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SMPD reports a 2.9% reduction in serious crimes

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is reporting crime has decreased citywide for the third year running.

In 2021, about 2.9 percent fewer Part 1 offenses — crimes including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, grand theft auto and arson — were reported in the city compared to 2020. This follows a 5.5 percent reduction in those crimes from 2019 to 2020, and a 16 percent reduction from 2018 to 2019.

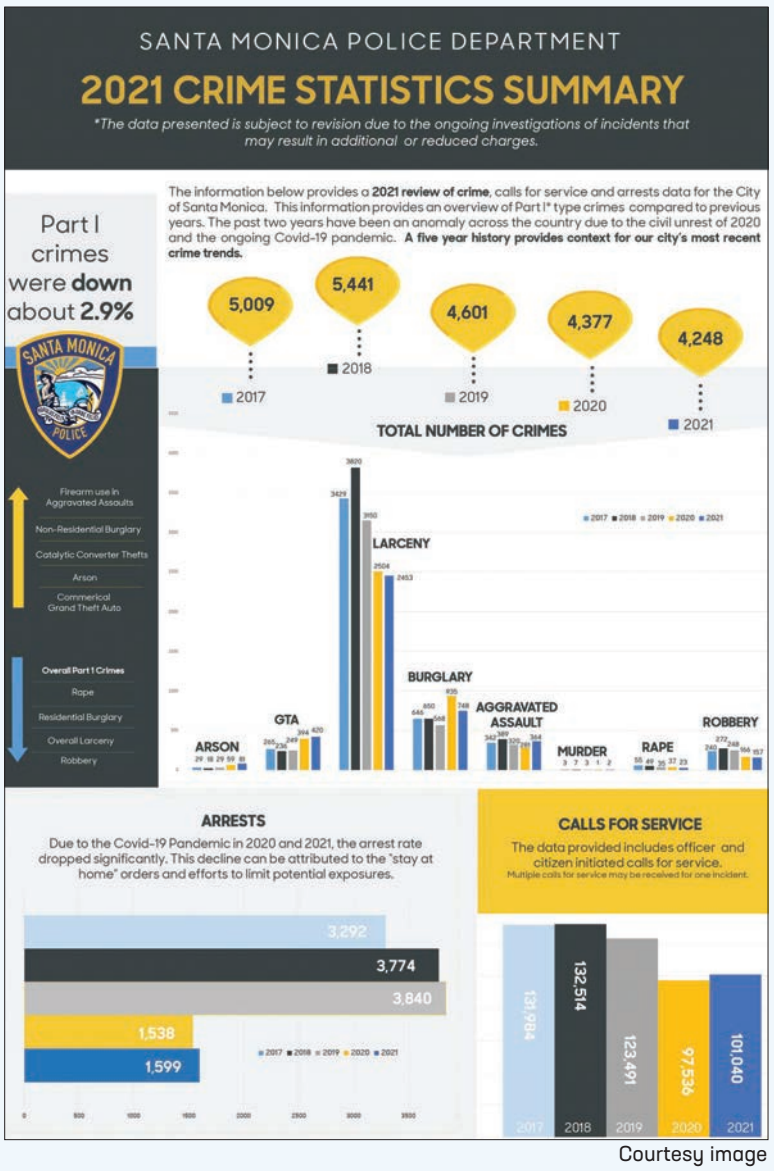
The data comes from new data released by the SMPD aggregating serious crime statistics for 2021. The SMPD data compares last year's numbers to crimes recorded in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

According to previous reporting by the Daily Press, crime in Santa Monica had been steadily increasing from 2014 until a recent peak in 2018.

Those numbers were still a fraction of the rate at which Part 1 crimes reported in the 1980s and 1990s. Whereas there were 10,891 Part 1 crimes reported in 1992 — when crime peaked in the City — just 4,248 such crimes were reported in the past year.

In 2018, a total of 5,441 Part 1 crimes were reported; in 2019, that dropped to 4,601; in 2020, it again dropped to 4,377; in 2021, numbers slightly decreased to 4,248.

Some crimes, like strong arm robberies (which the City reports as the most common type of robbery committed), saw a drop off from 272 in 2018 to 157 in 2021.



Courtesy image

CRIME: While overall crime numbers are down from last year, several specific crimes remain higher than in 2019 including burglary, arson, aggravated assault and car theft.

"Strong armed robbery is committed with a threat of force or intimidation that usually does not involve a weapon," according to an infographic provided by the City of Santa Monica.

However, property crimes like non-residential burglaries, grand theft auto and auto parts theft (such as the theft of catalytic

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County to study intersection of prison and homelessness

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With the annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count coming up on Feb. 23, LA County Supervisors are already looking ahead to how data collection can be enhanced in future years' counts.

The Board voted, 5-0 last month, to request additional data that will help inform County service providers about the intersection between homelessness the involvement in the legal/carceral system — what the County refers to as "justice-involvement."

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), in collaboration with LA County's Chief Information Officer (CIO), will be tasked with collecting and publishing an annual data summary on "[justice] system involvement among unsheltered people experiencing homelessness." The data was to be presented on public-facing dashboards.

With focus on what Supervisors call a "Care First, Jails Last" vision, the board voted to collect annual data on justice-involvement in the county's unhoused population.

"We need to continue growing our understanding of the overlap between justice-involvement and

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Providence Saint John's is first in nation to test revolutionary brain cancer treatment



Courtesy photo

HOSPITAL: The team at St. John's are working on a new treatment.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

A team of doctors at Providence Saint John's are the first in the nation to pioneer a potentially game changing treatment for one of the most severe forms of brain cancer.

Brain cancer is an extremely deadly cancer and glioblastoma, the most common type of malignant brain tumor, is particularly aggressive. Once diagnosed, the median survival rate for patients is a mere 10 to 12 months. Worldwide the disease afflicts around 300,000

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Threatening' Video by Former UCLA Lecturer Forces Classes to be Held Remotely

City News Service

Classes at UCLA were being taught remotely Tuesday in response to a video and violence-laden manifesto posted online by a former lecturer — who was later arrested in Colorado — that university officials said referenced a mass shooting and threatened philosophy department members.

Matthew Christopher Harris, 31, a former postdoctoral fellow, posted the video and 800-page manifesto making "specific threats" to people in the university's philosophy department, resulting in the school's decision to cancel in-person classes on Tuesday, authorities said.

"Out-of-state law enforcement has confirmed the person who made threats to UCLA is under observation & not in CA," Steve Ritea, UCLA's chief media and executive communications officer, said in a statement to City News Service on Tuesday morning. "Classes will remain remote today."

