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Arson arrest in Venice

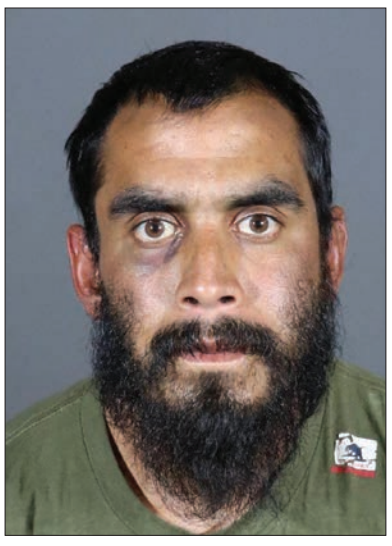
MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles officials have arrested a suspect in connection with several Venice fires but a second suspect remains at large.

The Los Angeles Fire Department's Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section announced the arrest of Jonathan Michael Noriega, age 32, on Friday.

Noriega is accused of starting a series of arson fires on Ocean Front Walk near Westminster Avenue on Jan. 25.

LAFD said prompt reporting of the fires by the public helped



JONATHAN MICHAEL NORIEGA

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City celebrates Black History Month

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

After two years of pandemic stress and heightened national awareness and around police brutality and structural racism, this year's Black History Month programming will focus on much needed healing for Santa Monica's Black community.

Programming will kick off with an opening ceremony on Feb. 3 and run throughout the month with virtual and in-person events centered around the theme of Black health and wellness. Highlights include an art walk at Bergamot Station featuring Black-history themed exhibits and local students' artwork, the Black History Greens Festival at Virginia Avenue Park and the Celebrating Black Excellence Awards Ceremony.

"The theme of health and wellbeing couldn't resonate with me more in this moment. As a Black woman, issues of equity in physical and mental health are real in my community and I commend staff for recognizing this and providing a platform for continued education and empowerment for Black members of our community, as well the broader Santa Monica community so they can better understand the challenges that still exist today," said City Councilmember Kristin McCowan.

In Santa Monica and across the nation, Black communities face a series of challenges and barriers to their wellness. Maternal mortality rates continue to be extremely high as do rates of diabetes, hypertension and heart disease when compared to white adults. Pervasive structural racism contributes to generational trauma and income inequality, while the constant stress of microaggressions continues to wear

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Street vendor protest



Matthew Hall

PROTEST: Advocates for street vendors held a press conference at City Hall on Friday to protest recent efforts to regulate vendors near the Pier. Vendors claimed enforcement was racially motivated and demanded City Hall provide services to facilitate street vending.

Ted Lieu talks politics at first Santa Monica Democratic Club meeting of 2022

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

With Election Day now scarcely 10 months away, Santa Monica's representatives at every level of government are pounding the (virtual) pavement to meet local constituents and discuss key issues.

U.S. Representative Ted Lieu attended the Santa Monica Democratic Club (SMDC)'s first meeting of 2022 on Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, to answer a slew of rapid-fire questions, ranging from the retirement of Justice Stephen Breyer to the tense situation unfolding in Ukraine.

Lieu, who represents beach cities from Malibu to Torrance, is up for re-election in November, although

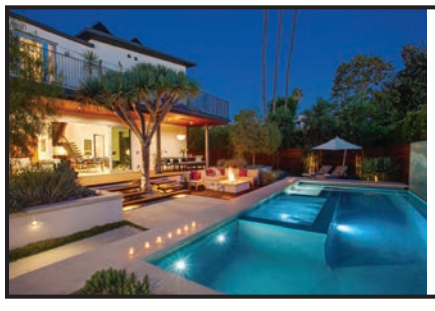
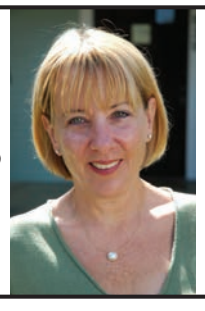


TED LIEU

his seat is considered secure — the last time he earned less than 60 percent of votes in an election was 2014, the first year he came to office, when he earned just over 59 percent of votes.

To begin the meeting, SMDC President Jon Katz asked Lieu to describe his experiences during the attempted insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021. Lieu said he was in his office inside the Capitol when a Capitol Police officer knocked on his door and told him they must immediately evacuate. From there, he was taken to a nearby office building where he watched the events unfold on television. Lieu was among the congressional representatives to pen

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Ex-Lawyer for DWP Pleads Guilty in Probe of Botched Billing System

City News Service

A lawyer hired by the City Attorney's Office pleaded guilty Friday to a federal bribery charge in a scheme involving $2.2 million in kickbacks and bribes to the top executive at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in exchange for a lucrative contract.

Paul O. Paradis, who represented the city of Los Angeles following the botched launch of a DWP billing system in 2013 — but was simultaneously representing a DWP ratepayer suing the city over the system — received a $2.2 million kickback from another attorney as part of the scheme, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Sentencing was set for July 19 in what was the first criminal charge filed arising out of a federal investigation into the city's handling of the flawed DWP system and resulting litigation. The failed system led to many customers receiving wildly inflated bills.

Paradis, 58, of Scottsdale, Arizona, is cooperating in the ongoing investigation, federal prosecutors said.

After the faulty billing system went into use, the city and utility faced multiple class-action lawsuits filed by ratepayers. In December 2014, the City Attorney's Office retained Paradis and Beverly Hills lawyer Paul R. Kiesel as special counsel to represent the city in a lawsuit meant to be used to settle all related claims on the city's desired terms, according to federal prosecutors.

Kiesel is also cooperating with the investigation and is not charged with any wrongdoing.

Prosecutors contend that when Paradis began representing the city as special counsel in the litigation against PricewaterhouseCoopers over the company's handling of the DWP billing system rollout, city prosecutors were aware that he was already representing Antwon Jones, the ratepayer who had a claim against the utility arising from billing overcharges.

Jones was unaware that his lawyer, Paradis, also represented his intended adversary, according to court filings.

