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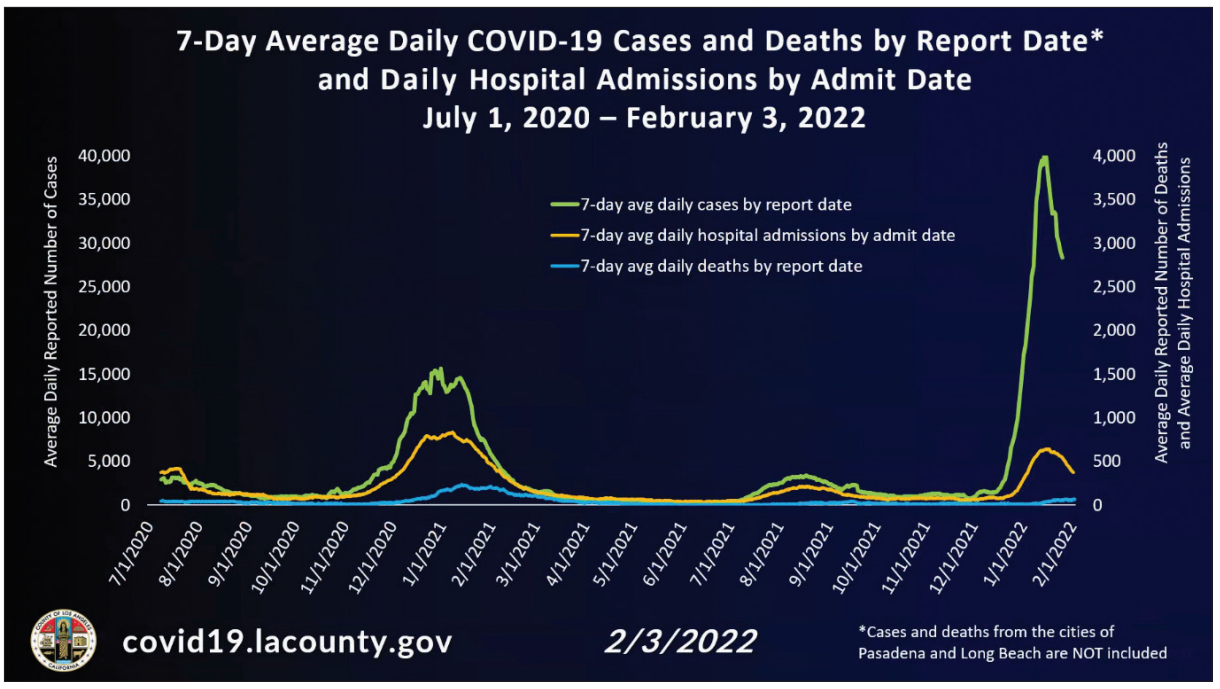
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Public Health plans to relax masking rules as Omicron surge subsides



Courtesy image

COVID: As cases fall, health officials are looking to relax some mask rules throughout the county.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

As Los Angeles plans for life post surge, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer announced upcoming changes to the County's masking requirements.

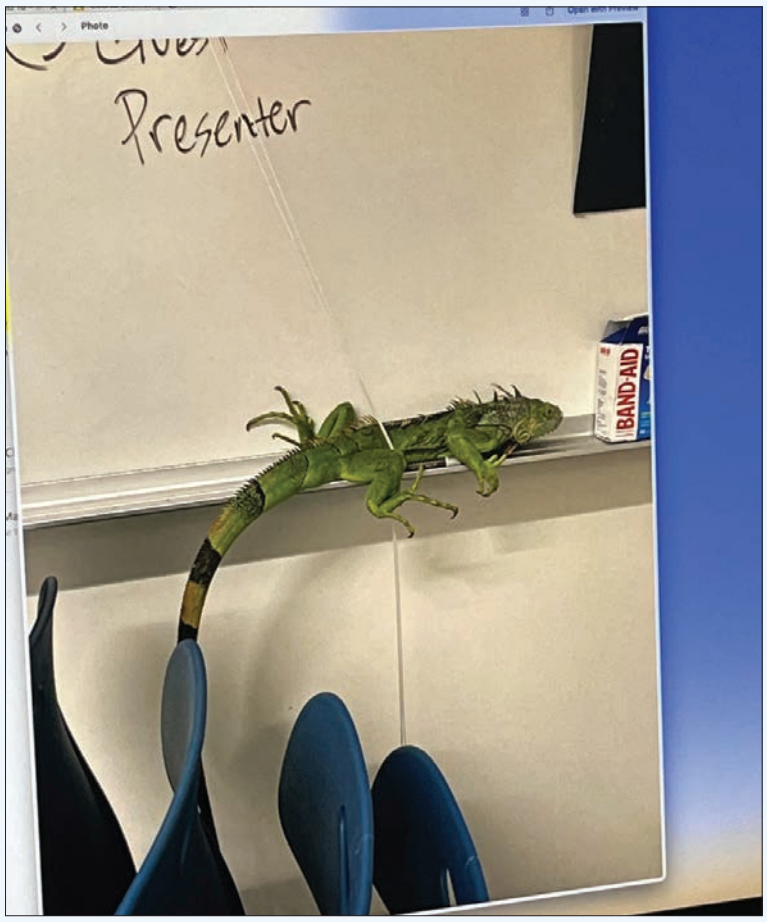
Ferrer defined the post surge phase as when the County records less than 2,500 hospitalizations for seven consecutive days. At this times masks will no longer be required outdoors at mega events or at outdoor spaces where masking is currently required such as childcare and K-12 schools.

