housing, this is about protecting public health."

Biden has repeatedly talked about wanting to extend the moratorium until the end of the pandemic. Details from his transition team are expected in the days and weeks ahead.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 31 CALLS ON JANUARY 12

EMS 400blk Expo Line 1:12 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:49 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 3:08 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Centinela Ave 3:13 a.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 4:57 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 7:42 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 8:12 a.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 8:46 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:59 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 9:07 a.m.
EMS 900blk 10th St 9:11 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 9:12 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:33 a.m.
EMS 500blk Raymond Ave 11:16 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 11:39 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 12:41 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 1:15 p.m.
EMS 12th St / Arizona Ave 1:41 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 2:00 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Yale St 2:39 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Colorado Ave 2:53 p.m.
EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 3:17 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 3:29 p.m.
EMS 500blk San Vicente Blvd 7:07 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2800blk Neilson Way 7:48 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 7:49 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 14th St 7:57 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 20th St 8:49 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Hill St 8:58 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 9:01 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 9:02 p.m.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 185 CALLS ON JANUARY 12

Battery 1300blk 20th St 12:04 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:15 a.m.
Loud Music 00blk Marine Ter 12:19 a.m.
Battery 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:39 a.m.
Malicious Mischief 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:07 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:08 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 3:08 a.m.
Found Property 1100blk 12th St 4:16 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Main St 5:54 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:53 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:14 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1800blk Warwick Ave 7:15 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 7:34 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 200blk Ashland Ave 7:48 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 500blk Ashland Ave 7:52 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 3rd St 8:11 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 400blk 15th St 8:44 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 8:56 a.m.
Death Investigation 1100blk 7th St 9:08 a.m.
Lewd Activity 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:15 a.m.
Burglary Report 1900blk Ocean Way 9:19 a.m.
Death Investigation 900blk 10th St 9:21 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:31 a.m.
Encampment 1000blk Palisades Beach Rd 9:40 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2300blk Virginia Ave 9:57 a.m.
Encampment 700blk The Beach 10:05 a.m.
Battery 1600blk The Beach 10:10 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 3200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:13 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1000blk 17th St 10:18 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 2500blk 4th St 10:18 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 400blk 15th St 10:25 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2400blk 33rd St 10:46 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 500blk Broadway 10:51 a.m.
Person Down 500blk Raymond Ave 11:19 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk Yale St 11:22 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:35 a.m.
Burglary Report 2400blk 4th St 11:39 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 18th St 11:42 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 3300blk Barnard Way 12:12 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk California Ave 12:27 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2000blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:29 p.m.
Petty Theft Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 12:53 p.m.
Construction Noise 1000blk 9th St 1:31 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:38 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Navy St 1:42 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 2800blk Exposition Blvd 1:55 p.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk 26th St 2:05 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1300blk 26th St 2:20 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Broadway 2:34 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 500blk San Vicente Blvd 2:36 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 500blk Wilshire Blvd 2:39 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 16th St / Georgina Ave 2:50 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 2nd St 3:09 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1800blk 34th St 3:12 p.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk 26th St 3:13 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 500blk Broadway 3:27 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 3:38 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1700blk Appian Way 3:46 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 9th St 4:03 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1600blk Berkeley St 4:47 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 16th St 4:56 p.m.
Grand Theft Report Stewart St / Kansas Ave 5:13 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 4th St / Interstate 10 5:22 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 400blk 7th St 5:39 p.m.
General Parking Problem 100blk Marguerita Ave 5:53 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 6:43 p.m.
Found Property 1500blk 2nd St 7:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:31 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:37 p.m.
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Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:59 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 900blk 15th St 8:29 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1300blk California Ave 8:29 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 200blk Broadway 8:34 p.m.
Lost Property 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:37 p.m.
Domestic Violence 2000blk 20th St 8:47 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 9:00 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 9:14 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1700blk 9th St 9:16 p.m.

Enduring 2nd impeachment, Trump stands largely silent, alone

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Associated Press

His place in the history books rewritten, President Donald Trump endured his second impeachment largely alone and silent.

For more than four years, Trump has dominated the national discourse like no one before him. Yet when his legacy was set in stone on Wednesday, he was stunningly left on the sidelines.

Trump now stands with no equal, the only president to be charged twice with a high crime or misdemeanor, a new coda for a term defined by a deepening of the nation's divides, his failures during the worst pandemic in a century and his refusal to accept defeat at the ballot box.