At a February 2015 meeting with at least one senior member of the City Attorney's Office, Paradis and Kiesel were authorized and directed to find an attorney that would be friendly to the city to supposedly represent Jones, according to court papers.

After the meeting, Paradis recruited an outside lawyer to supposedly represent Jones in a lawsuit against the city. Paradis told the lawyer that the city wanted the lawsuit to be "pre-settled" on the city's desired terms, and that Paradis would do all or most of the substantive work on the case, prosecutors said.

In exchange, Paradis and the outside lawyer agreed that Paradis would receive 20% of that lawyer's fees in the Jones v. City case as a secret kickback, prosecutors stated.

In March 2015, the city sued PwC in a lawsuit that alleged the accounting firm was responsible for DWP's billing debacle, claiming that the firm had caused the city hundreds of millions of dollars in damages. Paradis and Kiesel represented the city in that lawsuit, which the city eventually dismissed.

Also in March 2015, Paradis used nonpublic information provided to him by members of the City Attorney's Office and DWP to draft a detailed complaint for a class-action lawsuit against the city with Jones as the named class representative.

Later that month, Paradis provided the draft Jones v. City complaint to the outside lawyer for filing. That attorney filed the Paradis-drafted lawsuit the following month.

In June and July of 2015, Paradis and others working on the city's behalf in the Jones lawsuit participated in four confidential mediation sessions with the outside lawyer, who purportedly represented Jones, prosecutors said.

In July 2017, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge issued a final approval of the $67 million settlement agreed to by the parties in Jones v. City, including about $19 million in plaintiffs' attorney fees.

Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the city sent a check to the outside attorney in the amount of more than $19.2 million. After disbursing some of those funds in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement, the outside lawyer and his firm retained about $10.3 million in fees.

The outside attorney then secretly paid $2.1 million to Paradis, disguising the kickback as a real estate investment, and funneling it through shell companies that Paradis and the lawyer had set up exclusively for the purpose of transmitting and concealing the illicit payment, according to Paradis' plea agreement.

As part of his plea, Paradis admitted giving bribes to multiple DWP officials, including a DWP general manager and an DWP Board member, in exchange for their help in securing a three-year, $30 million no-bid contract with the utility in June 2017 for Paradis' downtown Los Angeles-based cyber-services company, Aventador Utility Solutions.

At the time it approved the no-bid contract, the DWP Board was not informed that Paradis had ghostwritten a May 2017 independent monitor report on the Jones v. City settlement on which the utility based its decision, prosecutors said.

The Paradis-written report claimed that DWP could not meet its obligations under the Jones v. City settlement agreement unless it contracted with Aventador.

The DWP Board also was unaware that the then-DWP general manager advocating for the award of the $30 million no-bid contract to Paradis' company had secretly agreed to become its CEO with an annual salary of $1 million and a luxury company car, prosecutors say.

Earlier this week, David H. Wright, 62, of Riverside, a former top DWP executive pleaded guilty to a federal bribery charge

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA Judge Rules Netflix Must Face Trial Over Line in `Queen's Gambit' Script

A federal judge in Los Angeles has ruled that Netflix must face trial in a lawsuit brought by a Georgian chess master who alleges she was defamed in an episode of the series "The Queen's Gambit," according to court documents obtained Friday.

Nona Gaprindashvili filed suit in September, alleging that a line in the series in which a character said that she had "never faced men" in her career was "grossly sexist and belittling."

Gaprindashvili noted in the suit filed in Los Angeles federal court that she had faced dozens of male competitors by 1968, the year in which "The Queen's Gambit" was set.

On Thursday, U.S. District Judge Virginia A. Phillips denied a defense motion to dismiss the case. A scheduling conference is set for Feb. 7.

Attorneys for Netflix had argued that the suit should be dismissed because the series is a work of fiction covered by the First Amendment. However, the judge determined that works of fiction are not immune from defamation suits if they disparage real people.

"The fact that the Series was a fictional work does not insulate Netflix from liability for defamation if all the elements of defamation are otherwise present," Phillips wrote in her 25-page ruling.

Based on the 1983 novel of the same name by Walter Tevis, "The Queen's Gambit" is the story of orphaned chess prodigy Beth Harmon who struggles to become the greatest chess player in the world during the Cold War era.

It became Netflix's most-watched scripted miniseries, and won 11 Primetime Emmy Awards, including Outstanding Limited or Anthology Series, becoming the first show on a streaming service to win the category.

The title of the series refers to a chess opening of the same name.

Gaprindashvili, 80, is a Soviet and Georgian chess player, and the first woman to be awarded the International Chess Federation title Grandmaster, which occurred in 1978. She was the fifth women's world chess champion.

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LOS ANGELES

Restaurant Owners Who Challenged Indoor Dining Ban Drop Legal Action

Three owners of dine-in restaurants who filed a legal action demanding compensation for revenue losses when indoor dining was prohibited under coronavirus restrictions have dropped their case.

In their petition filed last April 12, petitioners James P. Trani, Steve Patrick and John Marvoich named as respondents the state of California, Los Angeles County and the city of Los Angeles. The three businessmen alleged the forced closures amounted to a government taking and violated their rights of free speech and assembly. Their court papers did not name the restaurants they own.

In October, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Jon R. Takasugi granted a motion by the Attorney General's Office to dismiss the state as a party, saying the restaurant owners had "not submitted any facts which could show that state defendants commandeered or utilized any personal property. In fact, plaintiffs allege that they continued to operate their restaurants as take-out restaurants, albeit with less business."

Two months later, the judge found that the county was not properly served with the petition and quashed service. Then, on Thursday, the restaurant owners' lawyer, James Otto, filed court papers with the judge asking that the remainder of the case be dismissed. No reason was given for the businessmen's' decision.

According to the petition, the ban on indoor dining was "an irrational and unnecessary order to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus by punishing the irrelevant plaintiffs who are virus-free and pose absolutely no risk of spreading the virus."

