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Stolen $20,000 pizza oven returns safely home to The Rose

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Thanks to a half-baked robbery plan and the power of Instagram, The Rose has been reunited with a $20,000 custom pizza oven that was stolen from the restaurant at 4 a.m. on Sunday.

The hero of the day was local resident Jordyn Komack who found the two-ton oven abandoned on her street after it had fallen off the pizza poachers' truck and crashed into her car.

Security camera footage at The Rose captured three masked individuals loading the oven into a grey pickup truck, according to Chef and Partner Jason Neroni. The chains that tied the oven in place were found smashed on Sunday morning.

Shoddy knot tying and a large speed bump by Penmar Ave and Superba Ave proved to be the thieves' downfall and they abandoned the oven about 1.5 miles from the scene of the crime.

Komack got in touch with The Rose around 3 p.m. on Monday when she saw their Instagram post seeking information on the oven's whereabouts. She had spoken with the police who were on scene Sunday morning and was able to tell the owners where the oven had been towed.

"I thought it was the weirdest thing that has ever happened, but people were like 'you must not have lived in Venice that long because weird things happen all the time,'" said Komack. "I'm curious to see what comes of the situation, but I'm really glad that The Rose found their pizza oven."

Although her car suffered minor damage, Komack said she was pleased by the outcome of the incident as she is a frequent patron of The Rose and looks forward to dining on the house when it reopens this Friday.

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SMMUSD to discuss diversity on Thursday

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education is set to meet for its first meeting in the month of February and there are a number of items relating to diversity in the district.

Thursday's meeting is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. with two separate celebrations recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month, but a Report on Staff Diversity is among the higher-profile items listed on the meeting agenda.

Last June when SMMUSD stakeholders first began a discussion on social justice standards, former Board Member Oscar de la Torre asked staff to see the results of a

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Council approves community service enhancements



Matthew Hall

LIBRARY: City Council is increasing funding for some library programs despite budget cuts.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

COVID-19 has taken hold of the Santa Monica economy, but city leaders said they will continue to enhance community services despite diminishing revenues.

During a Mid-Year Budget Report presented last Tuesday, City staff recommended the elimination of five vacant police officer positions so funding could be diverted to fund additional hours for library staffing, homeless service coordination, code enforcement efforts, a tenant counseling pilot program, as well as a new 3-1-1 customer service call line.

In June 2020, Santa Monica City Council opted to fully fund the Santa Monica Police Department during a budget decision that resulted in layoffs to librarians, planners, traffic engineers and a number of other City positions. Officials said at the time they intended to alter SMPD's finances in the "near future" since they didn't want to make a hasty decision before hearing specific proposals from the public.

Members of Santa Monica's Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee quickly disagreed with the decision, citing a belief that funding the police department when so many other departments were facing cuts was an inequitable way to respond to the pandemic. City Council eventually took the advice and directed staff to ensure that all future budgetary changes affect every City department equitably.

Finance Department Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, who presented the Mid-Year Budget Report and proposed budget changes to Council last week, said the recently approved changes align with these goals.

"This provides a more equitable sharing of resources among services directly impacting the public, and these are services that were cut and now we see that they need bolstering; and that's the reason why we're coming to (Council) in the middle of the year rather than during the annual budget process," Decavalles-Hughes said.

By eliminating the vacant police officer positions, general fund expenditures are lowered by

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 237 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 1

Overdose 2600blk Centinela Ave 12:24 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 400blk California Ave 1:39 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:19 a.m.
Death Investigation 1000blk Euclid St 3:36 a.m.
Arson Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 4:57 a.m.
Trash Dumping Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 4:57 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Main St 5:36 a.m.
Person Down 1300blk 2nd St 6:21 a.m.
Person Down 1300blk 2nd St 6:40 a.m.
Battery 500blk Colorado Ave 7:07 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 12th St 8:08 a.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk Princeton St 8:14 a.m.
Encampment 3100blk 2nd St 8:27 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 5th St 8:40 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:00 a.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk 11th St 9:20 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk 5th St 9:30 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk 4th St 9:34 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 3100blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1500blk 4th St 9:38 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Washington Ave 10:12 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:29 a.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 10:59 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:01 a.m.
Stalking Report 300blk Olympic Dr 11:30 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 11:45 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2200blk 6th St 11:58 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk 11th St 12:05 p.m.
Drinking In Public 600blk San Vicente Blvd 12:08 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 700blk Ozone St 12:14 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:31 p.m.
Fraud Report 1700blk Montana Ave 12:33 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 1:00 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:00 p.m.
Battery 100blk Hart Ave 1:22 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Pearl St 1:39 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk Oak St 1:43 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:43 p.m.
Fraud Report 1500blk Berkeley St 1:43 p.m.
Battery Report 500blk 22nd St 1:50 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1200blk 12th St 2:02 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk Princeton St 2:02 p.m.
Lojack Hit 800blk Ocean Ave 2:03 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2000blk 4th St 2:16 p.m.
Burglary Report 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 2:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Broadway 2:58 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Euclid St 3:01 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 400blk Hill St 3:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Marine St 3:18 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2600blk Centinela Ave 3:21 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Marine St 3:24 p.m.
Burglary Report 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:26 p.m.
Petty Theft 2nd St / Arizona Ave 3:37 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2900blk Pico Blvd 3:41 p.m.
Fight 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:42 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Marine St 3:49 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100blk Montana Ave 4:12 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:27 p.m.
Encampment 2100blk Dorchester Ave 4:29 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Report 1000blk 20th St 4:33 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000blk Euclid St 4:58 p.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 5:07 p.m.
Arson 7th St / Navy St 5:19 p.m.
Battery 100blk Hart Ave 5:21 p.m.
Fraud Report 200blk Ocean Ave 5:32 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 900blk Wilshire Blvd 5:32 p.m.
Fraud Report 1700blk Montana Ave 5:39 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:14 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Chelsea Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 6:17 p.m.
Prowler 200blk Hollister Ave 6:25 p.m.
Missing Person 1400blk 6th St 6:44 p.m.
Petty Theft Report Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:53 p.m.
Domestic Violence Report 200blk 17th St 7:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400blk Montana Ave 7:28 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800blk 5th St 7:57 p.m.
Person Down 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 8:12 p.m.
Fraud Report 900blk 4th St 8:15 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:21 p.m.
Battery Now 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:26 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1800blk 12th St 8:35 p.m.
Encampment 1900blk Ocean Way 10:03 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:11 p.m.
Sexual Assault 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:23 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:48 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 11:08 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 11:20 p.m.