According to Ferrer, this benchmark was selected as it is the rate at which area hospitals have said they are able to take care of COVID-19 patients and also carry out the rest of their customary business.

Currently, daily hospitalizations

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Scaly Students



Courtesy photo

LIZARD: While iguanas are in the news due to cold conditions in Florida, Santa Monicans had their own lizard encounter recently when several iguanas were let loose inside classrooms at Samohi as part of a prank. Animal Control responded and took possession of 10 animals in January.

Palisades Democratic Club hosts local leaders at annual meeting

The club's official gathering – held via Zoom – featured interviews with Lieu, Allen, Bloom, Kuehl and Bonin.

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

The Pacific Palisades Democratic Club held its formal annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30, featuring a slate of politicians who will not be representing the area by the time the next general meeting is scheduled in early 2023.

With Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Assemblymember Richard Bloom and LA City Council Member Mike Bonin announcing they would not be campaigning to retain their roles in the November 2020 election,

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SMMUSD by-district voting petition heralds shift toward voting districts countywide

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

The petition, which would see the School District split into seven districts, is among the first filed in LA County under a new state law giving control to county education boards to create trustee voting areas.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)'s Committee on School District Organization will soon be taking up a petition that would break up the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified

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Letter to the Editor

Stephanie Blank, Marina del Rey Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear Editor,

As a life-long resident of Santa Monica and the Westside, I am completely frustrated by the ongoing lack of working bathrooms in the very busy Memorial Park. Last Friday (Jan. 28), I was at the park, as I am daily, to play pickleball. The park was bustling with people. There were about 50 pickleball players, tennis players, kids in the skate park and many preschoolers on the playground. It was a beautiful, vibrant scene of folks exercising and enjoying another beautiful day in Santa Monica.

When I needed to use the restroom, I was met with all three of the women's toilets broken, with out of order signs which had been there for approximately two weeks. So, I tried to use the men's. But they (all three) were locked, with people inside having conversations. Peering through the slats, I could see that, in two of the three, someone was sleeping on the floor. I waited for about 15 minutes, then gave up and went to the gym, which is closed and has a sign in front saying "no public restrooms". Well, to make a long story longer, I knew someone was inside and I knocked on the door. Just as a clerk answered and told me I couldn't use the restroom, a SM city worker came by and I explained my issue. He graciously took me to a private restroom, behind a locked gate, which he had the key for. I was very grateful. He also suggested I call 311 to report this. I did, but got a recording that due to budget shortfalls or staffing shortages, that 311 is closed on Fridays!

Returning to the courts, I consciously didn't drink any water, so as not to have to repeat this. So it was no surprise, when later, I became dizzy and nearly passed out from dehydration.

I realize that this is a first world problem, but in a city of this size, with so many people and so much wealth, it seems like there must be a better way.

Thanks for letting me vent.

Stephanie Blank, Marina del Rey

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ADDENDUM TO CITY YARDS MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the completion and availability of an Addendum to the City Yards Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project located at 2500 Michigan Avenue in the City of Santa Monica.

DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves the relocation of the City of Santa Monica's recycling tip and transfer operation to accommodate the City Yards Master Plan construction project.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:
The Addendum to the EIR may be reviewed online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Environmental-Reports/City-Yards-Project-EIR/

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:
In accordance with CEQA, a minimum 30-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Addendum to the EIR. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public comments on the document during this period. Any comments on the Addendum to the EIR must be received within the public review period. **The comment period will start on Tuesday, February 4, 2022 and end at 5:30 p.m. on March 6, 2022.**

Address your comments to: Chris Celsi, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager
2500 Michigan Avenue, Building 9
Santa Monica, CA 90404
Re: Addendum to EIR for City Yards Master Plan Project

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Chris Celsi at (310) 458-8528, or by e-mail at chris.celsi@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-2223 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 p blica para revisar applicaci nes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas m s informaci n, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Divisi n de Planificaci n al n mero (310) 458-8341.