The restaurant owners maintained the shutdown was "not rationally related to a or any governmental interest as it was unsupported by any evidence and defined logic, nature, and/or common sense."

Before the closures, Trani operated his restaurant at a profit for 30 years, while Marvoich's eatery was in the black for 20 years and Patrick's for 11 years, the petition stated. Their businesses have never been the source of the COVID-19 or any other virus, the petition stated.

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LOS ANGELES

LA, Shanghai Announce Partnership Aimed at Reducing Shipping Emissions

The Port of Los Angeles announced a partnership with Shanghai Friday aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions during shipments between the largest ports in the U.S. and China.

By the end of 2022, the ports aim to develop a "Green Shipping Corridor Implementation Plan" with goals to decarbonize the movement of goods between the ports. The plan will include deliverables, milestones and defined roles.

"International collaboration is essential to decarbonize global supply chains. We look forward to partnering with the Shanghai Municipal Transportation Commission, the Shanghai International Port Group, leading shipping lines and major cargo owners to reduce greenhouse

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 282 CALLS ON JANUARY 27

Vandalism 1400Blk 2nd St 1:35 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Michigan Ave 2:23 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1300Blk 2nd St 3:28 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2700Blk Airport Ave 5:19 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:20 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800Blk 11th St 7:09 a.m.
Construction Noise 1200Blk 25th St 7:11 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:30 a.m.
Arson 1500Blk Palisades Park 7:34 a.m.
Burglary 1500Blk 6th St 7:49 a.m.
Burglary 1000Blk 21st St 7:50 a.m.
Arson 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Ocean Ave 7:58 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 11th St 8:13 a.m.
Grand Theft 1400Blk 25th St 8:16 a.m.
Burglary 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:24 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 Ocean Ave / California Incline 8:55 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500Blk Ocean Ave 9:00 a.m.
Vandalism 800Blk Montana Ave 9:02 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1000Blk 21st St 9:06 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:07 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1300Blk 14th St 9:07 a.m.
Lewd Activity 2100Blk Stewart St 9:08 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:15 a.m.
Battery 200Blk Broadway 9:22 a.m.
Vandalism 800Blk Montana Ave 9:35 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 9:40 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk Delaware Ave 9:41 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk Broadway 9:50 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200Blk Colorado Ave 9:58 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 10:00 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk Euclid St 10:10 a.m.
Burglary 100Blk Broadway 10:13 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2300Blk 29th St 10:21 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500Blk 14th St 10:36 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 600Blk Ocean Ave 10:54 a.m.
Burglary 1100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400Blk 6th St 11:09 a.m.
Death Investigation 3100Blk Neilson Way 11:11 a.m.
Found Property 800Blk Cedar St 11:11 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Marine St 11:19 a.m.
Battery 800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Colorado Ave 11:27 a.m.
Burglary 1100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:31 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:52 a.m.
Grand Theft 14th St / Georgina Ave 12:01 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1400Blk 23rd St 12:36 p.m.
Lewd Activity 600Blk Palisades Ave 12:39 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000Blk Euclid St 12:56 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk Princeton St 1:20 p.m.
Speeding 14th St / Alta Ave 2:08 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:10 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 100Blk Colorado Ave 2:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 2:17 p.m.
Grand Theft 1400Blk 5th St 2:26 p.m.
Petty Theft 1700Blk Pico Blvd 2:35 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200Blk Broadway 2:36 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 2:42 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 3rd St / Ocean Park Blvd Ramp 2:45 p.m.
Battery 700Blk Broadway 2:48 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk Ocean Ave 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Marine St 2:55 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 200Blk Broadway 3:07 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 3:09 p.m.
Prowler 1600Blk Ashland Ave 3:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:43 p.m.
Panic Alarm 3200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:02 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300Blk 10th St 4:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk Pacific St 4:08 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1700Blk Pico Blvd 4:11 p.m.
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Fraud 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:31 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 700Blk Broadway 4:44 p.m.
Burglary 400Blk Pier Ave 5:00 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400Blk Washington Ave 5:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Neilson Way / Kinney St 5:40 p.m.
Grand Theft 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:06 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1500Blk Ocean Ave 6:28 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 200Blk Broadway 6:49 p.m.
Bike Theft 3000Blk Olympic Blvd 6:58 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 800Blk 19th St 7:20 p.m.
Grand Theft 400Blk Broadway 7:22 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:26 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2000Blk 21st St 7:27 p.m.
Vandalism 1400Blk 4th St 8:12 p.m.
Vandalism 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:37 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:14 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 900Blk 4th St 9:23 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1900Blk Pico Blvd 9:34 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:34 p.m.
Attempt Burglary 1400Blk Franklin St 9:57 p.m.
Loud Music 2600Blk Main St 10:06 p.m.
Loud Music 2000Blk Ocean Ave 11:10 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 37 CALLS ON JANUARY 27

Brush Fire Interstate 10 / 4th St 12:05 a.m.
Smoke Investigation Ocean Ave / Broadway 12:24 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:36 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 14th St 1:03 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1300Blk 4th St 1:34 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk 17th St 1:37 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk 26th St 2:19 a.m.
Smoke Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 2:41 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 9th St 6:21 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 200Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:52 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 8:05 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 17th St 8:08 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 8:33 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 6th St 10:12 a.m.
EMS 3100Blk Neilson Way 10:42 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 11:02 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Pico Blvd 12:02 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk 31st St 1:16 p.m.
EMS 400Blk 12th St 2:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 34th St / Pico Blvd 2:41 p.m.
EMS 900Blk Arizona Ave 3:34 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:01 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 4:13 p.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Kinney St 5:40 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Washington Ave 5:59 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 6:14 p.m.
Brush Fire Interstate 10 / 4th St 6:29 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:54 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 26th St 7:23 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Raymond Ave 7:23 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 21st St 7:50 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 7:57 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 20th St 8:20 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100Blk Arizona Ave 8:42 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:47 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk 16th St 9:07 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk 16th St 11:49 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR BIG BLUE BUS PROPOSED FARE CHANGES

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by Big Blue Bus on the following date:

Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm
Santa Monica Main Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 90401

A short presentation will be conducted at the beginning of the hearing, from 6pm to 6:30pm, and a public comment period will be held for the remainder of the hearing, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Under the proposed fare structure, Big Blue Bus would implement the following changes:

- Reduce the price of some existing fare products and introduce free Big Blue Bus to Big Blue Bus transfers
- Discontinue three (3) underutilized fare products to make fare options easier to understand
- Raise the age at which children ride free on Big Blue Bus
- Limit fare payments to contactless only (i.e., TAP card and mobile ticket), and discontinue acceptance of cash, tokens, and paper tickets on-board

See details of this proposal at bigbluebus.com/meetings.