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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 JANUARY 15 AT APPROXIMATELY 6 A.M.

Officers received a report of a petty theft occurring near the 900 block of 7th Street. The caller stated a bike was stolen from a laundry room at the location and the suspect potentially sawed through the rear gate before fleeing northbound down the alley. While in route to the location, officers observed a black two-door Mercedes Benz near the 600 block of Idaho with a male wearing dark clothing placing a bicycle frame into the car. Based on the lack of others in the area, officers stopped to ask the vehicle occupant, Chad McClain, about the bicycle. One of the responding officers noticed a large tool handle sticking out of McClain's front right pants pocket. Officers removed the 8" pliers from McClain's pocket along with a 12" blue saw blade from his left pocket. A witness identified the suspect and the bike. The owner of the bike responded to the arresting location and was able to provide a key to unlock the U-lock found on the grass near where Mr. McClain was parked. A subsequent search of McClain's vehicle uncovered additional bike parts and tools. Chad McClain was found to be on probation for theft and was arrested for 459 PC - Burglary. He was held on $50,000 bail.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 2600blk Centinela Ave 12:24 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Euclid St 3:00 a.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 1300blk Ocean Ave 4:10 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 4:58 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 8:18 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:02 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 200blk Adelaide Dr 11:12 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:39 a.m.
EMS 500blk Euclid St 11:53 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 12:27 p.m.
EMS 500blk Ocean Ave 12:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800blk 2nd St 1:38 p.m.
EMS 700blk Raymond Ave 2:06 p.m.
EMS 1700blk 18th St 2:20 p.m.
EMS 900blk 7th St 3:03 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:09 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Washington Ave 3:43 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:01 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:06 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:07 p.m.
EMS 2500blk 32nd St 4:11 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 2400blk 3rd St 4:18 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:20 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:41 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 7th St 4:51 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Kansas Ave 4:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Chelsea Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 6:17 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 8:12 p.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 8:26 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 9:31 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Ocean Ave / Bay St 10:35 p.m.

SMMUSD

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diversity hiring report that was previously approved by SMMUSD. A few months later de la Torre broached the subject again when he asked staff about the possibility of a board policy that calls on the district to regularly review it's hiring practices and diversity amongst staff.

"I'm not saying we're horrible in that in that area, but we should have an annual report, so that we are accountable," de la Torre said back in June as he shared displeasure with what he felt was a lack of urgency on the matter.

"We're talking about racial justice, (but) we can't even have a discussion on diversity in hiring so let's have that report and let's have that discussion," de la Torre added. "And for the discussion on ethnic studies — honestly, I feel like we're dragging our feet… The community has been waiting for too long. So, I think it's time to have these discussions. I mean, honestly, if we're about it, then let's be about it."

Last month, Superintendent Ben Drati said the district's dedication and commitment to social justice remains as strong as ever when he detailed the district's intention to soon have an annual review of its diversity in hiring practices.

Thursday's agenda, which is currently available online, states the upcoming report will detail race and ethnicity data for certificated, classified and management staff. "Additionally, staff will share information regarding staff recruitment, hiring and retention."

Following Thursday's 40-minute report, the Board of Education has invited local parents to discuss the formation of a Black/African-American Parent Advisory Group, which is already in progress.

Residents who are interested in speaking during the public comment portion of Thursday's meeting should complete Google survey "sign up" that will be open to members of the public 30 minutes prior to the board's closed session.

"Speakers are asked to attend the board meeting virtually through the Zoom invitation link on at the top of the agenda," according to district staff. "As with all meetings, once discussion begins on an agenda item, any speakers who sign up after that time will be given only one minute to speak."

To view the complete agenda, visit the website https://bit.ly/3toz7Zm.

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BRIEFS

Citywide

Uber will bring the booze after acquiring Drizly for $1.1B

Uber is bringing the booze.

The mobile ride-hailing company said Tuesday that it is acquiring the alcohol-delivery platform Drizly for $1.1 billion in stock and cash. Uber expects more than 90% of the sum to be paid to Drizly stockholders in shares of Uber common stock and the remainder paid in cash.

Boston-based Drizly formed about eight years ago and delivers alcohol in 26 U.S. states where it is legal. Drizly says it partners with retailers in 1,400 cities to deliver beer, wine and spirits to customers through its mobile app.

Upon closing of the deal, expected in the first half of this year, Drizly will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Uber. The companies said that Drizly's marketplace will be integrated with the Uber Eats app, while keeping a separate Drizly app.

Shares in San Francisco-based Uber jumped 7% in afternoon trading, to $56.42.

Alcohol delivery boomed early in the pandemic as consumers loaded up on essentials and tried to limit trips to the store. U.S. alcohol online sales jumped 553% in April, according to NielsenIQ. They have since moderated, but are still higher than a year ago. In October, online sales were 180% higher than a year ago.