Petition Approved To Have LA Repeal Vaccination Requirement For Indoor Spaces

City News Service

The Los Angeles City Clerk approved a petition for circulation Thursday that aims to have the City Council repeal its requirement that people show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 before entering certain indoor public spaces and outdoor mega-events.

According to the Los Angeles City Charter, the petition needs 15% of the total votes cast for the most recent mayoral election, which was held in 2017. If the petition receives enough signatures but the City Council does not adopt the ordinance, it will be presented to voters. The City Clerk said Thursday that it needs 64,785 registered Los Angeles voters to sign the petition within 120 days of the completed petition's filing. The petition must also be filed within two years of its approval.

The proposed ordinance would repeal the city's proof of vaccination requirement to enter the indoor portions of certain locations, outdoor large events and city facilities.

The city began enforcing the law on Nov. 29 after being passed by the City Council on Oct. 6.

The law includes enforcement at indoor restaurants, gyms, entertainment and recreational facilities, personal care establishments and some city buildings. It also requires people to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to attend outdoor events with 5,000 or more people, which is stricter than the Los Angeles County requirement, which applies to outdoor events with 10,000 or more people.

The Department of Building and Safety can issue administrative citations to businesses that violate the ordinance. The citations include a $1,000 fine for a second violation, $2,000 fine for a third violation and a $5,000 fine for a fourth and subsequent violations.

Accepted forms of proof of vaccination include:

— a vaccination card issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or similar documentation issued by another foreign governmental agency;

— a photocopy of a vaccination card or a photograph stored on a phone or electronic device;

— a personal digital COVID-19 vaccination record issued by the state or similar documentation issued by another state, local or foreign government jurisdiction, or by a private company; and

— documentation of a COVID-19 vaccination from a healthcare provider.

People who appear over the age of 18 are also required to show identification with their proof of vaccination.

"We've spent too much time placing restrictions on people who did their part by getting vaccinated and wearing their masks. We need to both limit the transmission of the virus as well as make it inconvenient for those who are unvaccinated to access indoor venues and put lives at jeopardy. The stakes are too high," Council President Nury Martinez, who was one of the leaders of the effort to pass the ordinance, said in October.

People can be exempted from the mandate if they have medical conditions that restrict their ability to get vaccinated or a "sincerely held religious belief," according to the ordinance. Those exemptions are supposed to be reviewed by the location the person is trying to enter.

The petition's proponents include Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County Executive Committee members Daniel Welby, Aaron Bonn, Shawn Osborne and the party's treasurer, Christopher Stare.

Welby told City News Service on Thursday, "We just believe that the vaccine mandates are a gross violation of our constitutional rights and our bodily autonomy. That pretty much sums up the whole thing right there."

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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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 11:20 A.M.

SMPD officers responded to the area of Main and Ashland for a vehicle reported stolen out of LAPD's jurisdiction. Officers located the 2022 BMW M8 convertible traveling northbound on 2nd Street. It was determined that not only was the driver of the vehicle not the registered owner, he was not in possession of a valid California driver's license and there was a loaded firearm in the trunk of the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded and the handgun, along with additional bullets was booked as evidence.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 283 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 2