Big Blue Bus will review all public comments submitted during the comment period until Thursday, February 17, 2022. Based on feedback received, Big Blue Bus may make adjustments to the draft proposals as necessary, before submitting a Staff Report for City Council review in April. If approved by City Council in April, fare changes would become effective June 2022.

Interested parties may comment in person at the hearing, or may submit written comments prior to the hearing. Written comments may be submitted by mail to Big Blue Bus, 1660 7th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Robert McCall, Community Engagement Manager. Feedback may also be shared through an online survey at bigbluebus.com/meetings.

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WEEKLY ARRESTS

SMPD MADE 35 ARRESTS FROM JANUARY 17 TO JANUARY 23.

Date	Sex	Age	Charged With
Mon, Jan 17	F	40	Assault & Battery
Mon, Jan 17	M	34	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Mon, Jan 17	M	15	Battery Against a Custodial Officer
Mon, Jan 17	M	71	Drunk in Public
Mon, Jan 17	M	59	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Tue, Jan 18	M	41	Illegal Riding on Sidewalk
Tue, Jan 18	M	39	Battery on a Peace Officer
Tue, Jan 18	M	33	Burglary
Wed, Jan 19	M	42	Assault & Battery
Wed, Jan 19	M	45	Grand Theft
Wed, Jan 19	M	39	Drunk in Public
Wed, Jan 19	M	30	Battery Against a Custodial Officer
Wed, Jan 19	M	20	Grand Theft
Wed, Jan 19	M	37	Intentional violation of a Restraining Order
Thu, Jan 20	M	45	Joyriding
Thu, Jan 20	M	33	Vandalism
Thu, Jan 20	M	29	Elder Abuse
Fri, Jan 21	M	30	Burglary
Fri, Jan 21	M	57	Disturbing the Peace
Fri, Jan 21	F	45	Drunk in Public
Fri, Jan 21	M	48	Drunk in Public
Fri, Jan 21	M	37	Possession of Brass Knuckles
Fri, Jan 21	M	35	Aggravated Assault
Fri, Jan 21	F	36	Illegal Possession of Tear Gas
Fri, Jan 21	M	62	Assault & Battery
Fri, Jan 21	M	35	Burglary
Sat, Jan 22	F	24	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Sat, Jan 22	M	38	Battery Against a Custodial Officer
Sat, Jan 22	M	34	Public Nudity
Sat, Jan 22	M	38	Probation Violation
Sat, Jan 22	F	38	Assault on a Peace Officer
Sun, Jan 23	M	24	Drunk in Public
Sun, Jan 23	M	40	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Sun, Jan 23	F	33	Battery on a Peace Officer
Sun, Jan 23	M	32	Criminal Threat



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Another 101 COVID-19 Deaths Reported in Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County reported another 101 COVID-19- related deaths Friday, one of the highest daily numbers of the past year — and the result of a winter surge in infections that drove up hospitalizations.

The fatalities gave the county an overall pandemic death toll of 28,816.

Another 23,796 infections were also reported Friday, raising the cumulative total from throughout the pandemic to 2,610,385.

As of Friday, there were 4,192 COVID-positive patients in Los Angeles County hospitals, according to state figures. That was down from 4,323 on Thursday. The number of those patients being treated in intensive care rose to 766, up from 746 on Thursday.

The county's rolling average rate of people testing positive for the virus continued to fall, reaching 11.6% as of Friday, down from 12.7% a day earlier.

"As we turn the corner on this surge, let's continue to stay focused on protecting our workforce," county Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said in a statement. "Doing so helps reduce staff shortages, spread among family members, strain on our healthcare system, and economic distress often among those least resourced. Each of us can do our part by getting vaccinated and boosted, wearing a well-fitting medical mask or respirator indoors or when in a crowded outdoor setting, staying home if sick, getting tested, and notifying close contacts of potential exposure when experiencing COVID-19 symptoms."

The county has been experiencing downward trends in the daily case rate and testing-positivity rate over the past two weeks. Hospital numbers have been also falling, but the number of daily deaths has remained relatively high - - following the normal pattern of rising in the weeks after increases in hospitalizations.

Health officials have continued to preach caution despite the lowering COVID trends, warning that as long as the virus continues to spread, new and more easily transmitted variants of the virus can arise, much like the recent Delta and Omicron variants.

Ferrer confirmed Thursday that the county has already identified four cases of a sub-variant of Omicron, known as BA.2, which has spread rapidly in some countries, most notably Denmark. She said it's still too early to know exactly how much of a threat the strain presents.

"We don't yet know how BA.2 might be different than other Omicron lineages, and scientists will be working rapidly in the coming weeks to learn more about immune evasion, severity and transmissibility," Ferrer said Thursday. "In places that have already passed their peak of Omicron cases, it does appear that BA.2 is causing a new surge. In places at their peak of the Omicron surge that have significant BA.2 prevalence, it doesn't appear that BA.2 is behaving dramatically different than other Omicron lineages. And compared with other Omicron lineages, BA.2 does not really have many unique mutations that would be impacting the part of the virus that's targeted by our immune system."

She said the emergence of the strain should serve as a reminder for people to keep wearing masks and to get vaccinated and boosted.