The acquisition gives Uber access to an established player in that space, which could be a leg up in the fiercely competitive food delivery market.

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You'd Better Read Gumbel



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MOVIE: Raymond Chandler lived on San Vicente.

ANDREW GUMBEL HAS IT EASY

He's writing about possible corruption in Santa Monica in the 21st century. Easy peasy. Nobody's getting beat up or bumped off here. Like the city, the corruption has also gentrified.

When detective novelist Raymond Chandler wrote about crime and corruption in the '30s and '40s, using Bay Cities as the alias for Santa Monica, it was hard boiled stuff.

You had a fleet of water taxis taking gamblers and their hangers-on from the Pier to a fleet of floating casino ships anchored just far enough off the coast to skirt the law. None of the authorities could find a legal remedy until California Attorney General Earl Warren (later CA Governor, then U.S. Supreme Court Chief justice) declared them a "nuisance," which the state had a right to regulate.

The biggest ship was the S.S. Rex, operating around the clock with entertainment and free food and always a crowd aboard of 1.000-3,000 revelers (a formula later taken to Las Vegas). When the police, led by SM Police Chief Dice (I'm not kidding), assaulted the Rex the newspapers dubbed it the Battle of Santa Monica Bay. It took eight days for the law to prevail, as the crew used water cannons and threatened with machine guns to repel the cops. Finally they starved them out, boarded the ship and threw all the gambling tables and devices into the bay.

The flamboyant Rex ringmaster Tony Cornero finally surrendered, he said, "because I need a haircut." He never faced charges. (Hmm — early shades of Pam O'Connor, whose illegal actions as mayor resulted in the City losing a nearly million dollar lawsuit, without even a censure from her fellow Council members).

"A SLEAZY ADJUNCT TO SANTA MONICA"

Is how Raymond Chandler described Ocean Park in a 1944 letter about a gambling hall here. A little north, the basement of the Georgian Hotel on Ocean Avenue housed a speakeasy during Prohibition, and many old fixtures remain. It's closed to the public now but I got to see it on a tour given by the Santa Monica Conservancy a few years back. Pretty cool peek into our shady past.

Just up PCH famed actress Thelma Todd was murdered at her Sidewalk Cafe; the case was never solved. There was the battle royal over where L.A.'s harbor would be built, Santa Monica or San Pedro, with Senators serenaded and rail lines hastily built. It became the World Series of corruption, influence and bribery. The nasty skullduggery over water as depicted in the film "Chinatown" certainly had basis in fact, and "L.A. Confidential," based on the James Ellroy novel of 1990, painted a picture of police and political corruption that was not far off the mark.

Fast forward to the '50s-'70s, when the black Belmar neighborhood was decimated as we built the Civic Auditorium, and the freeway did the same coming through the Pico neighborhood eight years later, displacing homes and families. Big developer money sought to build an island in the bay, a string of six high-rise apartments right on the sand (but they were thwarted by resident outrage after two). But in the process they managed to raze the mostly Jewish enclave in that area, building a par-3 golf course (now also gone) and the wonderful Sea Colony condos.

I'M SURE NO MONEY OR FAVORS

Changed hands for any of those civic endeavors.

Through his famous detective protagonist Phillip Marlowe, Chandler mused that in a big city like L.A. you could only buy certain politicians and cops, but in Bay City you could buy the whole town.

How did Raymond Chandler know so much about Santa Monica? He and his wife Cissy lived in the 400 block of San Vicente, 1940-41. (They liked to keep moving and lived at 35 different addresses in the L.A. area.)

So that brings us back to present day Bay City shenanigans and writers who track it down for frictional fodder, or, even better, non fiction reporting. Back to Andrew Gumbel.

LOCALS ARE BUZZING

About his piece in Los Angeles magazine last week, bringing to light some information which has not been forthcoming from our City government or staff, or police department. He addresses the timeline and personalities of the report we are supposed to see on that dangerous looting fiasco of May 31. But it is not expected until April.

Gumbel's new reporting is titled "Santa Monica Has Made a Mess of Investigating Last Spring's Public Safety Disaster".

Our new mayor Sue Himmelrich was apparently not happy with it, and submitted a response which the magazine is running as an accompanying pdf, with a link at the bottom of the article. Himmelrich alleges "troubling inaccuracies" in the piece, but doesn't name them. The magazine posts,

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This past November, more than 80 million Americans — from a wide range of ideological, socio-economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds — turned out to support a presidential candidate who we hope will pull us back from the brink of disaster created by the previous administration.

Four years of deliberate and aggressive erosion of norms, rhetorical assaults on institutions, and a lack of respect for the rule of law threatened to destroy the delicate foundation upon which our government is built.

Our institutions must be able to endure these challenges. This is not a partisan issue and it is as true in Santa Monica as it is in Sacramento or Washington, D. C.

That's why newly-elected Councilmember Oscar de la Torre's conduct at the last City Council meeting was deeply troubling. Despite a clear conflict of interest, Councilmember de la Torre insisted on being allowed to participate in closed sessions involving strategy in a lawsuit filed against the City by his wife, Maria Loya, and the neighborhood organization for which he served as president for many years.

It is increasingly apparent that Councilmember de la Torre has very close ties — both personally and professionally — with Kevin Shenkman, the Malibu lawyer representing the plaintiffs against the City. The conflict was evident and yet de la Torre insisted that he should be permitted to attend these closed-session deliberations concerning the City's strategy in this litigation.

Councilmember de la Torre's position — namely that he supports dividing the city into electoral districts each with its own representative on the City Council – is well-known and he is not precluded in any way from discussing the merits of his position publicly. But last Tuesday, Councilmember de la Torre routinely conflated his right to discuss voting rights policy with his purported right to participate in strategy meetings concerning a pending lawsuit filed by his wife against the City. These two issues are not the same: one is a form of legitimate politics while the other is a breach of the public trust.