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 4th St / Broadway 12:03 a.m.
Vandalism 1800blk 7th St 12:05 a.m.
Assault 1900blk 17th St 12:11 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle 800blk Pico Blvd 4:07 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 9th St 6:04 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Main St 6:24 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Appian Way 6:50 a.m.
Grand Theft 1600blk Franklin St 7:23 a.m.
Encampment 300blk Olympic Dr 7:24 a.m.
Fraud 700blk Hill St 7:59 a.m.
Person With A Gun 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:00 a.m.
Arson 1700blk Ocean Ave 8:43 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 6th St 8:44 a.m.
Petty Theft 1200blk 5th St 9:57 a.m.
Assault Now 700blk Broadway 10:00 a.m.
Death Notification 1400blk 2nd St 10:06 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2200blk Virginia Ave 10:41 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 6th St 11:03 a.m.
Grand Theft 1800blk 17th St 11:05 a.m.
Petty Theft 2400blk Virginia Ave 11:07 a.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery 1300blk Pearl St 11:08 a.m.
Burglary 1800blk 12th St 11:11 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Hill St 11:12 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 11th St 11:22 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:52 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 12:00 p.m.
Battery Now 1500blk 4th St 12:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 12:13 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2000blk Arizona Ave 12:22 p.m.
Vandalism 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 12:33 p.m.
Death Investigation 2100blk Delaware Ave 12:37 p.m.
Vandalism 2600blk 4th St 12:52 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1100blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:13 p.m.
Fraud 100blk Montana Ave 1:28 p.m.
Battery 1800blk 14th St 1:37 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 1:49 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:02 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Ashland Ave 2:35 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 11th St / California Ave 2:36 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 6th St 3:04 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 6th St 3:04 p.m.
Person With A Gun 800blk Montana Ave 3:04 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1000blk Grant St 3:32 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Stewart St / Olympic Blvd 3:37 p.m.
Petty Theft 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1900blk 22nd St 4:21 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk 20th St 4:37 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk 6th St 4:46 p.m.
Petty Theft 700blk 16th St 4:55 p.m.
Armed Robbery 1400blk 15th St 4:55 p.m.
Grand Theft 800blk Hill St 4:57 p.m.
Battery 2200blk 29th St 5:02 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2500blk Ocean Front Walk 5:09 p.m.
Identity Theft 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:34 p.m.
Battery 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 5:41 p.m.
Arson 100blk Hart Ave 5:56 p.m.
Arson Neilson Way / Pacific St 5:57 p.m.
Encampment 2600blk Main St 6:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:54 p.m.
Battery 700blk Hill St 8:56 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 700blk Broadway 9:13 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 9:24 p.m.
Battery Now 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:14 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 47 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 2

Automatic Alarm 1100blk 4th St 1:52 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:15 a.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 3:06 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 3:41 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1100blk California Ave 8:25 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:35 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 10:11 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 10:45 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 11:17 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1100blk California Ave 11:51 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 12:13 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Delaware Ave 12:36 p.m.
EMS 21st St / Pennsylvania Ave 12:42 p.m.
EMS 400blk Montana Ave 1:21 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 2:24 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Stanford St 2:36 p.m.
EMS 400blk San Vicente Blvd 3:00 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 18th St 3:37 p.m.
EMS 800blk 15th St 3:57 p.m.
EMS 18th St / Washington Ave 4:07 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 4:14 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 4:20 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 1500blk Berkeley St 4:25 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 600blk Broadway 4:41 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 5:07 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Delaware Ave 5:12 p.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 5:17 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 100blk Hart Ave 5:56 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 100blk Pacific St 6:02 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:18 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1400blk 5th St 6:19 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk 21st St 7:21 p.m.
EMS 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:45 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:45 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:50 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk 21st St 8:11 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 700blk Euclid St 8:37 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 8:49 p.m.
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EMS 3400blk Pico Blvd 9:36 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 18th St 10:18 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 10:29 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Beverley Ave 10:55 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 10:56 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 11:56 p.m.

City Attorneys Look into Uber's Verification Process of Transgender Drivers

City News Service

Following reports that Uber has prevented some transgender and nonbinary people from being drivers or food deliverers by deeming their identification documents to be fraudulent, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and other municipal prosecutors called on the company Thursday to release details of its verification protocols.

"Uber tries to talk a good game when it comes to LGBTQ equality, but we have serious questions about whether it is failing transgender drivers," L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer said in a statement. "We intend to find out if reported incidents are isolated mistakes or part of a larger pattern that locks some transgender drivers out of rideshare opportunities."

Feuer partnered with San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott and San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu to write a letter to Uber's general counsel, head of global public policy and director of public affairs.

The letter cites a Dec. 10 Los Angeles Times article reporting that Uber at times stopped transgender drivers from working for the company when their government-issued photo identifications didn't match more recent photos that reflected their gender identity. The Times cited interviews with drivers and documentation provided by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

The city attorneys' letter to Uber also noted experiences of transgender drivers being "deadnamed" by the company, a practice of calling someone by their birth name instead of their chosen name as part of their gender transition.

Uber issued a statement saying it is reviewing the letter, but insisted the company

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

4th Street Enhancement Project Phase II
SP2476
ATPL– 5107(043)

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, ProcureNow or https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via ProcureNow immediately after bid close time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: N/A

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,200,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 180 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $2,000 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have an **Class A License** at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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DISTRICT VOTING

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School District (SMMUSD) into seven separate voting districts, after proponents from both cities filed a petition with LACOE in January.

The LACOE committee briefly addressed the local petition during its Wednesday, Feb. 2, meeting, saying it was among the first of an anticipated flood of similar petitions.

The petition, which was first filed in November and subsequently rejected by LACOE, was re-submitted in early January and will now trigger a public hearing and study. Committee staff said the petition was initially rejected due to its timing; the petition is permitted under a new state law, SB 442, that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022.