"While the case and hospitalization declines give us cause for much- welcomed hope, we should not take them as a sign to forgo the common sense protective measures that help to slow COVID-19 transmission in our county," she said. "Continuing these safety measures is needed to drive down cases to a much smaller number, which will ultimately end staffing shortages, reduce workplace and school outbreaks, and most importantly keep residents from becoming seriously ill and dying."

According to the county, 81% of eligible county residents aged 5 and above have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 72% are fully vaccinated. Only 32% are fully vaccinated with a booster shot. Of the county's overall 10.3 million population, 77% have received one dose, 69% are fully vaccinated, and 31% are vaccinated and boosted.

The vaccination rate among children aged 5-11 remains low, with only 31% having received at least one dose, and only 21% fully vaccinated. Ferrer said the low vaccination rate among children "creates significant vulnerability for spread" of the virus.

Of the more than 6.5 million fully vaccinated residents in the county, 580,942 have subsequently gotten infected with COVID, for a rate of 8.9%. That's a notably higher rate than December, when it was 2%, an increase Ferrer attributed to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. But the number of fully vaccinated residents who have been hospitalized was 6,998 as of this month, for a rate of 0.1%. The number who have died is 886, for a rate of 0.01%.

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stemming from the probe. He is expected to be sentenced April 26.

Thomas H. Peters, 55, of Pacific Palisades, a former senior official at the City Attorney's Office, has agreed to plead guilty to a federal extortion charge and is cooperating in the probe.

Federal prosecutors have also obtained a plea agreement from David F. Alexander, 54, of Arcadia, a former senior cyber official at the utility. He is expected to formally plead guilty on Feb. 8.

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Coronavirus Testing Company Seeks Substitute Service on Villanueva

A coronavirus testing company is asking a judge to permit substitute service on Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, saying a process server has been unable to serve him personally with a petition seeking to do discovery ahead of the potential filing of a lawsuit against him for defamation.

Fulgent Genetics Inc. and its subsidiary, Fulgent Therapeutics LLC, allege in a petition filed Jan. 21 in Los Angeles Superior Court that Villanueva, in a Nov. 29 letter to the Board of Supervisors and published on the LASD website, falsely stated that the FBI warned him against using Fulgent's COVID-19 testing services because of "concerning information" that the company would provide to China the DNA data of county employees.

The letter referred to an FBI briefing Villanueva said took place the day after Thanksgiving.

Lawyers for Fulgent state in court papers filed Thursday that Villanueva has evaded personal service of the Jan. 21 petition and that his personal lawyer has refused to accept substitute service on his behalf, so they want a judge to allow service by publication or other alternative means because Villanueva is a "necessary or proper party" to the action.

"A rich irony, given that (Villanueva), in his professional capacity as sheriff, oversees the service of court documents on the county's reluctant defendants," Fulgent lawyers state in their court papers. "(Villanueva's) seemingly deliberate evasion of service leaves Fulgent with no option other than to seek relief from this court. Simply, the chief law enforcement officer of the county, who has been accused of serious wrongdoing, has taken the unfortunate position that he is above the law."

Fulgent first tried to serve Villanueva at his office on Temple Street late Monday morning, but the process server was not allowed into the building and was told it was closed, according to the Fulgent attorneys' court papers. The process server was told Villanueva could be at the nearby County Courthouse, but when the process server went there, he was told the sheriff's whereabouts were unknown, according to Fulgent attorneys' court papers.

The process server went to Villanueva's home that night and spoke with a woman who refused to confirm or deny whether he lived there, so the process server returned to the residence Tuesday morning and heard dogs barking, but nobody answered the door, according to the Fulgent attorneys' court papers.

Future attempts to serve Villanueva at work or at his home through Wednesday also were unsuccessful, the Fulgent lawyers state in their court papers.

"(Villanueva's) refusal and evasion of service, if allowed, will deprive Fulgent of its right to petition this court to conduct pre-litigation discovery pursuant to California law," the Fulgent attorneys state in their court papers.

According to the petition, Villanueva made the China claim and other false statements about Fulgent even though the FBI neither accused the company of wrongdoing nor alluded to any evidence that Fulgent provided or would provide private medical information to China.

Villanueva knew that the statements he published about Fulgent were false five days later, and the county emailed its employees stating, "The county has no evidence from any law enforcement agency or any other source that any County employee data has been or will be shared with the Chinese government," according to the petition.

Villanueva's statements were shared on social media, including those of some anti-vaccine activists, and led to a protest against Fulgent on Dec. 14, the petition states. In addition, a window was shot out at Fulgent's Temple City headquarters, according to the petition.

Fulgent seeks a court order directing Villanueva to produce any personal and LASD-issued cell phone text messages and emails related to or discussing Fulgent, the publication of the letter and any involvement he had with the coordination and scheduling of the FBI briefing. The company also wants Villanueva to sit for a four-hour deposition.

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 1:37 A.M.

SMPD Officers were dispatched to Zumies on the 1300 block of the 3rd St Promenade regarding a burglary. Upon arrival, a witness relayed that they noticed the front glass had been shattered and an individual, later identified as Ryan Manning, had walked in and taken several items. Officers were able to locate Manning shortly after. He was also found to be in possession of a methamphetamine pipe. He was arrested for Burglary and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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then-President Trump's second impeachment following the events of Jan. 6.

Lieu said he was glad legislators reconvened to certify the Electoral College results later that night — and took the opportunity to ask the dozens of club members and Santa Monica residents present at the meeting to keep that in mind going into 2022.

"And as we look forward to the next Presidential election, it's critical that we hold the House because, would you really want Republicans in control of the House deciding this Electoral College issue in 2024? So that is potentially what is at stake in this election," Lieu said.

From there, Katz presented a dozen topics for Lieu to update the club on.

On Breyer's retirement, Lieu said he expected President Joe Biden to select someone who respects precedent, "particularly precedents such as Roe v. Wade." Lieu added he believed the next Supreme Court Justice would be a coalition-builder who may be able to influence other justices.