Harris was tracked down Tuesday morning to an apartment building in Boulder, Colorado, where police evacuated an elementary school and some sorority and fraternity buildings at the nearby University of Colorado. They also issued shelter-in-place warnings to 65 homes in the area. Harris was taken into custody around midday without incident following a brief standoff.

Boulder Police Chief Maris Herold told reporters early Tuesday afternoon that her agency was contacted by UCLA police Monday night, and Harris was quickly located. She said investigators reviewed parts of Harris' manifesto, which she said threatened violence at both UCLA and in Boulder.

"Upon reviewing parts of the manifesto, we identified thousands of references of violence, stating things such as killing, death, murder, shootings, bombs, schoolyard massacre in Boulder, and phrases like burn and attack Boulder outside the university," Herold said.

The rampant violence outlined in the manifesto led to the sweeping law enforcement response in the neighborhood, Herold said.

"The level of violence that we saw in the manifesto was obviously so alarming, we have not made connections yet across states and that's why we have federal partners looking at this as well," she said. "But I can tell you it was very violent and it was very disturbing."

Authorities were still searching the apartment where Harris was located Tuesday afternoon, so it was unclear if he was in possession of any weapons. Authorities said Harris tried to purchase a gun in November in Colorado, but he was denied because of a previous protective order that had been issued against him in California.

Herold said Harris' connection to Boulder was still under investigation.

Back at UCLA, philosophy students received an email Monday stating that Harris had made "specific threats" to people in the department and posted a video on social media titled "UCLA Philosophy Mass Shooting," the Los Angeles Times reported.

"In light of this, we will continue to have discussion through Zoom until the authorities say that it is safe. I will keep you updated on this situation. But I would avoid being anywhere near Dodd Hall or the philosophy department until further notice," the email states.

Late Monday, UCLA announced that university police were "aware of a concerning email and posting sent to some members of the UCLA community today (Monday) and actively engaged with out-of-state law enforcement and federal agencies."

In the video, Harris makes references to race and uses several profanities, according to The Times. He included links to his manifesto and videos, including the video threatening a mass shooting.

"da war is comin," he wrote. "forward dis (expletive) to our tha goldhead caucasoid princess."

Some students appeared stunned by the news of the video and manifesto.

"It's definitely hitting hard," Kahlila Williams, a senior, told NBC4.

In a separate post, another student described Harris' class as their least favorite at UCLA and said many students had complained to the department about his behavior, The Times reported. The student said Harris changed someone's grade 43 times after the end of the academic quarter and had changed their grade three times.

The university on Tuesday made counseling services available to students and staff in response to the threat. Students in need of the services were asked to call 310-825-0768, and faculty/staff can call 310-794-0245.

According to the campus newspaper, the Daily Bruin, Harris was put on leave last spring over allegations that he sent pornographic material to a student, but his position as a postdoctoral lecturer was originally set to expire in June 2021.

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Audible Burglar Alarm 1300Blk 2nd St 12:00 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200Blk 4th St 12:06 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500Blk Marine St 12:16 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2000Blk Euclid St 1:11 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1900Blk 11th St 1:40 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:00 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2000Blk Euclid St 2:29 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1900Blk 11th St 2:32 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2300Blk 29th St 4:02 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 22nd St / Idaho Ave 4:45 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 6:38 a.m.
Encampment 2600Blk The Beach 6:49 a.m.
Construction Noise 1000Blk 21st St 7:11 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 800Blk 2nd St 7:33 a.m.
Encampment 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 7:35 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1000Blk Alta Ave 7:38 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2400Blk Virginia Ave 7:44 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:53 a.m.
Fraud Report 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:02 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 11th St / Pico Blvd 8:17 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 2600Blk Main St 8:22 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1500Blk Harvard St 8:31 a.m.
Person Down Neilson Way / Barnard Way 8:38 a.m.
Fraud Report 1500Blk Stanford St 8:40 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1200Blk Harvard St 8:46 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 1200Blk Broadway 8:58 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:00 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:05 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 800Blk 5th St 9:10 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000Blk Paula Dr 9:12 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:19 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:20 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2400Blk 34th St 9:21 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 900Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2200Blk Dewey St 9:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 22nd St / Arizona Ave 9:28 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 300Blk 23rd St 9:34 a.m.
Burglary Report 400Blk Pier Ave 9:35 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 600Blk Marine St 9:37 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2100Blk Michigan Ave 9:40 a.m.
Burglary Report 3300Blk Barnard Way 9:46 a.m.
Identity Theft 1200Blk 14th St 9:53 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1900Blk Euclid St 9:58 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 400Blk Palisades Park 10:02 a.m.
Found Property 1500Blk 6th St 10:06 a.m.
Fraud Report 1000Blk Bay St 10:32 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400Blk 4th St 11:15 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 700Blk 12th St 11:16 a.m.
Encampment 2300Blk 4th St 11:38 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk 6th St 11:43 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:45 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1300Blk 18th St 12:07 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1700Blk Pico Blvd 12:12 p.m.
Burglary Report 400Blk Pico Blvd 12:30 p.m.
Smoking Violation 800Blk 7th St 12:31 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300Blk 18th St 12:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2600Blk Centinela Ave 12:35 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2200Blk Colorado Ave 12:49 p.m.
Family Disturbance 800Blk Ocean Ave 1:05 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 23rd St / Ocean Park Blvd 1:41 p.m.
Fight 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk 26th St 1:59 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100Blk 12th St 1:59 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800Blk 23rd St 2:04 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1700Blk Appian Way 2:12 p.m.
Public Intoxication 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 2:26 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:42 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:45 p.m.
Grand Theft Now 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:49 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1300Blk 20th St 3:13 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400Blk Princeton St 3:17 p.m.
Lewd Activity 500Blk Ocean Ave 3:20 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 3000Blk Paula Dr 3:52 p.m.
Encampment 700Blk Navy St 3:55 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2300Blk 28th St 3:56 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk Pacific St 4:10 p.m.
Encampment 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 4:54 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 14th St / Pico Blvd 5:07 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 16th St / Pico Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:47 p.m.
Injured Person 2100Blk Main St 6:03 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 2600Blk 24th St 6:14 p.m.
Construction Noise 1200Blk Princeton St 6:36 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:55 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2nd St / Marine St 7:30 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300Blk 2nd St 7:36 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:55 p.m.
Loud Music 2200Blk Ocean Ave 7:58 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1200Blk 18th St 8:07 p.m.
Battery Now 200Blk Strand St 8:16 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700Blk 12th St 8:31 p.m.
Overdose 1500Blk 4th St 8:31 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk Harvard St 8:54 p.m.
Construction Noise 1500Blk California Ave 9:25 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500Blk Harvard St 9:27 p.m.
Sexual Assault 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:38 p.m.
Loud Music 1800Blk Euclid St 9:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Neilson Way / Bay St 11:38 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 500Blk Colorado Ave 11:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON JANUARY 31

Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2200Blk Colorado Ave 2:12 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 2:23 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Grant St 5:59 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 9th St 7:32 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 3rd St 7:57 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 8:00 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2700Blk Neilson Way 9:09 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 9:21 a.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 9:54 a.m.
EMS 1600Blk Arizona Ave 10:54 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk 11th St 11:02 a.m.
EMS 100Blk Montana Ave 11:29 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk Montana Ave 12:35 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 12:37 p.m.
EMS 300Blk 11th St 12:59 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 10th St 2:09 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 2:17 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Neilson Way 2:20 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200Blk Ocean Ave 3:33 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Neilson Way 5:27 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 23rd St 5:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 16th St / Pico Blvd 5:39 p.m.
EMS 3000Blk 7th St 6:39 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 6:40 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Ocean Ave 6:51 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 7:22 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700Blk 12th St 8:25 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 4th St 8:31 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 9:26 p.m.
EMS 300Blk 10th St 9:55 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1000Blk 7th St 10:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Neilson Way / Bay St 11:38 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk 7th St 11:41 p.m.

De León Introduces 'Clean Streets Now' Plan To Address Illegal Dumping

City News Service

Los Angeles City Councilman Kevin de León announced a plan Tuesday aimed at reducing illegal dumping throughout the city, including by shortening the time it takes to deploy cleanup teams after a report is made about excess trash and debris.

"The city of Los Angeles is facing a crisis when it comes to trash, bulky items, and illegal dumping. In every corner of the city, pieces of furniture, loose debris, and trash piles are prevalent," de León said in one of five motions introduced Tuesday as part of his "Clean Streets Now" plan.

According to de León, the Bureau of Sanitation has nine two-person teams that deploy each day to handle illegal dumping cleanup. The Office of Community Beautification also provides funding to address loose trash and debris, and council district offices also fund their own crews to address it.

"The city consistently pours more resources every year into cleaning the public right of way, but progress has been slow and the city is not moving the needle on neighborhood cleanliness," de León said in one of the motions. "A better strategy is needed that integrates existing resources and adequately staffs the Bureau of Sanitation so that the city can more proactively address illegal dumping and trash."

De León — who is running for mayor this year — also called for the city to aim to address illegal dumping within 48 hours of it being reported or identified. Three of his five motions Tuesday specifically involve illegal dumping. The remaining two aim at efficiently deploying Bureau of Sanitation teams that handle encampment cleanups and increasing the frequency of street sweeping in commercial and industrial areas.

The first motion specific to illegal dumping would request a report from the chief legislative analyst, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Office of Community Beautification as to the resources needed to adequately address illegal dumping. It would also include the current number of crews and the amount of funding allocated to address the problem from different sources, including council district discretionary funds. The Bureau of Sanitation would also be instructed to create an integrated strategy to coordinate additional resources to respond to requests within 48 hours.

The second motion would have the Bureau of Sanitation update the city council on the CleanState Street Indexing System and identify the areas of the city with the highest rate of illegal dumping in each district. That report would also include data from MyLA311 calls for service and the amount of time it took for the area to be cleaned, as well as information on what resources are needed to reduce illegal dumping at the locations and make cleanups there more frequent.

De León's final motion is aimed at enforcing the city's law against dumping, and would have the Bureau of Sanitation and the City Attorney's Office report on resources needed to establish an enforcement and prosecution program. The motion would also request a report on ways to deter illegal dumping, including through cameras in areas with high rates of dumping.

In August, the council voted to reconvene a previously formed interdepartmental illegal dumping working group following a report that found illegal dumping of trash and hazardous items in the city's public areas increased 450% between 2016 and 2020. The group — which includes the Bureau of

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City of Santa Monica

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

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0068 (Major Modification Permit)
21ENT-0069 (Vesting Tentative Parcel Map)
1124 7th Street
APPLICANT: Howard Laks, AIA Architect.
PROPERTY OWNER: 7th Street Investments, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Vesting Tentative Parcel Map and Major Modification to allow proposed rehabilitation of a Landmarked parcel including the addition of three condominium units. In preserving the Landmark residence, the Major Modification would allow a three-story,36' high addition and a 4-unit subdivision with requests for heigh, parcel, setback and excavation allowances behind the existing Landmark structure. The project incorporates the preservation of the Landmark cottage and proposes relocation of the cottage closer to the street with the addition of a one-level subterranean parking garage below, designed to accommodate 8. automobile spaces and 14 bicycle spaces in the R2 (Low Density Residential) Zoning District.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/ydwjtdjt or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 5851065 #)

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

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 429420870 and Passcode: 2889 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

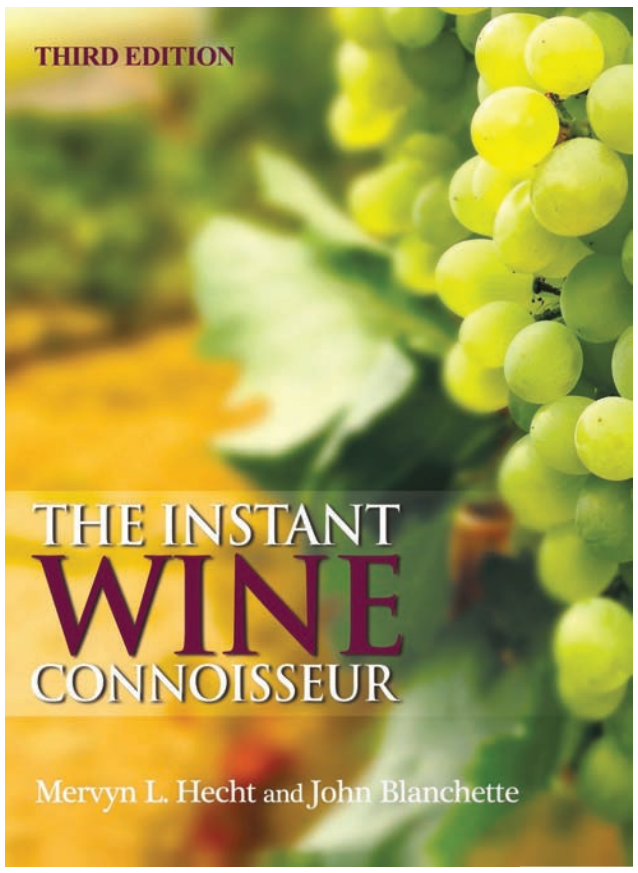
Address your comments to: Gina Szilak, Associate Planner
Re: 21ENT-0068, 21ENT-0069

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

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



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LA City Council Calls for State Legislation to Increase Psychiatric Bed Levels

City News Service

The Los Angeles City Council Tuesday called for the state to pass legislation giving L.A. County enough funds to increase the supply of beds for mental health patients to levels recommended by psychiatric experts.