When the City Attorney offered his legal opinion on the matter, Councilmember de la Torre engaged in wildly inappropriate attacks on staff's credibility.

It is no secret that Councilmember de la Torre believes that creating Council districts within Santa Monica would be in the best interests of representative democracy in Santa Monica. We welcome the public debate on whether such a change would actually create a more equitable and representative system. But that was not the issue last Tuesday when de la Torre argued that because he believes he is right as a matter of public policy, he should be allowed to ignore the legal conflict of interest requirements which arise because he and his wife chose litigation to pursue that policy.

De la Torre's strategy is clear in retrospect. He sought to divert attention from his obvious conflict of interest which requires that he recuse himself from participation in City Council deliberations about his wife's lawsuit against the City by attacking anyone, including his fellow Councilmembers, with a different point of view on this issue, as racist or prejudiced.

Conflict of interest principles exist to protect the public against corruption and to maintain the public trust. De la Torre's attempt to erode that protection is dangerous. We, as a community, absolutely need to address the history — and present existence — of systemic racism in our city. But no one person can fairly adjudicate these complex matters. Finding a more just, inclusive, and anti-racist path forward requires bringing more voices in — not weaponizing the language of the anti-racist movement to shield oneself from the need to adhere to longstanding principles of good governance. Doing so hurts the dialogue we need to have.

Councilmember de la Torre's behavior — and continued bad-faith framing of the issue — has much larger and more insidious implications for our local political discourse. Santa Monicans for Integrity in Government came together because we do not want to see our city's politics fall victim to the same cynicism that has plagued our national politics – the costs from which it will likely take years to recover.

In healthy democratic politics, the ends do not justify the means.

We believe that Councilmember de la Torre, like the rest of his colleagues, must follow the rule of law and live up to the norms of a civil democratic society. We believe that is the expectation of most Santa Monica residents, whether or not they voted for Councilmember de la Torre. Santa Monicans want elected officials to lead our community with integrity, honesty, and a healthy respect for civil, good faith discourse.

Sincerely,

Santa Monicans for Integrity in Government

The organizing committee for Santa Monicans for Integrity in Government includes: Judy Abdo, Jason Islas, Chris Harding, Tom Larmore, Debbie Mulvaney, and Joe Pertel

Letter to the Editor

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor:

These arguments about wealthy people only patronize expensive restaurants baffle me. May I suggest that the plans for the changes on the promenade include food trucks and food carts. These eating establishments seem to be popular in every neighborhood in Los Angeles County. I strongly support the idea that every shopping center does not have to have the same chain stores as are found around the world these days and on most commercial blocks in Santa Monica all ready.

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Notification is hereby given that HSBC Bank USA, National Association, 1800 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 50, Tysons, VA 22102, will file an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on 02/03/2021 as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to relocate its branch at: 1453 3rd Promenade, Suite 250, Santa Monica, CA 90401 to a new location at: 2729 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Director for Large Bank Licensing, Office of the Comptroller, Mail Stop 10e-2. 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219 within 30 days after the date of this publication

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LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Support Available to Additional Low-Income Seniors Through Preserving Our Diversity Program

Over 150 senior households experiencing economic hardship are now receiving financial assistance through the Preserving Our Diversity (POD) pilot program, and additional assistance is available. The POD program provides financial assistance to very low-income, long-term Santa Monica senior renters to help cover basic needs like food, healthcare, and transportation.

The Santa Monica City Council approved the $2 million expansion of the program in the summer of 2019 to assist a total of 250 to 400 seniors facing financial hardship. Despite the financial impacts of COVID-19 and reductions to the City budget and staff, the City Council continued investments in the POD program recognizing the vulnerability of Santa Monica's low-income senior community.

The cash-based assistance aims to help households achieve a minimum amount of monthly after-rent income of $700 for a one-person household or $1,225 for a two-person household. To be eligible for the program you must:

Be a senior aged 65 or older.

Have lived in a Santa Monica rent-controlled apartment since before January 1, 2000.

Have an annual household income less than or equal to $39,450 for a one-person household or $45,050 for a two-person household.

Not already be living in a subsidized apartment or participating in a rental voucher program.

"We would like to help more senior households meet their most critical and basic needs and ask for seniors to apply," said Community Services Director Andy Agle. "If you have a neighbor or family member who qualifies and would benefit, please help them through the application process."

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in applying for POD, please apply online (in English and Spanish) via computer, tablet, or smartphone, through a secure website at www.santamonica.gov/pod, or by calling the Santa Monica Housing Authority at (310) 458-8743.

The application period will remain open for interested seniors to apply. All qualified applications submitted to the City will be placed on a waitlist. Applicants will then be selected by lotteries for enrollment on a rolling basis over the coming months.

Know someone who might qualify for the program? Please share information with them, encourage them to apply, or help them apply.

For additional information or questions, please visit www.santamonica.gov/pod.

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OVEN

FROM PAGE 1

Neroni is relieved to be reunited with the oven as the restaurant has been through a "rollercoaster ride" of obstacles in the past year and is extremely busy preparing to bring 120 staff members back for the return of outdoor dining.

"It's a really awesome pizza oven. They are handmade in Italy by a company called Forza Forni and assembled in upstate New York," said Neroni. "They custom build them per person, so it was very brazen for someone to take it."

The Rose is no stranger to crime. The same night that the oven was stolen different individuals pilfered three heat lamps and several propane tanks, according to Neroni.

These items have yet to be recovered and it is currently near impossible to procure heat lamps as the regional stock has been snapped up by the many restaurants running outdoor dining.