As previously reported in the Daily Press, SB 442 outlines new processes for creating voting districts, which includes a pathway for districts to be formed without a public vote; rather, petitioners may appeal directly to their county board of education — in Santa Monica's case, that's LACOE.

"This bill would authorize the county committee, by resolution, to approve a proposal to establish trustee areas and elect governing board members using district-based elections without submitting the resolution to the electors of the district for approval," SB 442 states. "The bill would require such a resolution to include a declaration that the change in the method of electing members of the governing board is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001."

The bill appears designed to speed up the process of initiating district-based elections by circumventing a public vote to approve new districts.

Attorney Fredric Woocher, representing the SMMUSD, told the Committee that the petition did not represent the will of the people of Santa Monica.

"This is a petition that would authorize the Committee to compel the use of trustee areas in a School District that is provided for in the city charter over the objection of the School District and the voters of that City who have, in their city charter, stated that the District shall be at-large — and to do so without a vote of the people," Woocher said, calling SB 442 unconstitutional.

Malibu resident Wade Major spoke in support of by-district voting, saying "deep-pocketed special interests" in the City of Santa Monica had controlled the District for too long.

The November petition suggested dividing the two noncontiguous cities that make up the SMMUSD into seven districts, with western Malibu sharing a district with Sunset Park and eastern Malibu sharing a district with an area west of Wilshire, between 7th Street and 14th Street.

"I just wanted to alert the committee that we will have many of these petitions coming soon, and some of them are under very tight timelines given the implementation of new census data and the way they have to conclude their process in time for the [LA County] Registrar-Recorder to set their elections with the new trustee areas," LACOE Regionalized Business Services Coordinator Allison Deegan said, mentioning that the anticipated flood of districting requests could result in the necessity for additional meetings over the next few months.

"There's going to be a rash of these petitions coming forward to the committee," Committee Chairperson Frank Ogaz said, warning fellow committee members that they could be holding multiple hearings per night. Board Member Charles Davis said he would be willing to attend multiple meetings per week to get through them within the timeframe required by the State of California.

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UBER

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is addressing the issue.

"We recognize that for transgender and non-binary drivers and delivery people, the name and photo on their ID does not always reflect their true identity, and we take their concerns seriously," according to the company. "That's why we developed a process, with input from the National Center for Transgender Equality, that enables drivers to display their chosen name in the Uber app.

"We've worked to train Uber staff to handle all requests with compassion, empathy, and respect. We are reviewing the city attorneys' letter and look forward to continued collaboration to help ensure our platform is an inclusive experience for everyone."

The city attorneys asked the company to release information about their protocols, suggesting it could be liable under anti-discrimination and workplace safety laws.

"Undermining the ability of transgender and nonbinary individuals to secure work is unconscionable. I expect Uber to take swift action to reverse course and commit to treating all drivers with dignity and respect," Elliott said.

The letter requested information from Uber on:

— its background check and fraud prevention protocols, including other policies involving photo or name verification;

— options available to transgender and nonbinary drivers to help them meet the requirements of photo and name verification;

— policies and procedures related to transgender and nonbinary drivers displaying their chosen photo and name to the public; and

— the process for drivers to change their photo or name displayed to the public.

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LAX Makes Clean Energy Commitments with Workers' Union

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The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners Thursday approved an agreement with the union representing airport workers that includes commitments from LAX regarding the airport's transition to electric vehicles and onsite renewable energy production.

The agreement, according to the board, is aimed at avoiding future litigation and administrative challenges during the airport's Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project.

"We are really proud of the hard fought wins this agreement brings for those who work and live near LAX and the city of Los Angeles," said David Huerta, president of Service Employees International Union United Service Workers West (SEIU-SWW).

"Our fight to improve working conditions of our Black and Brown workers includes battling climate change to ensure communities have healthy air to breathe in the years to come. We look forward to collaborating with the LAWA to implement the measures in this important agreement."

Along with renewable energy commitments, the Los Angeles World Airports, which operates LAX, committed to implementing an on-demand Micro Transit Shuttle to service workers commuting to LAX, a carpool incentive program to reduce the monthly parking fee for LAX employees who carpool and a subsidized transit pass program for LAX employees to encourage them to take public transportation to work.

The airport also agreed to:

— provide $500,000 for a Ground Support Equipment incentive, including half starting in Fiscal Year 2023, to encourage old diesel ground support equipment to be retired and switch to electric;

— adopt within six months an updated Electric Vehicle Purchasing policy to require 100% of purchases of the airport's light-duty sedan fleet to be electric by the end of 2031; and

— have LAWA generate 15% of its power onsite from renewable energy by 2035.