According to the 2018 California Psychiatric Bed Annual Report from the California Hospital Association, there should be 50 psychiatric beds per 100,000 residents. Los Angeles County, which had a population of 10,137,915 at the time of the report, had only 2,301 beds, or 22.7 per 100,000 residents. The state had 17.05 per 100,000 residents at the time.

The resolution to support legislation that allows Los Angeles County to meet the number of beds recommended by mental health experts was introduced by Councilman Joe Buscaino in December.

"One in eight visits to hospital emergency rooms involve a mental health or substance abuse condition ... most emergency departments are not equipped to help people experiencing a mental health crisis. And unfortunately emergency department staff often have nowhere to send a person in crisis because of this limited number of inpatient psychiatric beds in the U.S., which have decreased significantly since the '50s," Buscaino said before the vote Tuesday.

Buscaino added that unaddressed mental health issues can cause people to become homeless, and the trauma of living on the streets can sometimes worsen or cause mental illness.

"If we don't provide the resources and beds for these individuals specifically, we're looking at more of the same in our future: an endless loop of suffering and deaths on our streets."

He cited a 2019 study from the California Policy Lab from the University of California that found that unsheltered people are more than three times as likely to report mental health conditions compared to people living in shelters, and behavioral health care needs are major factors in losing housing among unsheltered people, especially unsheltered women.

The state allocated $3 billion this budget year into behavioral health housing and services, the largest investment in the state's history. Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday visited a South Los Angeles facility that will provide 176 beds to people experiencing homelessness with ongoing substance abuse and mental illness issues, as well as those who have other barriers to housing and shelter options.

Buscaino urged more action, however, noting in his motion the state's expected $31 billion surplus, which has risen since the motion was introduced to be a projected $45.7 billion, including $20.6 billion available to use in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Several council members spoke before Tuesday's vote in support of Buscaino's motion.

Councilman Kevin de León, whose district includes Skid Row, said that on Tuesday morning he and his team, during an unrelated news conference, saw a 32-year-old woman named Betty in "one of the worst conditions I have ever seen." He said the city is intervening to get her help, but had they not been there to see her themselves, she likely would not have received help.

"The city streets of Los Angeles are the mental health units of L.A. County ... it's so normalized that it's sort of the backdrop of L.A., the white noise. It's horrific," de León said.

Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson equated the lack of response to people on the streets having mental health crises to seeing someone in the street with a broken leg and leaving them there.

"I've lost count of the number of times we see a person clearly facing a mental health crisis in broad daylight and the authorities say, 'They're not a danger to themselves and not a danger to anyone else.' So we all sit there and wait for either them to get injured or for them to cause the injury of someone else. It's one of the most inhumane practices we have in our society," he said.

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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 TUESDAY, FEB. 1 AT ABOUT 12:30 P.M.

Officers responded to a suicide call at a Downtown parking structure. Upon arrival, officers found a seriously injured man and despite lifesaving measures, the victim was pronounced dead by paramedics. Witnesses reported seeing the man loitering in the structure prior to jumping and no foul play is suspected.

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Cedars-Sinai Workers Sue Over COVID Vaccine Mandate

City News Service

More than 20 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center workers are suing the hospital, alleging they were wrongfully denied requests for religious and medical exemptions to the hospital's coronavirus vaccine mandate and then subjected to retaliation and harassment.

The suit — which was brought Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court — also alleges wrongful constructive discharge and seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

It does not state the positions held by the 21 plaintiffs and is not clear about whether any still work for the hospital, but the complaint does claim that the hospital's alleged religious discrimination is "reasonably likely to impair an employee's employment, job performance, or prospects for advancement or promotion."

The plaintiffs' attorney, Daniel Watkins, did not immediately return a call for comment.

A Cedars-Sinai spokesperson also did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

Cedars-Sinai's "malicious and reckless actions are causing intense undue stress" for the plaintiffs, who were "forced to choose between keeping their jobs, which they love, and honoring their most deeply held religious beliefs about life, purpose, and death," the suit states.

The hospital's "obstructive and cavalier handling" of the plaintiffs' exemption requests is "escalating the stress of these former employees each day," the suit states.

Each plaintiff requested an exemption from the hospital's COVID-19 vaccination policy and all were told, "Denied because it would be an undue hardship to accommodate your request based on the nature of your job responsibilities. Please understand that you must comply with the COVID-19 vaccination program or face termination," according to the suit.

The sincerity of an employee's stated religious belief is usually not in dispute and is generally presumed or easily established, the suit states.

"Employers are not and should not be in the business of deciding whether a person holds religious beliefs for the proper reasons and they should limit the inquiry to whether or not the religious belief system is sincerely held; and should not review the motives or reasons for holding the belief in the first place," according to the suit.

The law provides protection for sincerely held religious beliefs even when some members of the same religious organization, sect or denomination disagree with the beliefs held by an individual, according to the suit.

The plaintiffs cannot accept any of the three currently available COVID-19 vaccines because they are developed and produced from aborted fetal cell lines, the suit states.

"Thus, while there may be some faith leaders and other adherents whose belief of scripture is different, and who may be willing to accept one of the three currently available COVID-19 vaccines despite their connection with aborted fetal cell lines, any CSMC employee is entitled to interpret the scriptural commands differently," the suit states.

The hospital, in claiming that granting the plaintiffs a religious exemption would create an undue hardship, "completely fails to provide factual evidence to support its claim," the suit states.

CSMC also turns a "blind eye to the current state of the science, which clearly indicates that vaccinated individuals spread COVID-19 just as unvaccinated individuals," according to the suit, which says the plaintiffs suffered harassment and retaliation for their religious stands.

Hospitals statewide provide testing and masks as reasonable accommodations for those objecting to the vaccine mandates, which is consistent with state Department of Public Health guidelines, the suit states.

The plaintiffs are Rashunda Pitts, Ohara Aivaz, Katrissie Alexander, Glemma De Castro-Voungnassou, Daniela Bandera-Rojas, Kara Boyer, Marlon Bustamante, Maria Cabili, Lindsey Green, Matthew Green, Rose Lane, Mercedes Mendez, Leilani Miranda, Cherise Mosiman, Elmar Park, Reynaldo Paz, Irina Prystupa, Monique Resnick, Daniela Shamsaeirad, Mihaela Te Winkel and Asuncion Viray.

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DUMPING

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Sanitation, the Bureau of Street Services, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Recreation and Parks — was reconvened to identify trends and coordinate enforcement activities.

According to Controller Ron Galperin's report, which was released on March 24, 2021, the Bureau of Sanitation is struggling to keep up with the increasing amount of waste dumped on sidewalks, streets and alleys, and the waste is making it unsafe for all Angelenos.