The Rose is located next to Venice's largest homeless encampment on Rose Avenue and suffers from incidents so frequently that the owners pay $100,000 annually for private security.

"That encampment has stolen many things from us in the past," said Neroni. "About a year ago there was an individual that broke one woman's nose and assaulted another woman. They've come to the restaurant and tried to steal things and hit people with wine bottles. They throw books over the fence or they throw knives over the fence, it really depends."

Neroni said he hasn't reached out to Councilman Mike Bonin for support as he "knows his stance on homelessness".

While LAPD officers try their best to help, Neroni said they are overstretched in Venice and can take 20 to 30 minutes to respond to incidents whereas the private security officers arrive on scene in under ten.

The private security system is a big expense for a restaurant that has suffered from multiple rounds of closures and the costs of expanding outdoor dining and purchasing PPE.

The latest shutdown was particularly frustrating for Neroni, given the strict safety protocols the restaurant put in place and the lack of evidence that it was contributing to the spread of Covid-19.

"When they closed us in November we were serving 6,000 people a week and we had 125 to 130 employees. Not one employee had tested positive and we had no cases traced back to the restaurant," said Neroni. "We tried to make to-go work and we lost 95 percent of our sales."

Neroni takes Covid very seriously and has an immunocompromised son with severe asthma. The management team employs extensive measures to protect everyone at the Rose, including paying for a private lab to regularly test employees on site.

Despite the multitude of challenges faced by the restaurant, The Rose team is thrilled to announce that they will be reopening this week and there will be pizza.

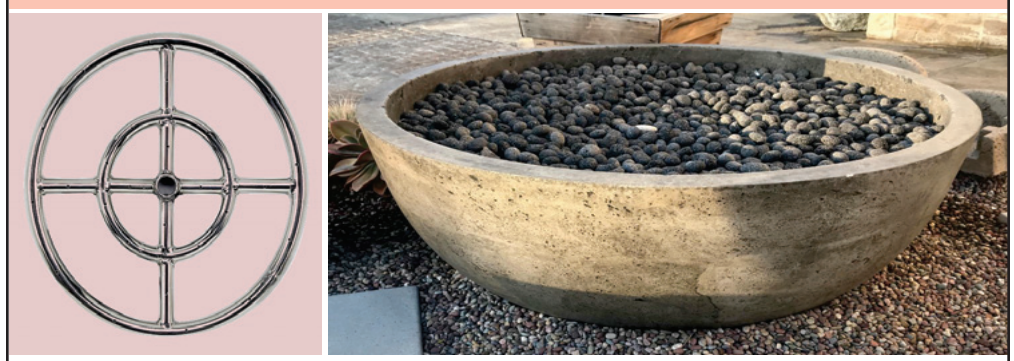
'I'm really excited to be opening on Friday," said Neroni. "We have a good amount of reservations and the community response has been great for us to return."