Trump kept out of sight in a nearly empty White House as impeachment proceedings played out at the heavily fortified U.S. Capitol. There, the damage from last week's riots provided a visible reminder of the insurrection that the president was accused of inciting.

Abandoned by some in his own party, Trump could do nothing but watch history unfold on television. The suspension of his Twitter account deprived Trump of his most potent means to keep Republicans in line, giving a sense that Trump had been defanged and, for the first time, his hold on his adopted party was in question.

He was finally heard from hours after the vote, in a subdued video that condemned the insurrection at the Capitol and warned his supporters from engaging in any further violence. It was a message that was largely missing one week earlier, when rioters marching in Trump's name descended on the Capitol to try to prevent Congress from certifying Biden's victory.

"I want to be very clear: I unequivocally condemn the violence that we saw last week," said Trump. He added that "no true supporter" of his "could ever endorse political violence."

But that message, partially motivated to warn off legal exposure for sparking the riot, ran contrary to what Trump has said throughout his term, including when he urged his supporters to "fight" for him last week. Trump said not a word about his impeachment in the video, though he complained about the ban on his social media.

With only a week left in Trump's term, there were no bellicose messages from the White House fighting the proceedings on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue and no organized legal response. Some congressional Republicans did defend the president during House debate in impeachment, their words carrying across the same space violated by rioters one week earlier during a siege of the citadel of democracy that left five dead.

In the end, 10 Republicans voted to impeach.

It was a marked change from Trump's first impeachment. That December 2019 vote in the House, which made Trump only the third president ever impeached, played out along partisan lines. The charges then were that he had used the powers of the office to pressure Ukraine to investigate a political foe, Joe Biden, now the president-elect.

At that time, the White House was criticized for failing to create the kind of robust "war room" that President Bill Clinton mobilized during his own impeachment fight. Nonetheless, Trump allies did mount their own pushback campaign. There were lawyers, White House messaging meetings, and a media blitz run by allies on conservative television, radio and websites.

Trump was acquitted in 2020 by the GOP-controlled Senate and his approval ratings were undamaged. But this time, as some members of his own party recoiled and accused him of committing impeachable offenses, Trump was isolated and quiet. A presidency centered on the bombastic declaration "I alone can fix it" seemed to be ending with a whimper.

The third-ranking Republican in the House, Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, said there had "never been a greater betrayal" by a president. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told colleagues in a letter that he had not decided how he would vote in an impeachment trial.

For the first time, Trump's future seemed in doubt, and what was once unthinkable — that enough Republican senators would defy him and vote to remove him from office — seemed at least possible, if unlikely.

But there was no effort from the White House to line up votes in the president's defense.

The team around Trump is hollowed out, with the White House counsel's office not drawing up a legal defense plan and the legislative affairs team largely abandoned. Trump leaned on Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to push Republican senators to oppose removal. Graham's spokesman said the senator was making the calls of his own volition.

Trump and his allies believed that the president's sturdy popularity with the lawmakers' GOP constituents would deter them from voting against him.

The president was livid with perceived disloyalty from McConnell and Cheney and has been deeply frustrated that he could not hit back with his Twitter account, which has kept Republicans in line for years. Trump watched much of the day's proceedings on TV from the White House residence and his private dining area off the Oval Office.

A short time before he was impeached, Trump was in the White House East Room presenting the National Medal of Arts to singers Toby Keith and Ricky Skaggs as well as former Associated Press photographer Nick Ut.

His paramount concern, beyond his legacy, was what a second impeachment could do to his immediate political and financial future, according to four White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing. They were not authorized to speak discuss private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The loss of his Twitter account and fundraising lists could complicate Trump's efforts to remain a GOP kingmaker and potentially run again in 2024. Moreover, Trump seethed at the blows being dealt to his business, including the withdrawal of a PGA tournament from one of his golf courses and the decision by New York City to cease dealings with his company.

There's the possibility that if the Senate were

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Apartment Living During COVID-19

There's no disputing that COVID-19 has created additional stress for everyone, and the tension seems to be especially acute in multi-unit housing. Density, shared walls, stay-at-home orders, and misinformation about the pandemic have all created increased conflict among apartment residents and between residents and their landlords.

Many apartment residents expect building management to notify them if another resident tests positive for COVID-19. Individuals who are infected with COVID-19 or suspect they are must notify their close contacts of the exposure. But landlords have no duty to notify residents if another resident tests positive for COVID-19, and in fact doing so may violate the privacy of the COVID-19 positive resident.