"Los Angeles World Airports is creating the world-class airport our city deserves, while at the same time being a good neighbor and ensuring sustainability is part of our projects. The Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project (ATMP) includes airfield and runway improvements, a new terminal and concourse on the airport's existing footprint, and roadway improvements that help reduce local traffic congestion," the Los Angeles World Airports said in a statement.

"The project will provide thousands of jobs and opportunities to businesses and residents and has sustainability elements included in every facet. This settlement agreement is consistent with our core values and shared goals, and we thank SEIU-USWW and Councilmember (Mike) Bonin for engaging in a productive dialog on the issues of importance to our communities and workers. The agreement is a win-win, and we can' wait to deliver the future of LAX for our city."

LAWA also agreed to participate in a health and exposure study on impacts on surrounding neighbors and workers to expose air pollution. The airport will share LAX air quality and other relevant data for the study.

LAWA will also enable to Bureau of Contract Administration to audit at least three companies per year — such as contracted companies that perform passenger service, baggage handling, security, cabin cleaning and more — to ensure they are complying with the Living Wage Ordinance and Worker Retention Ordinance. LAWA will also fund enhanced labor compliance outreach at the airport, including through one hour training to all employees working for companies at LAX.

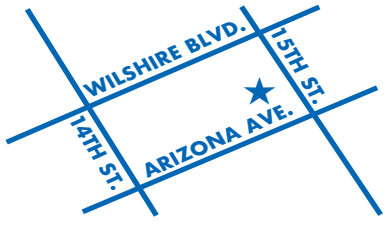
"Building a world class airport at LAX means protecting the people who work in and near the airport," Bonin said.

"I'm proud to have brokered this agreement between SEIU-USWW and airport leadership. It will ensure the city addresses workers' longstanding concerns about equity and environmental justice, while also planning for a more sustainable connected and modern airport. Our workers deserve nothing less."

SEIU-USWW said the agreement is the result of grassroots organizing and appeals over the last year led by airport workers, environmental groups and community organizations concerned about air quality, noise and longterm environmental and health impacts of the airport.

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COVID

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have dropped below 3,500, which is a speedy and significant improvement as on Jan. 27 the seven day average for daily hospitalizations was 4,600. At the current rate of decline the County should enter the post surge phase in the coming weeks.

Additionally, once L.A. County reaches two weeks of moderate transmission rates—as defined by the CDC standard of less than 50 new cases per 100,000 in the last seven days—masks will also no longer be required at indoor establishments. This includes indoor offices, worksites and events. These rules will apply as long as case rates remain in the CDC's moderate tier or lower and there are no emerging reports of significantly circulating new variants of concern.

Masking will continue to be mandatory, regardless of case counts, in locations where it is required by federal regulations. This includes while riding public transportation or while at transportation hubs such as the airport. It will also continue to be required indoors at schools, childcare centers, correctional facilities and homeless shelters.

"As our COVID-19 metrics continue to improve, it's important to plan for post surge approaches that can minimize COVID-19 risk after our winter surge has ended," said Ferrer. "Post surge does not imply that the pandemic is over, or that transmission is low, or that there will not be additional unpredictable waves of surges in the future... rather it acknowledges that we are stabilizing with consistent declines from the surge peak and realigns our current public health response to meet current mitigation needs."

On Feb. 3, the County recorded 11,548 new cases, which is down 75 percent from the record high of nearly 46,000 daily cases recorded at the peak of the winter surge. The average number of daily cases reported over the last seven days was 15,600, which marks an almost 50 percent decrease from the 28,000 average reported for the prior seven days.

Although these metrics continue to decline, Ferrer said that it is not possible to predict the end of the pandemic nor what public health measures will be necessary to respond to future changes in transmission. However, she was optimistic about the future of the pandemic, noting that even in the worst of this winter's surge L.A. County was able to use public health strategies to keep most sectors of the economy open.

"I'm grateful to everyone for continuing for two very long years to take care of each other and for taking responsibility to layer in masking and other protections that help us move closer to our post surge phase and less virus transmission," said Ferrer. "I look forward to transitioning to post surge."

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The Soothing Sounds of a Jackhammer & Why I Identify with Manuel Noriega