When it came to the future of Roe v Wade — the 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states — Lieu said the conservative-majority Supreme Court could chip away or overturn that 49-year-old decision.

"Roe v Wade is absolutely in jeopardy, and I'm fearful the Supreme Court is going to overrule Roe and, unfortunately, there is nothing I think that has changed in the last 49 years that would lead to an overruling of Roe," Lieu said. "It's not like there was some new advancement or discovery or change in understanding of abortion. It's exactly the same issue as it was 49 years ago. The only thing that's changed is you have more conservative Supreme Court justices. And that is not a valid reason to overrule precedent."

The Congressman touched on several ongoing legislative issues that passed the House but have stalled in the Senate, including the Build Back Better Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Act, single-payer healthcare and statehood for DC and Puerto Rico. Lieu said he was in support of all, expressing frustration that two Democratic senators — Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona — refused to abolish the Senate filibuster, which would have allowed the Democratic-run Senate to move those issues forward.

Lieu suggested that two Senate seats might flip, "and we never have to really pay attention to those two Democrat U.S. Senators ever again." When asked, Lieu said he had his eye on Pennsylvania and Ohio as potential races where Democrats could unseat Republicans.

Lieu will be back on local computer screens on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30, at the Pacific Palisades Democratic Club's annual meeting. Lieu will be sharing a virtual screen with a who's who of representatives: State Senator Ben Allen, State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, LA County Third District Representative Sheila Kuehl and LA City Council Member Mike Bonin.

The meeting is open to all, but VIP attendees will be invited to ask questions of politicians. The meeting begins at 2 p.m., with the elected officials update portion set to go until 3:30 p.m.

Following the updates portion of the meeting, there will be a meet and greet with Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and U.S. Representative Brad Sherman.

More information on that meeting can be found at palidems.org.

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firefighters quickly extinguished the blazes before flames could cause injury or extend to any structure.

"In canvassing the community in the hours that followed, plainclothes LAFD Investigators - working closely with Patrol Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department's Pacific Community Police Station, received helpful tips from neighbors, including surveillance video that allowed them to quickly apprehend a suspect and obtain imagery of his suspected accomplice," said the announcement.

The second suspect remains at large.

"Protecting our community from the scourge of firesetting takes teamwork, and in this case, that teamwork paid off with the timely arrest of a suspected arsonist," said Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion Chief Roy Paige, Commander of the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section.

Anyone who knows the identity or location of the outstanding suspect or who can tie these individuals to other crimes or fires should call the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline at (800) 222-8477.

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gas emissions in the maritime supply chain. It's time to get started on this important work," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka.

The Port of Los Angeles said the plan will aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the 2020s and to begin the transition to zero-carbon ships by 2030.

"Accelerating efforts to decarbonize the shipping sector is urgent if we are to limit global heating to 1.5 degrees. By convening international coalitions of the willing and creating a scaleable and replicable model for other cities to follow, we hope this groundbreaking green shipping corridor initiative will catalyze action on a global scale," said C40 Cities Executive Director Mark Watts.

The "Green Shipping Corridor" partners include A.P. Moller – Maersk, CMA CGM, Shanghai International Ports Group, COSCO Shipping Lines, the Aspen Institute's Shipping Decarbonization Initiative, facilitators of Cargo Owners for Zero Emission Vessels (coZEV), and the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre in Asia.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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upon Black individuals.

"These events are meant to temporarily alleviate some of the stress, trauma, and negative things people have been experiencing, especially people in the Black community where we are faced with an onslaught of racism coming at us all the time," said Delana G. Gbenekama, equity and communications coordinator for the City and founder and lead of the City's Black History Month Committee. "So if these events provide a temporary escape for them, then I think we will have done our job."

The month's events seek to provide a holistic sense of wellbeing. There are fun fitness related activities such as a hula hoop competition and dance class in addition to spiritually and mentally soothing experiences such as somatic soul integration stress-relieving workshops. There are also events that focus on relaxation and creativity such as Black history themed paint and sip sessions in Virginia Avenue Park.

"I love how elements of joy and healing are interwoven into this year's lineup of programming because I know my desire for levity and positive connection is shared by many," said McCowan. "I look forward to coming together, lifting one another up, sharing resources around wellbeing, and celebrating some of the men and women from the Black community who positively contribute to Santa Monica every day."

While happiness and wellbeing are a particular focus of this year's programming, the month will continue to engage with the traditional goals of educating people on Black History and recognizing the contributions of Black residents.



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HISTORY: Santa Monica's Black History Month will include a mix of online and in-person events.

The City, Building Bridges Art Exchange and Quinn Research Center are working with the Bergamot Station Art Center to display a series of Black history themed exhibits. On Feb. 19 there will be a reception and art walk of both the professional galleries and local students' artwork.

"We think that it's really important to provide young folks an outlet for expression as they've faced a lot of difficulties isolating during the pandemic, so we thought it would be a good opportunity to allow students to use their creativity to showcase how they're feeling right now," said Gbenekama. "We have a lot of original artwork that people will not want to miss, it's really mind blowing how great their artwork is."

Additionally, both the opening ceremony and awards ceremony will be an opportunity to learn about Santa Monica's Black history and celebrate the contributions of local Black leaders and professionals.

While Santa Monica had a vibrant Black community during the first half of the 20th century, a huge portion of families were then displaced from their homes through exclusionary housing policies, gentrification and the use of eminent domain to construct the Civic Center in the 1950s and I-10 freeway in the 1960s. There remains a smaller but prominent community of Black residents in the City, who remember this history and continue to contribute their time, energy, activism and professional services to the community.

Several of these individuals will be recognized in the awards ceremony, which honors Black professionals in Santa Monica for outstanding leadership and service. Nominations are currently open and can be submitted at tinyurl.com/BHMnominations.

"There are a large number of community members who have been advocates and activists in Santa Monica for decades, so I think that being honored for their work is a long time coming for them," said Gbenekama. "Unfortunately a lot of members of the Black community have been displaced, so I think that for the ones who are still in Santa Monica it just means the world to them to see their culture celebrated in such a positive way."