The amount of solid waste picked up by sanitation crews increased from 9,200 tons in 2016 to 14,500 tons in the first eight months of 2020, according to the report.

According to the report, the Bureau of Sanitation's resources are spread too thin because it is charged with handling illegal dumping and cleanups of homeless encampments, and as a result, the average time it took sanitation crews to respond to illegal dumping requests in 2020 was five days.

The bureau has 19 surveillance cameras across the 470-square-mile city to catch illegal street dumping incidents.

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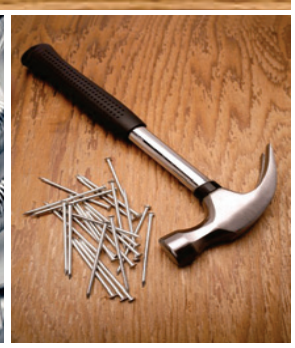
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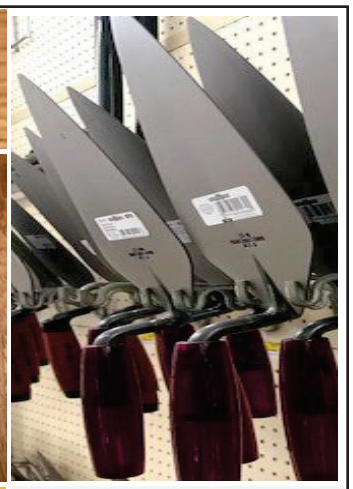
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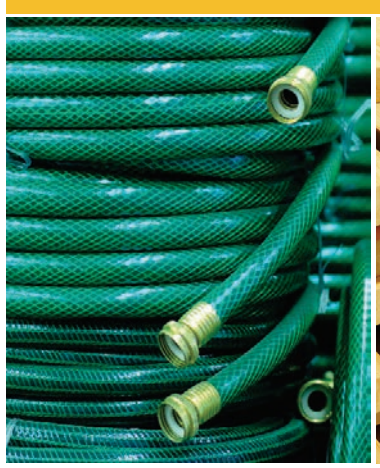


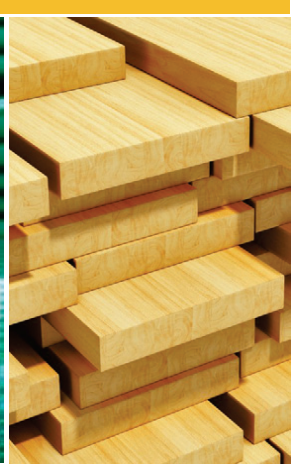


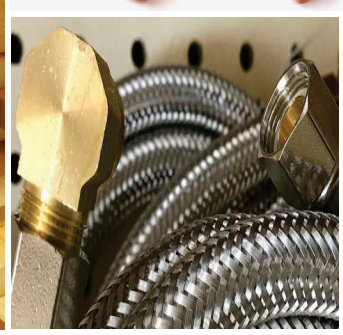


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Soccer results







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SPORTS: The Samohi soccer team played a pair of games last weekend. The Vikings lost to Redondo Union (0-1) and tied with Mira Costa (2-2).

HOMELESS

FROM PAGE 1

homelessness," the text of the motion stated. "Often, housing and homelessness resources are inaccessible to individuals with justice involvement. While there are many justice-involved individuals who are prioritized for services based on behavioral health needs, there are many who may not have immediate access to housing resources upon being released from incarceration. Housing can be a critical resource for preventing recidivism, yet at times, housing provided to formerly incarcerated individuals is found outside of the County's formal homelessness system."

The survey will be modeled after a 2019 report prepared by LAHSA.

"To better understand the links between justice involvement and homelessness and write policy decisions that can reduce the number of homeless and incarcerated people in LA County, your county should review justice data from the homeless count annually, not just as a one-time data sheet from two years ago," Supervisor Hilda Solis, who sponsored the motion, said. "This population, as you know, continues to change and we should be getting the right information at the appropriate time."

In addition to publishing annual data, LAHSA was asked to "ensure that LAHSA-contracted statistical consultants engage County justice partners, providers and organizations … that are working at the nexus of justice-involvement and homelessness to ensure the Homeless Count survey captures the most useful data regarding system-involved people experiencing homelessness."

LAHSA and the CIO were also asked to report back 60 days following the Jan. 25 meeting with information on "the feasibility of including [justice] system involvement as a category in the regional data summaries (i.e. supervisorial district and SPA summaries) published after the annual Homeless Count."

Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who represents Santa Monica, co-authored the motion. Kuehl said she was especially concerned about how many women who are incarcerated go on to become homeless.

"I think we've all known [for] a long time about the intersection between the justice and homeless systems, but we have never had enough real information to make policy decisions that can best support the population that exists at this intersection," Kuehl said. "This motion asks to improve data collection, analysis and dissemination, so we can better understand the frequency of the overlap and pinpoint current knowledge and service gaps in each of our Districts and across the County."

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Money, Money Everywhere!

MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND

Right? That sounds okay, benign, like a carousel. But how about, "money is the root of all evil"? Kind of the opposite take, full of dire portent. Mark Twain, bless his erudite but curmudgeon soul, got it right, I think – he wrote, "Lack of money is the root of all evil."

Those words were in one of his posthumous pieces that he held back until after he hitched a ride to eternity on the tail of Halley's Comet, to keep the conservative crazies of his day from showing up on his front porch with tiki torches. ("Letters from the Earth" is a great read, for many an eye-opener on the hidden side of Samuel Clemens.)

Every time I quote Twain I have to try to find out if he did say it. He had such a bottomless valise of pithy pronouncements that a ton of clever stuff he didn't say gets attributed to him. A unique legacy, well deserved, for the master of metaphor and mordant mirth.

Turns out an obscure writer named Richard Bowker included that phrase in a book he published in 1872. But he was a NYC library society denizen and my story is he was sharing a cigar and a brandy with MT and a



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TOO MANY DOLLARS: Not enough sense.

circle of admirers, when Twain dropped that one, and Bowker quickly excused himself to the men's room to scribble it on a napkin. I could be wrong. But y'all never heard of Bowker till now, right? I rest my airtight case.

MORE THAN MONEY?

I would add power to the equation, equal to the lust for money. (And of course. Power generates opportunities for wealth.

Local folks just waking up to the mess that Santa Monica has become and wondering how it got that way, discovering the reprehensible actions and ridiculous justifications for them from our elected and unelected power brokers, immediately wonder where the envelopes stuffed full of cash are circulating. I had that thought too about a dozen years ago. But quickly decided there were no envelopes. The distribution of wealth and power is much more complicated and nuanced in good old Bay City. There is a lot of long term planning going on here, but it's not for your benefit, dear resident, therefore it is kept to a few and meticulously hidden from public scrutiny. And if you're not at the table, you're probably on the menu.