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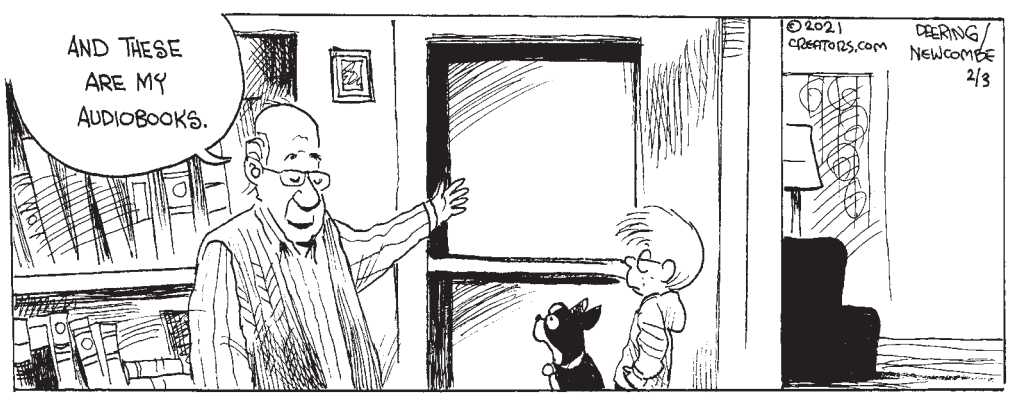
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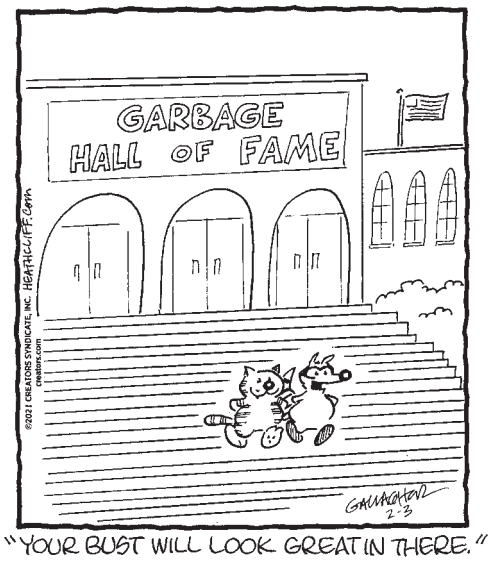
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.0°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small WNW swell mix should continue, potentially coming up a bit in the afternoon. Stronger WNW wind increasingly likely for generally low quality surf.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
NW swell mix fades through the day. Could be a decent window in the morning at the beachbreaks to the west of Pt Dume.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 59.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/02/03	Wed	1:19 PM	3.40	H
2021/02/03	Wed	7:10 PM	1.14	L
2021/02/04	Thu	02:13 AM	4.86	H
2021/02/04	Thu	09:28 AM	1.07	L
2021/02/04	Thu	3:13 PM	2.82	H
2021/02/04	Thu	8:05 PM	1.76	L
2021/02/05	Fri	03:18 AM	5.10	H
2021/02/05	Fri	11:00 AM	0.42	L
2021/02/05	Fri	5:23 PM	2.80	H
2021/02/05	Fri	9:28 PM	2.21	L
2021/02/06	Sat	04:24 AM	5.39	H
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2021/02/06	Sat	10:53 PM	2.36	L
2021/02/07	Sun	05:27 AM	5.72	H
2021/02/07	Sun	1:02 PM	-0.86	L
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2021/02/08	Mon	06:23 AM	6.02	H
2021/02/08	Mon	1:46 PM	-1.25	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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Power#: 4
Jackpot: 20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/29
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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 42 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 1/30
1 6 13 19 45
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/1
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/1
EVENING: 8 8 8
Draw Date: 2/1
MIDDAY: 6 8 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/1
1st: 07 - Eureka
2nd: 11 - Money Bags
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Perhaps life is always an improvisation, though on days like today, when you know what's coming next, it feels like more of a scripted play. A character who throws you a curveball will be a welcome influence indeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want to speak love, but it doesn't always come out as compassionate as you'd like. Before you beat yourself up over it, consider that love has many tones, some softer than others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are not facing any major decisions now, so don't be fooled by the minor ones. Without healthy perspective, small things can get very big indeed. Matters of scale are solved through the lens of other people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While it's fun to dream about your ideal future, you are also well-aware of the fact that there is no such thing. There is only building in faith and loving what is. Happiness is an attitude, not a circumstance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Conversation takes you to a new level of understanding as you tune in to the subtle manner in which certain things are said and make guesses as to the meaning. Your takeaway is golden.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one is making you jump through hoops to earn your place in the world, though you may find yourself doing this anyway — a force of habit born of a belief that you must work to be deserving of life's bounty. Is that really true?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What makes the machine work perfectly? Having the right parts and them being well-aligned. This is also what makes for an easy day. You have everything necessary to pull off the job; you just need to jiggle them into their proper place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Drop the struggle. You can afford to do it! In fact, maybe you can't afford not to, considering this mental thrashing around wastes a lot of energy and accomplishes nothing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are willing to accept a person's suffering with compassion and kindness, and you are open to doing whatever you can to assist. Do not, however, share in it. Protect and care for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Decisions seem daunting as you sense that even the small choices will be life-altering. Instead of yes and no, it may help you to think in terms of what you feel available to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You think you know why people like you, but you're a little off, overestimating the importance of some aspects of your package and totally missing others. But one thing you can be sure of: Like you, they do!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The difference between a showoff and a showman is intent. One makes a spectacle for the energy rush of being the center of attention. The other creates entertainment to evoke an emotional return from the audience.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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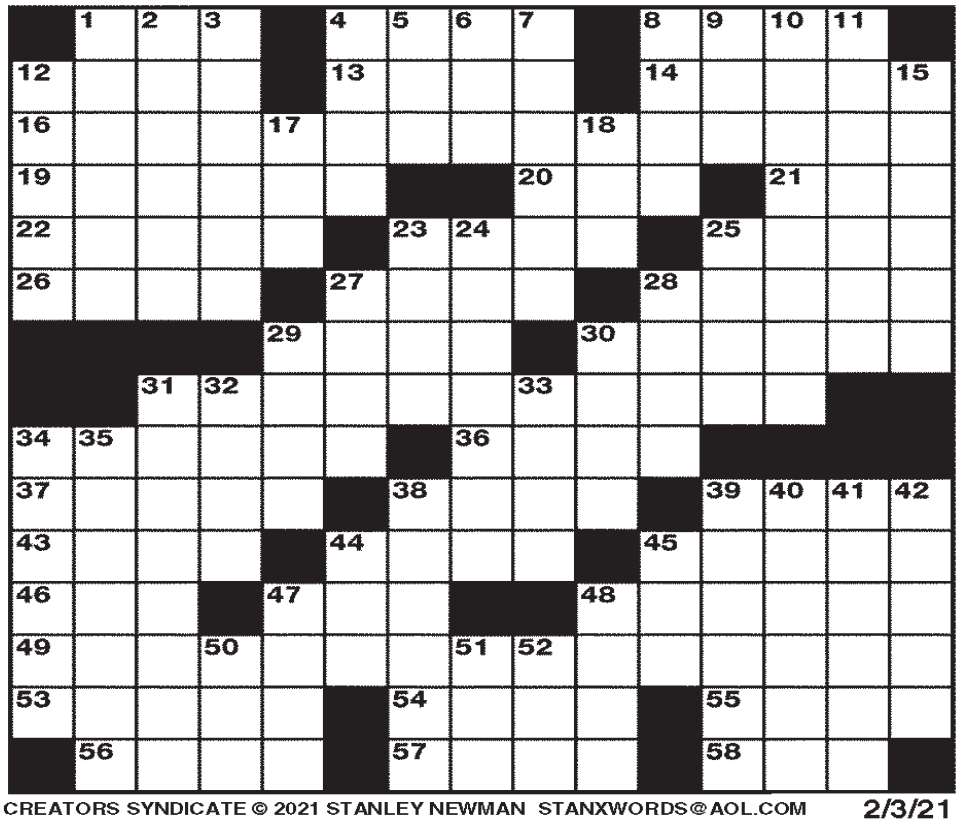
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Elevator compartment
4 Decide to leave out
8 Blacken on a grill
12 Feeling achy or angry
13 Statistics
14 Real-estate listings
16 Broken concrete you might trip on
19 Military troop groups
20 What candles are made of
21 Hot beverage for Brits
22 Churchgoing group
23 Apple's tablet
25 Having no clutter
26 Otherwise
27 Nickname for Ireland
28 Real-estate listing
29 The whole alphabet
30 Become angry
31 Fruit skins you might trip on
34 Never-happened-before events
36 Enthusiasm
37 Sharp, as eyesight
38 Business titan
39 Touches on the shoulder
43 "Billionth" prefix for second
44 Young lads
45 Kitchen furniture
46 __ in a million (very rare)
47 Remark from a ram
48 Stick around
49 Sneaker strings you might trip on
53 Bottom-line invoice amount
54 Small city
55 Entice
56 Canvas shelter
57 Mailed away
58 Half a figure-eight