However, landlords who are aware that residents are infected or exposed can take steps to protect the health of residents. These steps may include dropping off mail, packages, and deliveries to affected residents' doors, and picking up bagged trash from outside their doors. Landlords can also direct staff and vendors to avoid the units of residents they know to be infected or exposed, without disclosing a reason.

The Los Angeles County Health Department encourages everyone to do their part in preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. For landlords, these steps include:

- Post information in common areas about preventing the spread of disease. Resources are available here.
- Ensure that employees, vendors, residents, and visitors wear face covers and practice physical distancing. The City requires individuals to use face covering any time they will be in contact with other people who are not household members in public or private places, where six feet physical distancing cannot be maintained. This applies to common areas of an apartment building.
- Regularly clean high-touch areas such as door handles, elevator buttons, mailboxes, and intercoms.
- Postpone non-emergency repairs and maintenance. If repairs can't be postponed, ensure that workers wear face coverings, and encourage residents and workers to practice physical distancing and open windows if possible. Keep in mind that Santa Monica's eviction moratorium protects tenants from eviction for refusing non-emergency entries, regardless of whether the tenants are infected or exposed to COVID-19.
- Limit occupancy of common areas such as elevators, laundry rooms, leasing offices, and lobbies. If possible, landlords can implement an online sign-up system for laundry rooms and rearrange the rooms to allow for low occupancy and physical distancing.
- Post and adhere to public health protocols for gyms and fitness establishments, tennis and pickleball courts, and residential swimming pools. Community and recreational rooms should remain closed, and basketball courts can only be used by individuals practicing physical distancing.
- Allow residents and prospective residents virtual options to pay rent, communicate with management, view available apartments, and execute rental agreements.
- Leave common-area doors open if allowed by fire codes to increase air circulation and reduce touching.

Sometimes landlords can help resolve disputes between residents by facilitating communication between quarreling neighbors. Some disputes can be resolved when residents agree to something as simple as a schedule change that allows both households to use a common area separately and safely. Landlords and tenants can request free mediation services here from the Straus Institute at Pepperdine University.

For more information about COVID-19 prevention and protocols for residential landlords and tenants, see the Los Angeles County Health Department's Guidance for Multi-Family Residences.

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Jean McNeil Wyner dies

Jean McNeil Wyner died this week due to complications from Covid-19.

Wyner spent decades working for multiple community organizations such as PAL, YWCA, YMCA, SMC, the Salvation Army, Kiwanis, Rotary, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, and the Santa Monica Breakfast Club.

"Jean was committed to community service in our city for over 30 years and received many awards. She received the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President's Awards in 1988, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2009, and 2010; and the Roy E. Naylor Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008," said a statement by Chamber President/CEO Laurel Rosen.

No service information is available at this time but the Daily Press will provide additional information about Wyner and her life in an upcoming issue.

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The Pier

Pier to close Thursday

The Santa Monica Pier will be closed this Thursday, January 14 and Friday, January 15 and through the holiday weekend (Saturday, January 16 though Monday, January 18) as previously announced. The extended closure is due to forecasted warm weather and the need for all Los Angeles County residents to remain at home.

This change is reflected on the City's website at https://www.santamonica.gov/press/2021/01/10/santa-monica-pier-closed-january-10-and-weekends-in-january

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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recommendations regarding ideas for implementing best practices in community-oriented policing and reimagining public safety and wellbeing; and

- Review and make recommendations regarding the proposed budget for the SMPD.

The 15-member Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee suggested last year that sworn and civilian Santa Monica Police Department employees be barred from serving on the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission, but Council was hesitant to single out local officers Tuesday.

"Is it not our city policy anyway that no city employee can be part of any board or commission?" Councilmember Kevin McKeown asked before he later shared a hesitancy to specifically state the professions that should be called upon to serve.

Councilwoman Kristin McCowan said she received some outreach from community members who said it may be useful to have the perspective of a public defender on the commission.

"I know we have a stipulation that you can't be a current lawyer with a firm and be on the commission but I do think there would be benefit to having a subject matter expert with a background as a public defender," McCowan said. "So, a former public defender or social worker, I think would be really important here. And I think it would be important to sort of embed that into the ordinance in the same way that we do on Building and Safety and some of our other commission's that have that requirement."

Council also felt a strong need to instill a timeframe relating to how long the commission and SMPD have to resolve a complaint, but Dilg said it was best to leave flexibility until the commission is formed and the City gets a better understanding of the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission's needs and workflow.