More information on all Black History Month events can be found at https://santamonica.gov/blog/black-history-month-2022.

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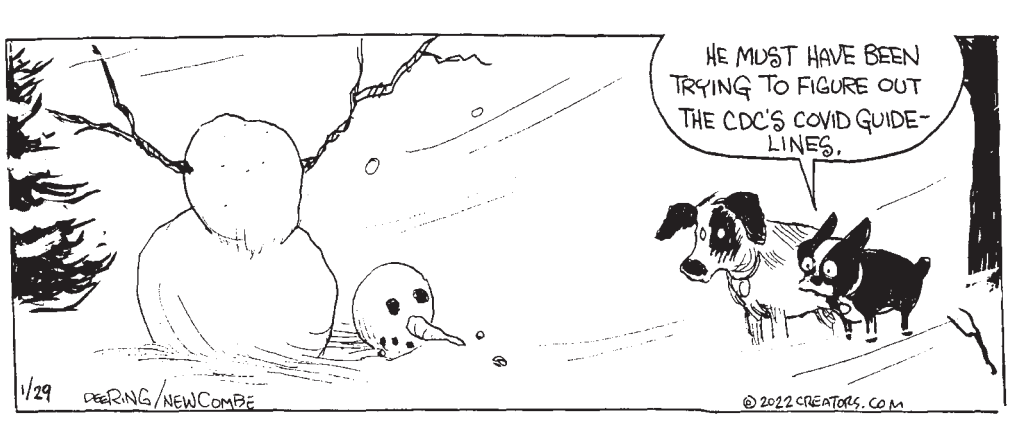
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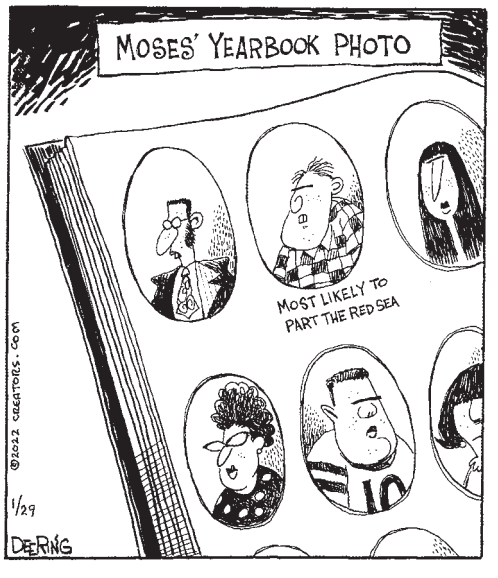
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.3°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Clean but small. WNW swell gets a refresh. Deep high tide early AM swamps most spots. Look for improvement later morning on the ebbing tide. Mainly favorable winds due.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Clean but small. WNW swell lingers. Deep early AM high tide for swampy surf. Better on the tide drop later AM. Winds look mainly favorable.

WEATHER

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. Northeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North wind around 5 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 67. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 29)

Your excitement grows through the first 10 weeks of the year as you realize that your vision of life is being fleshed out. Double down on your talents, play your advantages and leverage your strengths. You'll make a big push, get lucky, then coast a while. Romance fills your life when you're not working as hard. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 44, 20, 1 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). "When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing," said the comedian Georgie Jessel. You'll joyfully and generously make up for the stinginess of those who can't bring themselves to contribute.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're so well thought of, you'll worry whether you can rise to the expectation, let alone return the same level of admiration. The truth is, you don't have to do either right now; just enjoy!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be pitched for this and that, mostly with uninspiring proposals. You can save yourself a lot of time with the simple phrase, "Thanks, but that doesn't work for me."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can be as logical as a mathematician, but today's solution can't be found with equations of rationality. Instead, push your feelings into the situation and sense whether it will be good for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life gets unpredictable, just how you like it. This is partly true because you've become braver and more adventurous. You no longer need to be in familiar settings to feel safe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The smartest people aren't the surest. Intelligence flies on the wings of questions. An event will cause you to review what you thought you knew. On closer inspection, not all of it will hold up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Mothers everywhere suggest, "There is no 'bored,' only 'boring.'" You'll let today's restlessness stir your creativity toward one of the most exciting and promising pursuits you can think of: an escape.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One new influence on the scene is all it takes to shake everything up. Suddenly your interests are broadened, slightly at first, then exponentially.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One person's attention and support makes life easier. It also brings attention to the ones who aren't supporting you and should be. What would it take to surround yourself with more supporters?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You receive special privileges because of a relationship or association. Regardless of whether you feel you deserve these benefits, just enjoy them now. It's your turn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have an extra dose of daring at your disposal. Use it to approach new people, attempt a difficult task, perform publicly or knock on the door that was once closed to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Tense situations settle into neutrality. Egos deflate. The unreasonable are now willing to negotiate. Anxieties will be allayed. All is working toward resolution.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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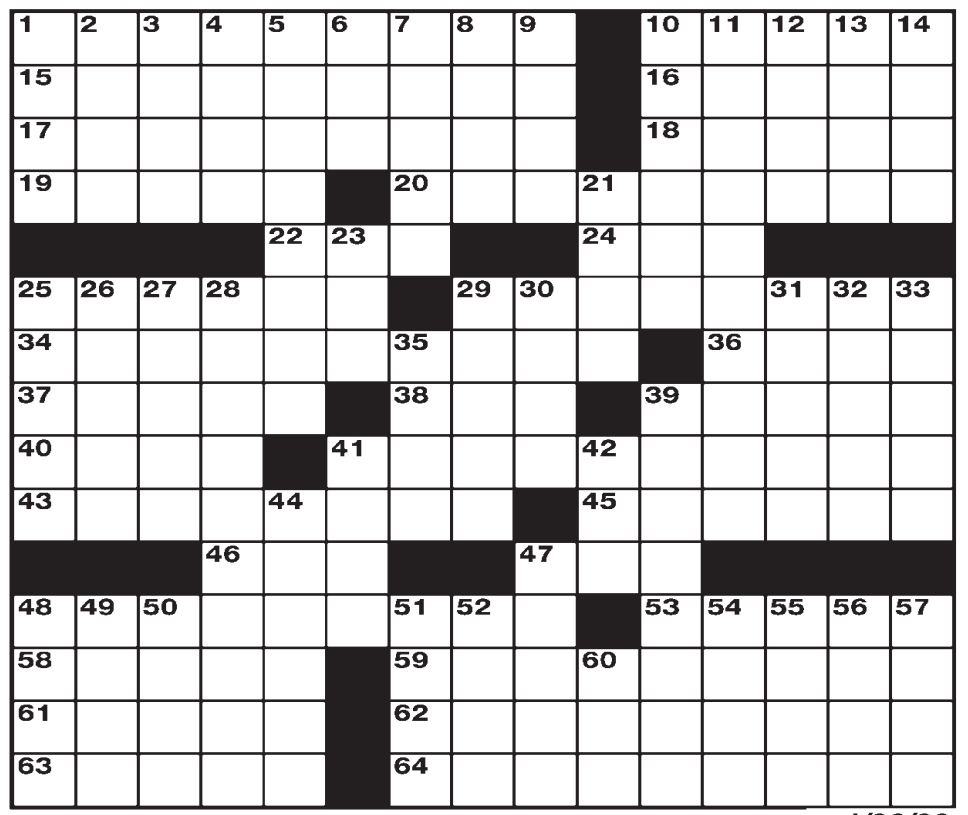
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7	1	3	9	8	6	2	4	5
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1	7	5	3	2	8	6	9	4
2	6	4	5	7	9	1	3	8
3	9	8	1	6	4	5	7	2