Some may think I'm sounding like a

CONSPIRACY THEORIST

Because I cannot offer documented proof of all this. But I'm not a lawyer, or even an investigative journalist. These are conclusions I have arrived at after years of fitting the pieces together as evidence trickles out, as players tip their hands. My conclusions. But information and facts I feel the average, busy residents should know about.

I hate conspiracy theories. They are constructed from lies, half truths and rumors. Meant to support a predetermined conclusion. Here's a belief, based on no evidence whatsoever and often refuted by science and facts, but they will go searching for corroboration, from anywhere, and call that "proof" enough. And that's why podcaster Joe Rogan, and the likes of Rush Limbaugh, Tucker Carlson, Michael Savage, Dennis Praeger, Alex Jones and Laura Ingraham, are so influential, and wealthy. They give people what they want. (Remember, power begets wealth.)

No, I'm talking about something quite different: looking at all the seemingly unconnected evidence, and finding a way to make sense of it. Circumstantial evidence may not hold up in a court of law, but it can help explain our circumstances, and you can go (cautiously) from there. Or, you can just throw up your hands and throw in the towel. I choose not to.

WE HAVE AN ELECTION COMING UP!

What? When? Not until November of course, but that means if you want to work for a change, through elections, you should have started yesterday. Some have, on both sides.

I attended a public meeting Saturday of the "A Brighter Future" group, for the launching of their PAC to "elect a new school board in 2022." There were about 30 people, which is, I guess, a pretty good turnout for something like that.

Do we need a new school board? Oh yes, emphatically. But this is a real hard sell, for many reasons. I don't think slogans like "we can do better" ever won an election. The recall effort last year was too little way too late but at least some of the issues were raised. Recalls are hard. Gavin Newsom gained ground from his. Son of a Venice Beach! – even the recall against Mike Bonin failed.

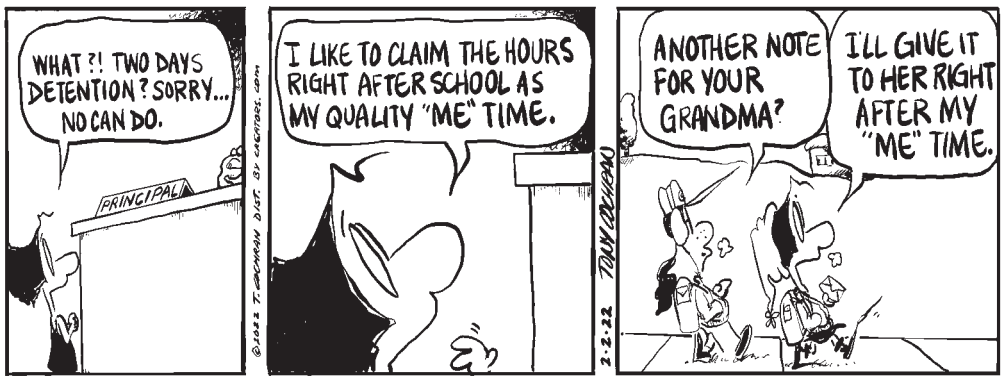
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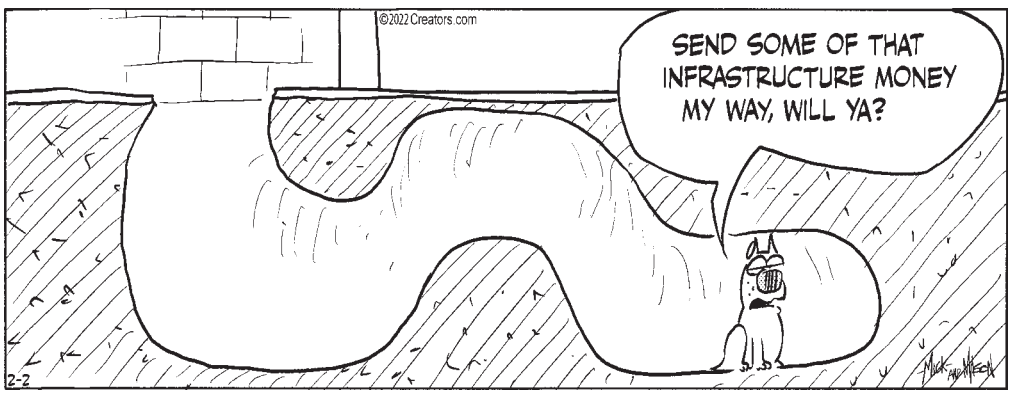
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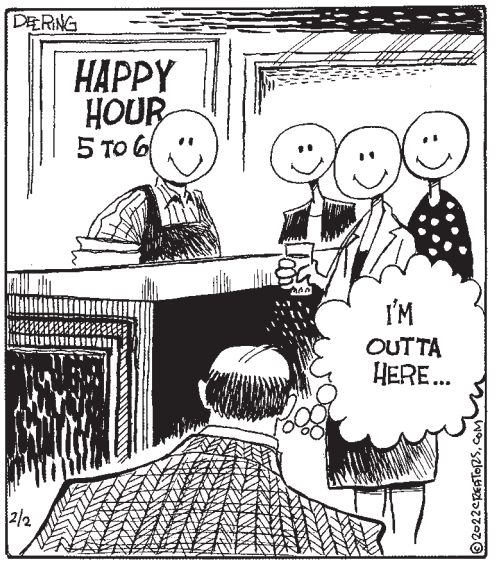
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"HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY FROM KEVIN."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.5°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Holding blend of SW and NW swells. Offshore wind now looks like it might be too strong for the small surf. Deep high tide around mid morning - best windows may be early AM and later PM.

THURSDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Small blend of decreasing swells. Offshore flow may continue in AM but down from Wed.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. North northeast wind around 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 46. North northeast wind around 15 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 60. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

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2022/02/04	Fri	11:01 AM	5.11	H
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 2)

Here comes a heap of cosmic gifts. Make room by getting rid of something – for instance, your tight hold on one idea of the future. Open your mind to options, then in drops a lovely February surprise. Spring sees the blossoming of your professional life with the mastery of a skill. Summer is synonymous with love. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 44, 49 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll expand your circle of influence. You'll be especially charismatic in casual settings. Your manner is informal; you'll shine in this mode. People feel comfortable around you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Part of forwarding your interests is protecting them. You're a warrior with a keen sense about when to defend, attack or retreat. Stay flexible and alert. Keep your options open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll concentrate on one thing until it's solved. It's a bit like your mind is a television show, and you don't want to change the channel until the end credits roll.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To make a plan with someone and execute it builds the relationship yet not as much as the casual in-between moments of doing nothing together. It's the way you are when your guard is down that matters most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your all-out efforts make life exciting. You wouldn't want to run at this intensity all the time, but it's working today. Better to do excess in moderation than to do moderation in excess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're willing to take other people's feelings seriously if needed, but you're in no mood to take yourself seriously. You skate through tasks that used to be hard because you've upgraded your thoughts on the matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're full of ideas, many of them good, only one of them possible at a time. Be wary of adding new projects today because they will take over in unexpected ways. First, finish what you were already working on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You think you're in the right, and you probably are. For now, keeping that to yourself will give you more options. You'll be able to observe the situation while others are unguarded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Resources become available to you. You've only just scratched the surface of what you can do. Keep going. You can take this further than you dreamed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Our solar system is composed of mostly empty space, but today you still don't have enough of it. Your time alone is precious and when you get some, you'll use it well, possibly doing nothing at all, a worthy enough pursuit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Giving is tricky. There's a point when it's uncool or counterproductive to give too much. Make double sure you're getting an accurate read on the situation. Take your cues from those more established in it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Simple gestures are effective, especially when it comes to love and romance. Less is more. Too much talking can diminish what you've already accomplished with an intentional moment of eye contact.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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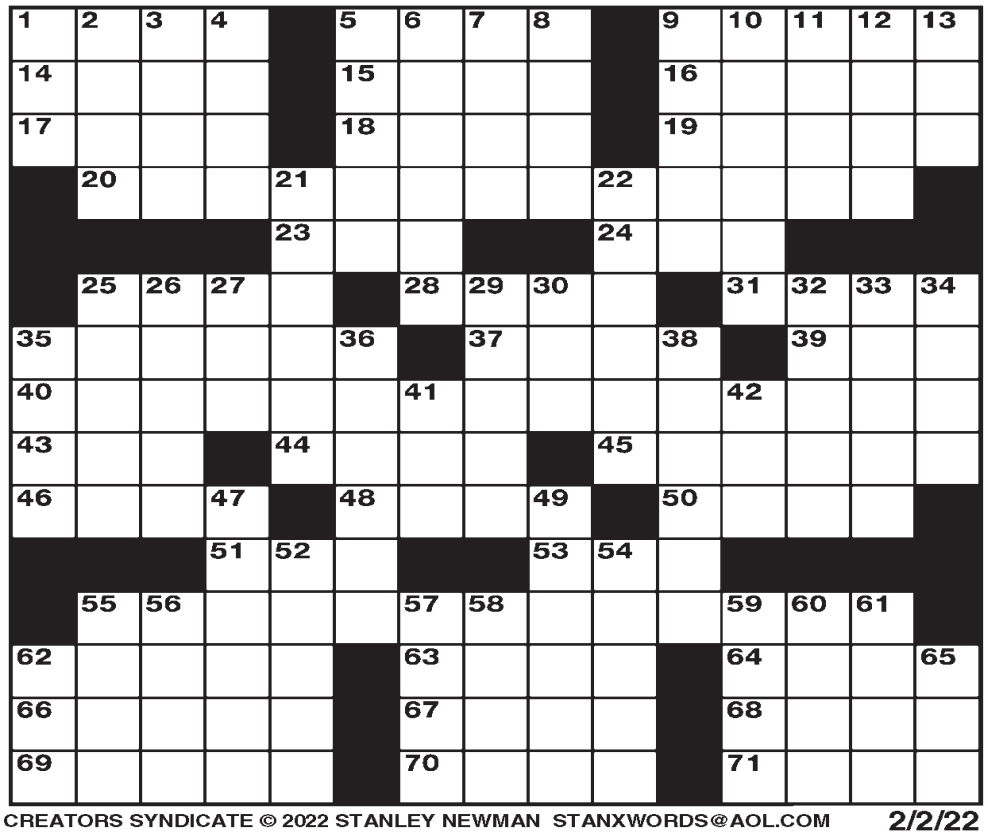
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14 Blender blade's sound
15 Freight car rider
16 First cousin's father
17 Bean in some soups
18 Prayer conclusion
19 Student of Socrates
20 "Feliz Navidad" singer/guitarist
23 Boomer's kid, for short
24 Baba of the Arabian Nights
25 Explorer __ the Red
28 Lasting mark
31 Marching band percussion
35 __ *Adventures in Wonderland*
37 River near Shakespeare's home
39 Letters on our stamps
40 Gore's running mate in 2000
43 Chimp or baboon
44 Typical high schooler
45 Unwitting victim
46 Take out a lease
48 Firefighters' tools
50 Ripped apart
51 Nickname for a pastor
53 Baseball great Ripken
55 *Aida* composer
62 Large brass instruments
63 Relay racer's path
64 Mysterious glow
66 Indoor sports venue
67 Higher than
68 Sound of scissors
69 Caulking material
70 Left, on a map
71 Nuisance

DOWN
1 Harry Potter's bird
2 Letters after F
3 VIP's auto
4 Periods in history
5 Rub harshly
6 Base-clearing hits
7 Eve's second son
8 Novelist Morrison
9 One in school
10 Installed like tiles
11 Read digitally
12 Glee club voice
13 Prefix meaning "modern"
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22 Chocolate-substitute plants
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26 Gotten out of bed
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29 Knighted actor Michael
30 Wide urban st.
32 Bit of gossip
33 Common practice
34 Shaggy hair
35 Not quite shut
36 Bind up, as grain
38 Annoy
41 Superman foe Luthor
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49 Film excerpts
52 Opinion piece
54 Keep from happening
55 Spiritual advisor
56 "A likely story!"
57 Implement pulled by oxen
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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
From Feb. 1 - 8 Santa Monica Place will commemorate the Year of the Tiger to honor the Lunar New Year. Guests will enjoy red and gold lanterns draped over Center Plaza that illuminate the night sky, as well as red envelopes with special deals from participating shops and restaurants (including The Gourmandise School and UNTUCKit). The celebration will also include Lunar New Year-themed craft kits and fortune cookies. Well-wishers will have the opportunity to participate in a Lunar New Year tradition by hanging their wish on the cherry blossom wishing trees for prosperity and renewal for the new year. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. 395 Santa Monica Place

LIVE BAND KARAOKE AT HARVELLE'S
Come Sing With The Band. The famous "Live Band Karaoke" show comes to Harvelle's every Wednesday night $2 Tacos $4 PBR Beers $6 Well Drinks. 9 p.m. 1432 4th St.