Staff then assured Council it could include more details during the second reading or through administrative guidelines.

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MAYOR

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last month, McCowan said, was the severe personal attacks she has experienced from some in this community.

"I want to be clear, I have earned my right to be on this council and I am not going to let anyone diminish that," McCowan added. "I say all this so that everyone on this council understands that my ethics have never and will never be compromised. This is the standard for which we all should strive, and I will not allow a few loud voices who know nothing of me or my history to suggest that I am an ethically compromised individual. I take that very personally and I will not stand for misguided accusations. We all make mistakes. A real leader admits them and takes responsibility."

McCowan also dispelled rumors that her decision to accept a nomination for a two-year term has anything to do with future political prospects.

"We are in a terrible crisis of COVID right now. It will take at least another year before we start to see some semblance of normal in our community and another year after that, very strategically focused on the future of our city," McCowan said. "And after that, (de la Torre), Councilmember Brock and Councilmember Parra will all still be on council in a wonderful position to take over the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem at that time, and I would be happy to support any qualified candidates if I'm reelected in 2022. But for right now, this is a two year job, just like Sue said, and I wish to support her in that role for the next two years."

Brock withdrew his name from contention and both women were reappointed to the positions with a unanimous vote.

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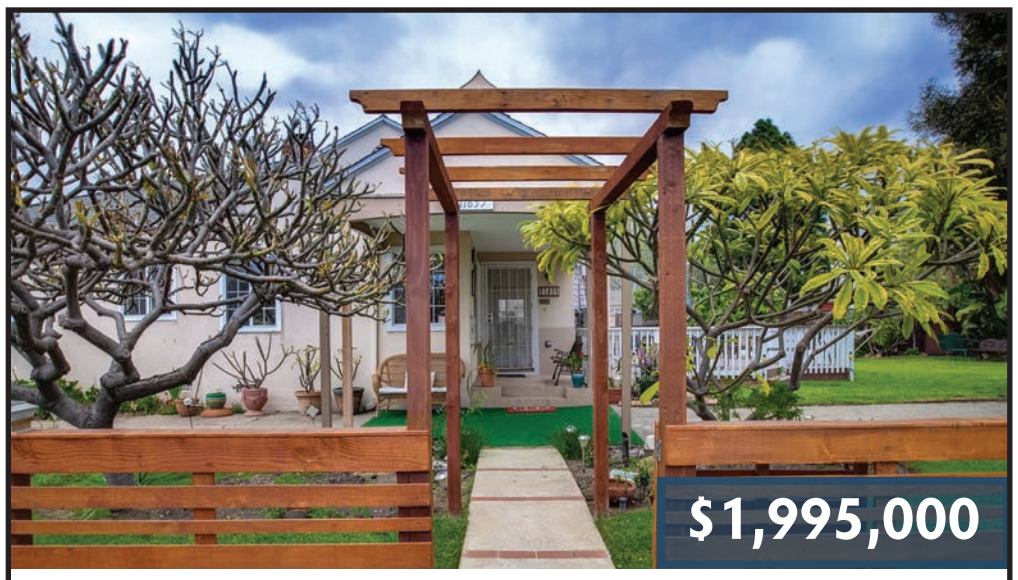
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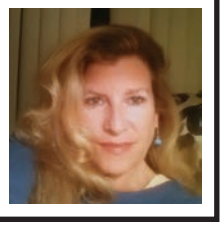
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Noteworthy

By Charles Andrews

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What We Lost, part 2

OUR TERRIBLE MUSIC LOSSES

With Trump soon walking away (we pray!), our great relief has to be muted by the incredible carnage he left behind. As we all know, he did nothing about the coronavirus when it was so needed in the beginning, when it would have made a huge difference. He saw it as a political calculation, not hundreds of thousands of American lives lost and the pain of all those families.

If he had done nothing it would have been so much better, than the damage done by calling it a hoax and making simple, vital precautions a sign of weakness and opposition to him. He was a catalyst. Mocking masks, dozens of super-spreader events in his name. He just didn't care.

And now, of the more than 380,000 Americans dead, so far, too many of them were great musicians who enriched our lives and still had much to offer.

Last week I gave a nod to half of those casualties to whom I felt a personal connection, and now the other half. Thank you, and fare thee well.