DOWN
1 Ranch's horse enclosure
2 One of the Musketeers
3 Say from memory
4 Praiseful poems
5 Angry
6 Part of TGIF
7 The Republic of China
8 Square-shaped cereal brand
9 "In what way?"
10 Athletes who aren't paid
11 Publicist's handout
12 Bottom-of-map info
15 Glided around on ice
17 Bottom-of-map info
18 Family man
23 Laundry appliance
24 Full of flair
25 Christmas season
27 When trains are expected: Abbr.
28 Achilles __ (weak spot)
29 Poker hand starter
30 Blacken on a grill
31 Person with dark hair
32 Concerning, in a memo
33 Pod vegetables
34 Search in a spreading fashion
35 Polite refusal
38 Seasides
39 "Hot" Mexican food
40 Ancient adding machine
41 Toolbox gripper
42 Have a feeling
44 Not well done
45 __ Aviv (Israeli city)
47 Removable waistband
48 Apartment expense
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51 Weed-chopping tool
52 To each her __



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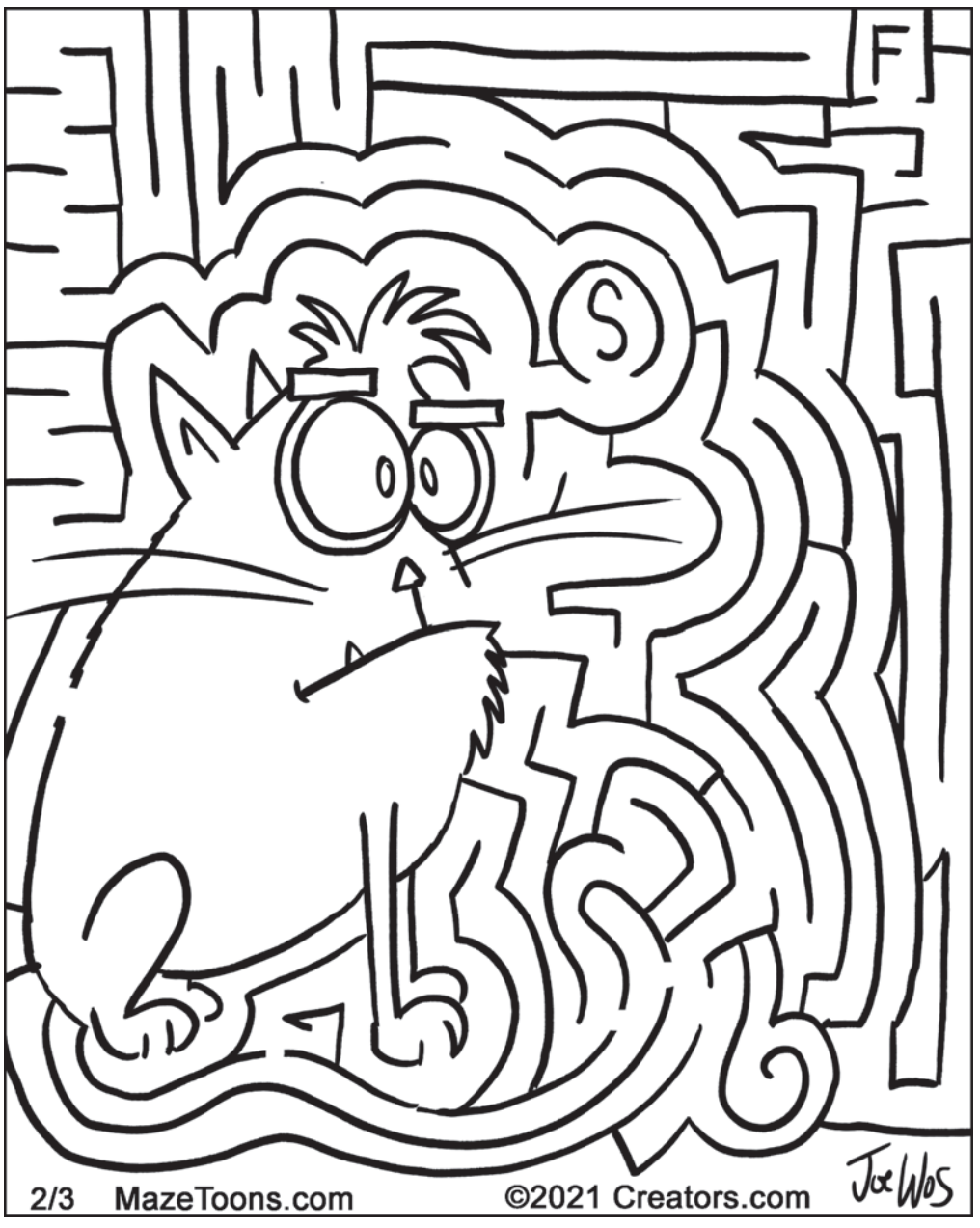
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5013

In the director's chair

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Angle	Dailies	Production
Aperture	Deadpan	Scans
Aside	Deleted scene	Sound
Backdrop	Depth of field	Stunt
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Why do the weekends go by so fast

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COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

$400,000, meaning Santa Monica can now offer a number of programs that would otherwise be unfunded, including enhanced Code Enforcement services to better address quality of life concerns and a 3-1-1 line, which will address non-emergency and customer service-related calls on behalf of the City. Staff also noted the City will be able to fund additional Library page hours to support curbside services and an inspector general position that will support the newly formed Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission.