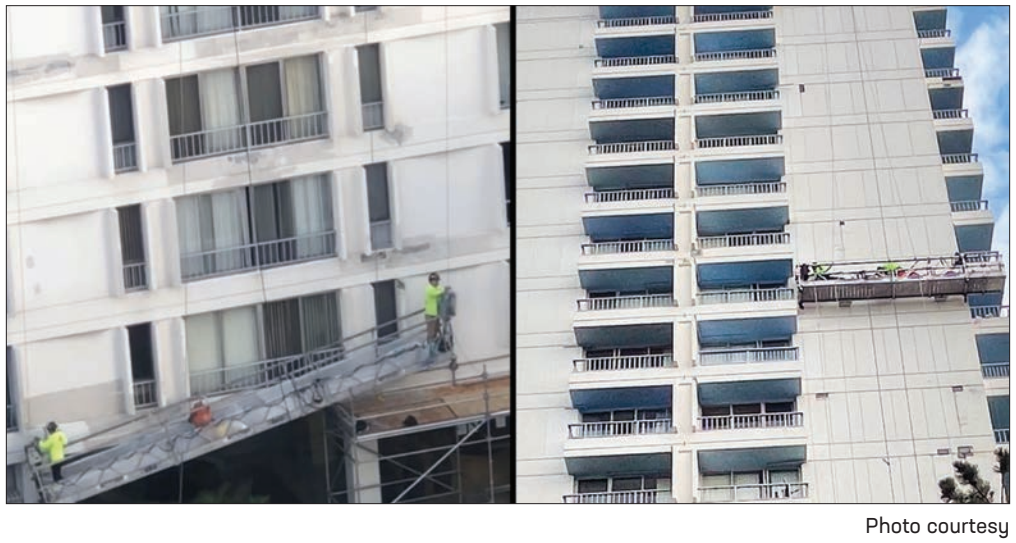


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RENOVATION: The Shores South and North Towers undergoing construction

For the last eight days, I've been under a little stress from construction noise at The Shores apartment building. Actually, a lot of stress as, among their tools, it sounds like they're using jackhammers that, trust me, no earplugs can counter. Put it this way, if I answer the phone during the work callers think I've moved to the Middle East.

As I mention "jackhammer" I'm reminded of Mike Hammer, the famous 1940's fictional private eye created by author Mickey Spillane. So, at least for ten more days of construction so close to my apartment that it jars me awake, I guess I'm Jack Hammer. (Sorry about that. If nothing else, this extreme noise might explain bad jokes and typos.)

The problem is considerable exterior plaster at the Shores is deteriorating. It's understandable given this17 story building was erected in 1966. So management hired a company that specializes in this work known as "spalling." They will remove the plaster problems and patch, seal and paint the entire building. The severe noise should be over by the end of March, assuming it isn't my demise before then.

Just imagine a jackhammer ten feet from your bed. #Yikes! But first let me explain why I have alluded to Manuel Noriega, the de facto ruler of Panama from 1983 to 1989. In essence, he was "our dictator," meaning we used him as an anti-Communist force in the region during which time he could seemingly do what he wanted as long as he kept commies at bay.

Actually Manny thought he and the U.S. were friends until we finally removed him. His surprised attitude was, "Hey, we're partners, right?!" Then again, that's what so many dictators have said the day we dragged them out kicking and screaming.

Noriega was facing a U.S. indictment for drug-trafficking and claims he had rigged the 1989 election. So President George H.W. Bush ordered a military invasion of Panama which was highly successful, except for the tiny fact it didn't remove Noriega. You see very cleverly, Manny had holed himself up in the Vatican's embassy in Panama City which we couldn't very well level.

The next U.S. move was on Christmas Day 1989 when, our Christmas present was to begin a "torture campaign" of blasting heavy metal rock music designed to drive Manny nuts. A fleet of Humvees mounted with loudspeakers rolled in, and heavy metal rolled out. The playlist featured fitting titles such as "I Fought The Law" by The Clash, "Panama" by Van Halen, "All I Want Is You," by U-2, and "If I Had A Rocket Launcher." by Bruce Cockburn.