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
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ACROSS
1 Paint-sprayer reservoir
10 Focus of genetics research
15 Racer closest to the rail
16 Cry that sounds like two letters
17 Begrudged order taker
18 Stabilize
19 Final word
20 Concision catchphrase, part 1
22 *Calendario* page
24 Needle point
25 Added embellishment to
29 Dignifies
34 Only governor of two states (Texas and Tennessee)
36 Much in little time
37 Big name in dashes
38 Concision catchphrase, part 2
39 Two-stroke symbol
40 Suffix denoting similarity
41 "Ultra-warm" apparel
43 Apparel named for Jazz Age swimwear
45 Close ones
46 Moving away
47 Double-dash designation
48 Concision catchphrase, part 3
53 Retouch before advancement
58 Conductor descriptor
59 "So not interested"
61 What two fingers can hold
62 Reference for new arrivals
63 Elasticity scientist
64 Irrigation accessories

DOWN
1 Wellness centers
2 Isle northwest of Glasgow
3 Pretend to be
4 Embroidered inscription
5 Exclamation of frustration
6 Drama performed since the 1300s
7 Sacks with bars
8 Where Rocky won in '85
9 Spring break mecca nickname
10 City on the 2006 Winter Olympics emblem
11 Painted exterior of some homes
12 Apt name for a pet lizard
13 Former name of the Royal Crown Company
14 Scenic designs
21 Brit remembered for his circles
23 Accreditation abbreviation
25 Aerodynamic outfit
26 Caribbean vegan
27 "A good life is __ argument": Jonson
28 What *Seventeen* calls *What a Girl Wants*
29 Personal values
30 Present time
31 Potatoey patty
32 __ oil (synthetic lubricant)
33 Rounds of belts
35 Break off
39 Comparatively delicate
41 Response to a request to speak
42 Wedding VIPs
44 Medicated disc
47 Affects strongly
48 New sister, often
49 Home of Wright State
50 Tentative turndown
51 Clean up
52 Colon, symbolically
54 __ *de naissance* (birth certificate)
55 Plucky
56 Europe's third-longest river
57 Fires (up)
60 Something charged



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | JAN 29

MANOS A LA OBRA POP-UP ARTISAN MARKET
A community celebration of craft and art at the Manos a la Obra pop-up Artisan Market. The market will feature different products produced and/or sourced by local artisans who have been collaborating with artists Cog•nate Collective to establish a community-led public market in Santa Monica. Purchase handmade artisanal crafts and view the exhibition Manos a la Obra in 18th Street Arts Center's Propeller Gallery. 3026 Airport Avenue, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THE SHOWCASE AT ST. MONICA
Inviting the greater Westside community to St. Monica's kickoff to Catholic Schools Week. The arts appreciation night will feature food trucks, refreshments and performances direct from its innovative TK-12 classrooms. St. Monica elementary and high school student hosts will introduce classmates' song and dance numbers from solos to quartets and from tap to jazz to liturgical dance. On stage there will be improv comedy and even some drama in skits and a special poem/rap – plus a violin performance you won't want to miss. An Art Walk display will Showcase selections from the TK class through advanced high school art classes. Food trucks start serving at 5 pm and the show premieres at 6:30 pm. St. Monica Catholic Schools, 1039 7th St., Santa Monica (enter Hilton Schoolyard via parking driveway on California Ave.)

SUNDAY | JAN 30

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

MONDAY | JAN 31

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m

TUESDAY | FEB 1

BUILD UP LOVE INTERACTIVE DISPLAY
February 1-28 in the Main Library, Lobby
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WEDNESDAY | FEB 2

STORYTIME: WORLD READ ALOUD DAY
10:30 to 11 a.m. Celebrate World Read Aloud Day with a virtual Zoom storytime, including early literacy tips for caregivers and stories that you can sing. For ages 2 & up. Space is limited. Register at https://bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps

LUNAR NEW YEAR AT SM PLACE
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Barrow	Ferry	Lookouts	Ridges
Bird	Fraser	Maria	Rodd
Border	Furneaux	Molle	Scrub
Canoe	Group	Moon	Shaw
Clark	Gabo	Norfolk	Sunny
Double	Heritage	Ocean	Tracks
Doze	Horn	Osprey	Woodland
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