"We are working very hard in this time to provide the best community services that we can within the budgetary constraints that we have. And to that end we have worked very hard to address key community concerns," Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said in a recent interview where she discussed the City's balanced budget and tenant eviction services that will be available to tenants in the near future.

"We want to be sure we're providing tenants as much support as possible," she said, "and we hope the federal government will be stepping into that space as well."

Mayor Sue Himmelrich added federal support will also be needed in the form of stimulus funding when she spoke on the budget process shortly after last week's report.

"The pandemic's impact to City revenues that support community services has been catastrophic, yet the budget continues to reflect our values," Himmelrich said. "It is balanced and we continue to find ways to do more in the areas of greatest need, including homelessness, customer service, and eviction support."

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GUMBEL

FROM PAGE 4

"Los Angeles stands by its reporting."

"Has this taken too long?" Himmelrich writes. "Yes, and for this I apologize to the people of Santa Monica. But I have said from the beginning that we can't rush to justice." But justice delayed is justice denied, and I have said from the beginning that you don't need some detailed report in this case. We all saw what happened, either in person or on TV. The Chief should have been fired within the week; instead she is allowed to gracefully resign, and gets a fat separation check to boot. Chief Renaud may wind up taking away more than any of the looters. And the City Council should have all tendered resignations, for their complete cluelessness and unwillingness to act on what we all knew was coming. The buck stops at Council. This didn't have to happen.

Gumbel wrote last November: "Inside the Santa Monica Police Department's Botched Response to May's Looting Spree."

I have a feeling this is not the last about Santa Monica that we will hear from Andrew Gumbel. What's that sound I hear? Rain? No, I think, it might be drops of hot sweat falling like rain from the foreheads of certain involved parties, who hoped this would all be forgotten by the time that report finally comes out nearly a year later.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 20ENT-0262 (Conditional Use Permit)
828 Pico Boulevard
APPLICANT: Sarah Hendrix, Lady and Larder
PROPERTY OWNER: Pico Fund II, LLC

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

The applicant (Lady and Larder) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (20ENT-0262) to allow for the ancillary sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Type 20 ABC license) in conjunction with the operation of a new small-scale retail cheese shop within the GC (General Commercial) District. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.040(B), a Conditional Use Permit is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on-site or off-site consumption.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 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/ppckgfzd or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 7405601 #).

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Address your comments to: Tiffany Lin, Associate Planner
Re: 20ENT-0262

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tiffany Lin by e-mail at tiffany.lin@smgov.net. 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
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 16ENT-0112 (Development Review Permit)
16ENT-0113 (Variance)
16ENT-0114 (Vesting Tentative Parcel Map)
21ENT-0022 (Major Modification)

1665 Appian Way
APPLICANT: Shyle, LP
PROPERTY OWNER: Shyle, LP

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

Development Review Permit, Variance, Major Modification, and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map to allow a new Tier 2, three-story, 40' tall, two-unit condominium development consisting of 5,774 square feet, with one level of semi-subterranean parking located in the Medium Density Residential (R3) Zoning District. The proposed Variance and Major Modification requests are to allow the reduction of the front setback from 30' to 15' and a 4.17% reduction of the required 25% minimum planting area, respectively.

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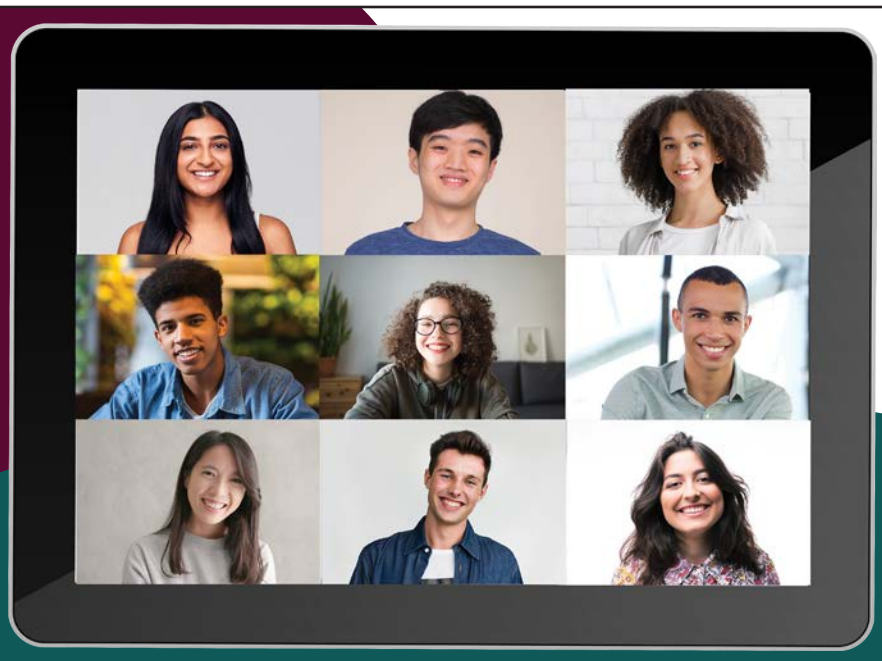
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Re: 16ENT-0112, 16ENT-0113, 16ENT-0114, and 21ENT-0022

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