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THE POINTER SISTERS

BONNIE POINTER

When the Pointer Sisters hit with that first album in'73, and then we got to see them as well as hear them, everyone went nuts. The four siblings out of Oakland had mastered compelling, complex harmonies and marched out on stage looking sooo good in their thrift store '40s chic. I was fortunate to have nearly a front row seat at what I think was their first LA performance at the Roxy, and man did they put on a show I'll never forget.

d. 6/8, LA, 69

PETER GREEN

I loved the original Fleetwood Mac founded by Green and world's tallest great drummer Mick F. They usually had three guitarists, all phenomenal. He played for emotion not speed, and Brit music bible MOJO Magazine voted him the third best of all time. And a great songwriter: "Albatross," "Oh Well," "The Green Manalishi," "Black Magic Woman." B.B. King said, "he was the only one who gave me the cold sweats." I have delighted for more than half a century posing the provocative question to music lovers, "... but have you heard Fleetwood Mac the blues band?"

d. 7/25, Canvey Island, UK, 73

JOHNNY NASH

Not only, but mostly, "I Can See Clearly Now." My wife spontaneously let go with a few choruses just after our daughter was born, after 33 hours of labor. It's that kind of song. An ode to joy. Nash was probably the first American singer to go to Jamaica to record, and he worked with Bob Marley.

d. 10/6, Houston, 80

EDDIE VAN HALEN

I kinda feel the same way as I did about Rush drummer Neil Peart, not a fan of their bands but Eddie V was so dang good (and fast) that he was one of the very few who changed the way those who came after played rock guitar. Died in Santa Monica — was he living here?

d. 10/6, Santa Monica, 65

SPENCER DAVIS

For being musically astute enough to hear a 14-year-old Stevie Winwood once and form a band around him. "I'm a Man" and "Gimme Some Lovin," both written by Winwood, made indelible impressions and I became a lifelong fan of the white soul singer who could also play organ and guitar as well as anyone you an name.

d. 10/19, LA, 81

LESLIE WEST

A lot of performers cruise the rest of their careers on one hit song. Not sayin' that Big Leslie cruised but his one hit song was way better than most, and I can still listen to "Mississippi Queen" 50 years later, for the gazillionth time, crank up the volume and dig it. I won't hold it against him that many credit him with being a progenitor of heavy metal.

d. 12/22, Palm Coast FL, 75

SO MANY OTHERS

Gifted with such great talent, here is a list of other notables who will be missed:

JIMMY HEATH (93), ROBERT PARKER, "Barefootin'" (89), JON CRISTENSEN (76), MCCOY TYNER (81), MIRELLA FRENI (85), CHARLES WUORINEN (81), BILL WITHERS (81), WALLACE RONEY (59-COVID), KRZYSZTOF PENDERECKI (86), LEE KONITZ (92), (JOHN "BUCKY' PIZZARELLI (94), AURLUS MABELE (66), ELLIS MARSALIS (85-COVID), LYNN HARRELL (76), HAL WILNER, SNL, "Stay Awake" tribute album (64-COVID), FLORIAN SCHNEIDER,

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Standing for justice

The Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council stands on the side of justice and against the white supremacy that still greatly influences our nation, fueling fear and division. This past week religious symbols were used to foster hate, violence and bigotry. That is not what religion and faith is about. When people proclaim that "God is on their side" as they carry out crimes of hate and strengthen systems of oppression we must speak out. We call out those who weaponize religion in such instances as the abuse of a cross by insurrectionists as part of their violent occupation of the Capitol, the promotion of violence against Jews (the Camp Auschwitz and 6MWE shirts), the comment that "Hitler was right about one thing" by a member of Congress and much more.

God is on the side of the poor and the dispossessed. As people of faith, we condemn leadership that fans the flames of hatred and injustice- who appoint people to powerful positions who not only undermine democracy but actively work to ensure that the systemic racism grows even stronger. We condemn the actions of those who actively aid and abet criminals and terrorists in their quest to establish a country where white supremacy stands strong. We believe that had the terrorists been black, they would have been shot before ever reaching the Capitol steps. Instead, these terrorists were allowed inside. This is the result of white supremacy in power.

We all need space to heal, not just from the events of this week, but from cumulative anger and grief. The Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council encourages you to seek support from friends, family, counselors, your spiritual community or one of us on the Council. We also encourage you to work against the embedded systems of injustice that we live in, the systems that fostered white supremacist leadership and stoked the events of this past week.