THURSDAY | FEB 3

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPENING CEREMONY
The Black History Month opening ceremony will feature local health professionals, including Phillip Brown, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor at UCLA Family Medicine, and Nakeya T. Fields, mental health entrepreneur, author, and speaker, who will discuss the importance of mental and physical health. The event will also feature tap performances by the Syncopated Ladies, the singing of the Black National Anthem by Castella, a hula hoop competition, and a healthy cooking demonstration. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. tinyurl.com/BHMOpeningCeremony

FRIDAY | FEB 4

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITS
The City is partnering with the Quinn Research Center to display exhibits at Santa Monica City Hall featuring Black historical figures in Santa Monica who worked in health and wellness. Additionally, the City is working with the Library, City staff, local schools and the Building Bridges Art Exchange to collect student art to display. The public is welcome to browse the exhibits during the City's regular business hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1685 Main St.

EARLY READERS BOOK CLUB
This virtual book club is for beginning readers. Enhance your reading comprehension skills, enjoy activities and learn about new books that will get you excited about reading. For grades K-2. Register here: https://bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY | FEB 5

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. The walking tour covers about six blocks in two hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended. Open to all ages. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

FITNESS FEST AND CONSCIOUS MARKET
The market features a collection of elevated brands and sustainable products from 25 local and minority-owned businesses with a zero waste and self-care focus. A diverse mix of free fitness classes will be offered throughout the day, including yoga, Basecamp Fitness, Chakra Dance and more. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat, towel and water for maximum enjoyment. Complimentary healthy drinks and snacks will be available for sampling from brands such as RISE Brewing Co., MUSH, Après and Barcode. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1400 Blk of Third Street Promenade. Register at tinyurl.com/FitFridaySantaMonica

OCEAN PARK BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
The Girl from Human Street: Ghosts of Memory in a Jewish Family by Roger Cohen. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. New York Times columnist Roger Cohen traces his family history from the 19th century to the present, exploring Jewish and national identity, anti-Semitism, and his relationship with his mother. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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CANCER

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people annually and is responsible for the deaths of Sen. John McCain, Sen. Ted Kennedy and Beau Biden.

At Providence Saint John's, researchers are working to give new hope to glioblastoma patients through a revolutionary procedure that they believe could extend patients' survival time and improve their quality of life while undergoing treatment.

The procedure is called electronic interoperative radiation therapy (IORT) and allows doctors to target radiation in a very specific location and avoid damaging broader regions of the brain. It has been utilized successfully to treat other types of cancer such as breast cancer, but Saint John's specialists are the first team to apply it to brain cancer.

A key benefit of this method is that it allows radiation oncologists to deliver radiation therapy during the same procedure when surgeons remove the brain tumor. This makes it possible for oncologists to directly target the tumor bed and begin radiation treatment immediately instead of waiting for several weeks after the surgery to perform external radiation to a wider portion of the brain. Doctors believe that the increased speed and specificity in delivering radiation should lead to improved outcomes.

"IORT is innovative because the big problem with radiation therapy in the brain is that it targets everything around it, so it's hard to get it to where you want it to be specifically without damaging the normal brain," said Naveed Wagle, MD., the local principal investigator of the study and associate professor of Neurosciences at the Saint John's Cancer Institute. "The thought was that if we can deliver radiation specifically where we need it, in smaller doses, the outcomes would be as good if not better and the quality of life for these patients would be substantially better because they don't have a lot of those side effects from external radiation."

Wagle and other members of the research team treated their first glioblastoma patient with IORT in November and are striving to enroll at least five to ten more patients in the next year.

During the treatment surgeons and radiation oncologists work together to remove a patient's tumor and then use medical technology called the Xoft Axxent Electronic Brachytherapy System to insert a miniature x-ray source into the tumor cavity and deliver a single dose of radiation to the tumor bed.

"Xoft Brain IORT is a novel approach that may offer patients quality-of-life benefits, compared to traditional treatment," said Garni Barkhoudarian, M.D., a fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and assistant professor of neurosurgery and neuroscience at the Saint John's Cancer Institute. "By reducing radiation treatment times from weeks to just one day, Xoft not only offers a more convenient treatment option, it also may result in fewer side effects and complications, compared to other treatments."

The research team at Providence Saint John's is excited about how IORT could become a standard treatment and increase the life expectancy and experience of patients diagnosed with glioblastoma, which heretofore has been a deadly prognosis with little avenue for hope.

"I'm specifically interested in brain cancer research, because this is an area that needs new innovative therapies… we haven't had a lot of progress in the field for a while," said Wagle. "Hopefully making a big difference in the way that we treat these tumors and more importantly, how patients do once they're diagnosed, is what drives me to do this research."

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CURIOUS CITY

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said for years that my gripes against both City government and the school board are basically financial. They both spend like drunken sailors (yes, politically incorrect but historically useful and colorful), on stupid and wrong stuff (the new bus stop seats, the Open Main Street program, the huge waste of funds misspent on public artworks, and of course the History Building at Samohi that didn't need to be demolished), with no meaningful accountability, oversight or transparency. And then wind up like the grasshopper in winter without any ants to turn to. Oh, wait – we, the residents, are the ants.

Kat Blandino is heading the PAC and was an enthusiastic spokesperson at the meeting. But the most impressive speaker was a homegrown financial expert named Marc Verville, whose brief selection of examples of fiscal madness by the district was impressive, and damning. He's been speaking up at recent school board meetings, and getting rather distasteful pushback from some members of the board (notably Jon Kean). He's not alone in that. And that is part of the problem, the disrespect directed toward anyone who disagrees with the board. Not right. We elected them and all deserve to be heard.

Back to the City. The developers for the eight-building monster at Lincoln and Ocean Park admitted only 100 to the recent "community input" zoom session. The longtime leader of Friends of Sunset Park, Zina Josephs (who said she received no advance notice of the proposed massive development in her neighborhood), could not get into the meeting. But quite a few from developer-backed group Forward did, and they heaped praise on the project.

I will address more school board issues, and some of Verville's remarks, in my CURIOUS CITY column next Wednesday.

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CRIME

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converters) have seen sharp increases in recent years. In 2018, 236 grand theft incidents were reported; in 2021, that number was up 77 percent to 420. In 2020, there were 394 grand thefts reported.

While thefts from vehicles plummeted from 2018 to 2021, auto parts thefts more than tripled.

Arson reports have also increased sharply in recent years. Overall for 2021, 81 arsons were reported in Santa Monica, with more than 40 percent involving trash and recycle bins set on fire. That's a steady increase from 2018, when just 18 arsons were reported citywide.

The City's murder rate remained stable after a 2018 spike. Last year, two murders were reported in the City of Santa Monica; in 2020, one murder took place. The 2018 spike saw seven murders reported within the city.

Rapes continued to decrease, with 23 reported in 2021 down from 49 in 2018 and 37 in 2020.

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