We were given a glimpse of what hate and white supremacy can lead to. We will all need unwavering compassion, courage and support in the days and weeks ahead. We invite you to join us in our efforts to help create a more loving, equitable and beloved community.

Signed by:

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Tahil Sharma, Hindu-Sikh Interfaith Minister in Residence, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Santa Monica, CA

Rev. Andre van Zijl, Interfaith Minister, All Paths Divinity School

Willa Wells, Commission for the Senior Community, Santa Monica.

TRUMP

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to convict him, he also could be barred from seeking election again, dashing any hopes of another presidential campaign.

A White House spokesman did not respond to questions about whether anyone in the building was trying to defend Trump, who was now the subject of half of the presidential impeachments in the nation's history.

One campaign adviser, Jason Miller, argued Democrats' efforts will serve to galvanize the Republican base behind Trump and end up harming Biden. He blamed the Democrats' swift pace for the silence, saying there wasn't "time for mounting a traditional response operation." But he pledged that "the real battle will be the Senate where there'll be a more traditional pushback effort."

The reminders of the Capitol siege were everywhere as the House moved toward the impeachment roll call.

Some of the Capitol's doors were broken and windows were shattered. A barricade had gone up around outside the building and there were new checkpoints. Hundreds of members of the National Guard patrolled the hallways, even sleeping on the marble floors of the same rotunda that once housed Abraham Lincoln's casket.

And now the Capitol is the site of more history, adding to the chapter that features Clinton, impeached 21 years ago for lying under oath about sex with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, and Andrew Johnson, impeached 151 years ago for defying Congress on Reconstruction. Another entry is for Richard Nixon, who avoided impeachment by resigning during the Watergate investigation.

But Trump, the only one impeached twice, will once more be alone.

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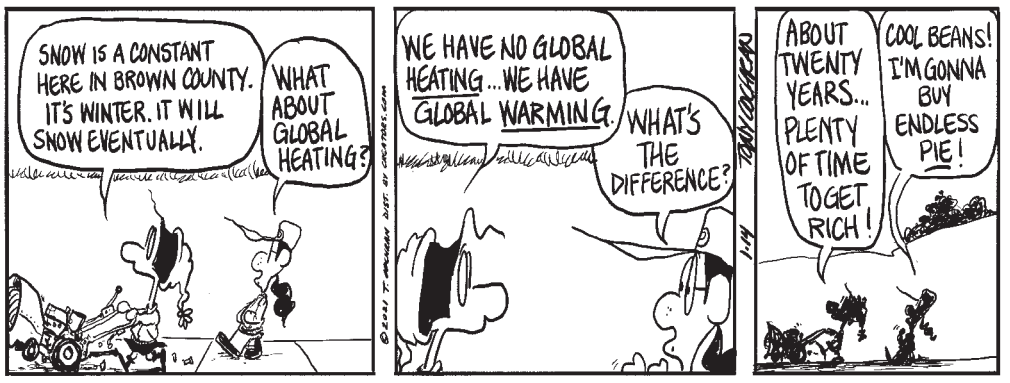
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Friday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anything you do to make your system better will improve your thinking, mood and attitude about the past and hope for the future. But if you concern yourself with your state of mind first, progress will be thwarted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No one has control over how much talent they were born with, but picking up a skill is something that doesn't take talent; it takes practice. Commit to that without giving a second thought to what else will kick in to assist you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you crave now is success. Get in there and make some sweet mistakes. Getting it right is just getting it wrong with a twist. If you haven't gotten it wrong, then there's nothing to twist.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your social skills are a superpower. Since you live in them like a fish lives in water, you take for granted the sustaining force. Suffice it to say, people with far less skill are in a different place because you're on their side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What needs to be said? Probably not a lot. Maybe nothing, or at least nothing that words can handle. Actions and spaces are better than words at setting rhythms of accessibility, connection and availability.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, the teacher brings a study, but right now it's the study that brings the teacher. Follow your curiosity a few layers down and teachers start to come out of the woodwork to assist a deeper journey.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One kind of thinking that's not helpful right now is imagining where'd you be if you'd zigged instead of zagged back there. The choice you have right now is the one that matters, and tending to it will bring you joy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This service you give is valuable to people, though you may not see it as work. Still, you'll be offered some form of remuneration and you should take it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll put to use some masterful skills such as the one where you deliver good news without making people feel jealous or threatened. As for the stuff they don't want to hear, your delivery makes it palatable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Adding friends is part of social media culture, though, in real life, relationships don't finger-click into place. Anyway, keeping friends is more important than making them today. You'll enjoy relationship maintenance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's back, this thing you think about from time to time, in different seasons, years, decades even. And your thinking changes on the matter, too. New insights can be mined there today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You say the right thing, but that's not what they'll remember. It's the way you show your heart. You live by what's in there. You don't think about doing the right thing, it happens organically because it's who you are.

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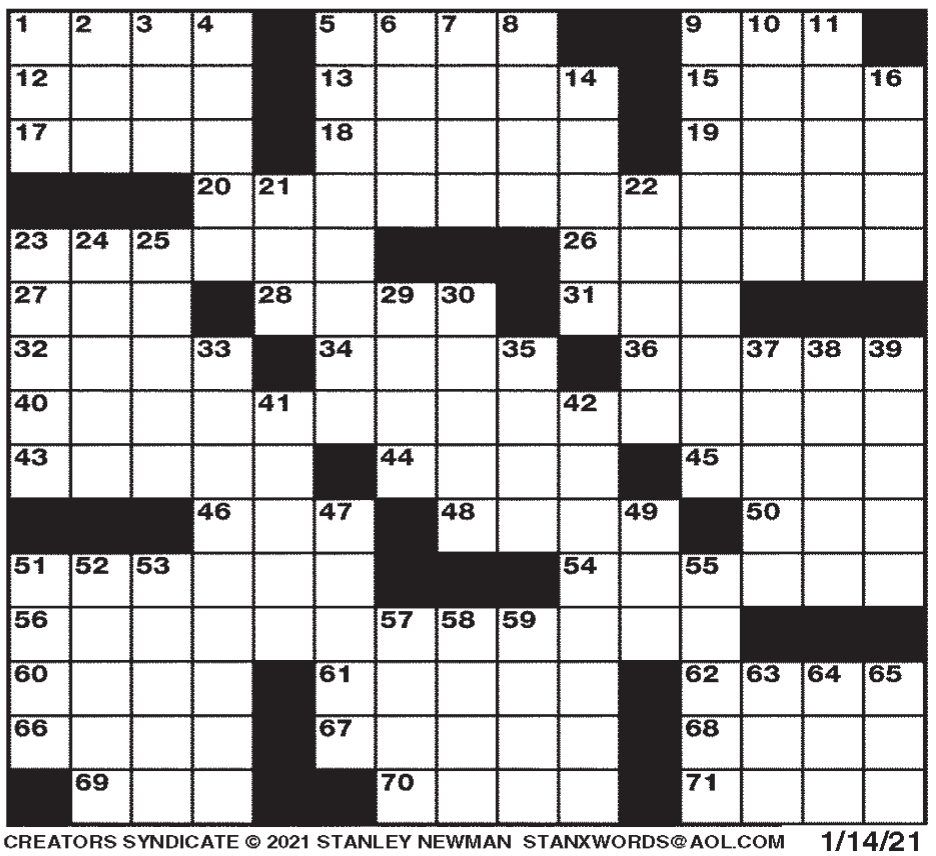
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12 "Awesome!"
13 Toxic stuff
15 Sound sung before/after 10 Down
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18 Log listing
19 Signify
20 Endearing expression
23 Clown accessories
26 *Lawrence of Arabia* star
27 Maximum limit
28 It's longer than a lounger
31 Concern of a Cub Scout "mother"
32 The depleted __ Sea
34 Chip off a block, perhaps
36 Cousin Vinny portrayer
40 Going off course in an email series
43 Without a clue
44 One and only
45 Level-headed
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48 Welcoming customers
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51 Run down verbally
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60 *Rigoletto* rendition
61 With the group
62 Maritime greeting
66 Part of NYC
67 Jouster's need
68 Main man of a movie
69 Clog-clearing chemical
70 Animal seen on some road signs
71 Plow-pulling beasts

DOWN
1 Meditative practice
2 Brewpub designation
3 Minor objection
4 Angry look
5 Late-day prayer
6 Ky. neighbor
7 Against, initially
8 Having trouble deciding
9 Non-nobles
10 Kids' song conclusion
11 Firing __ cylinders
14 "I'm shocked!"
16 Ventriloquist's prop?
21 Introduction starter
22 NBA star Curry
23 La __ (Milan opera house)
24 Seer's cards
25 "No bid"
29 Looks good on
30 Reflexive outburst
33 Can't sleep
35 Sushi seaweed
37 Embossed emblems
38 River runner's craft
39 Thoughts to consider
41 Supermodel Campbell
42 Babysitter, often
47 Correctional
49 Hide-hair link
51 WWII milestone
52 Owl of Potter's pal
53 Fanciful tooth collector
55 A panhandle state
57 Feeling pleased
58 __ dry (parched)
59 Back in the day
63 Evil spell
64 Metal-laden mineral
65 Poetic direction



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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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FIND THE WORDS

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M R E N M O A R L T R D T J U
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FIRE

FROM PAGE 1

reported that the main body of the fire was extinguished.

While the fire heavily damaged one building and threatened to spread, LAFD said firefighters were able to prevent damage to a pair of adjacent structures including another home. No injuries are reported at this time.

Heavy rescue and arson investigators were on scene. Hogan said investigators would enter the building when safe and try to make a determination on the cause of the fire.

"To our knowledge the building was vacant but we always want to, out of an abundance of caution, to make sure there is no one inside that structure," said Hogan.

Hogan said the arson team would make an official determination of cause and said as the weather turns colder, warming and cooking fires are very common at homeless encampments and in the Venice area.

According to Hogan there were around 25 tent structures near the fire.

"One of our biggest concerns in our initial actions is we have a large homeless population there, we wanted to make sure that those individuals are safe and at a safe distance," said Hogan.

The fire presented several challenges including the need to force entry to the vacant building and the risk of flames spreading to nearby buildings, according to LAFD Public Information Officer Cody Wireter.

"A lot of firefighters on scene are from this Westside area and conduct pre-fire plans on a regular basis meaning they train in this area and walk through what would be the best hoseline selection and deployment location," said Wireter. "With the quick response firefighters were able to surround this building with hoselines and protect those nearby exposures."

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VENICE: Despite a large blaze in the building, firefighters were able to save nearby structures.

NOTEWORTHY

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Kraftwerk (73), ANNIE ROSS (89), BETTY WRIGHT, "Clean Up Woman" (66), VERA LYNN "We'll Meet Again" (103), MOON MARTIN (69), TRINI LOPEZ (83), JUSTIN TOWNES EARL (38), BILLIE JOE SHAVER (81), JULIAN BREAM (87), JERRY JEFF WALKER (78), ROY HEAD, "Treat Her Right" (79), CHARLEY PRIDE (86), HAL KETCHUM (67), HAROLD BUDD (84), TONY RICE (69).

One other odd note: quite a few of them passed on April 1. But musicians are known for their sense of humor.

NICOLE RECOMMENDS:

QUESTOSWRECKASTOW: Jheri Curl Edition — A little while back I recommended QuestosWreckaStow, Questlove's (The Roots) ongoing DJ nights he has been livestreaming out of his home in NYC during the lockdowns. The last show I recommended was his four-part series on Prince, which I would still encourage you to check out if you have not already.

Nearly all the videos are archived on The Roots' youtube page, and while I'm confident you could pick any one at random and it would be great, I most recently listened to his "Jheri Curl Edition"— four hours of music, anecdotes, cultural contextualizing and music theorizing, featuring artists like Cameo, Patrice Rushen, Fatback Band... you get the idea.

I really like these shows because the selections are a choice mix of classics and deep cuts, and I always learn something new when he turns down the volume to impart some of his encyclopedic music knowledge. If you want to jam out and get an education too, go to youtube and search "Questlove presents #QuestosWreckaStow Jheri Curl Edition."

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He 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

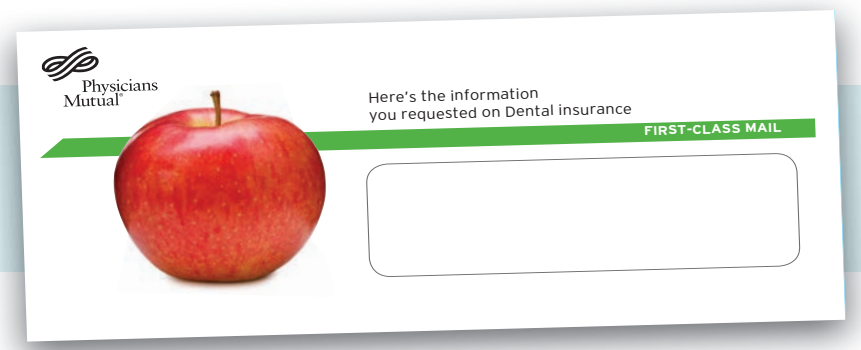
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