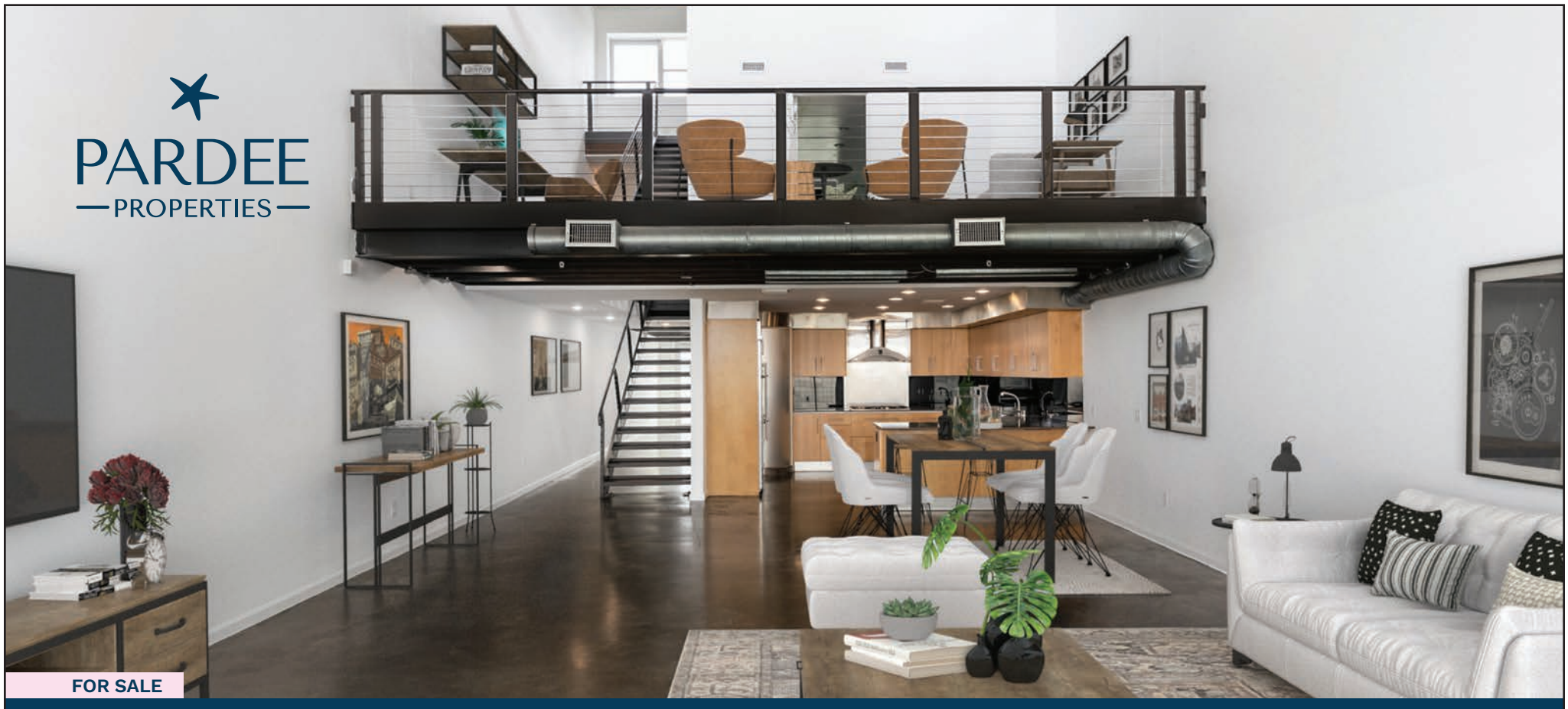
After three sleepless days and nights, Noriega folded like a beach chair. Meanwhile at the Shores, I folded on the first day. And I've got ten more days until they move the scaffolding and jackhammers to the north side of the building.

As for the jack-hammering it feels like a combination of machine-gun fire and root canals as it shakes the walls and makes critical thinking impossible. (As if I didn't already have a problem in this area.)

The noise issues are vastly different than when I moved to the Shores in 1974. (I like to say I was in preschool at the time but I was considerably older.) The worst noise came from the 9 hole 3-par golf course below us from which we might hear the occasional "fore."

But sometime well before 1987 somebody at City Hall thought it'd be a great idea to rip out the golf course and replace it with tennis and basketball courts, build Sea Colonies to the North and South and open the park to the loudest amplified music possible.

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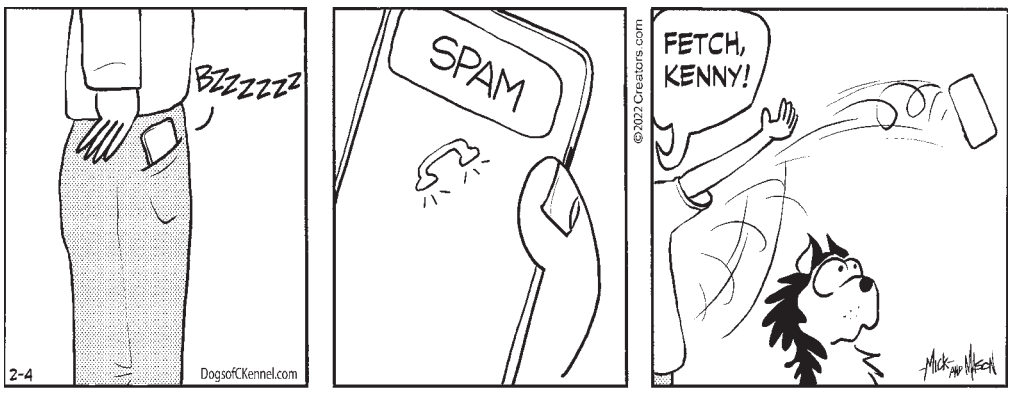
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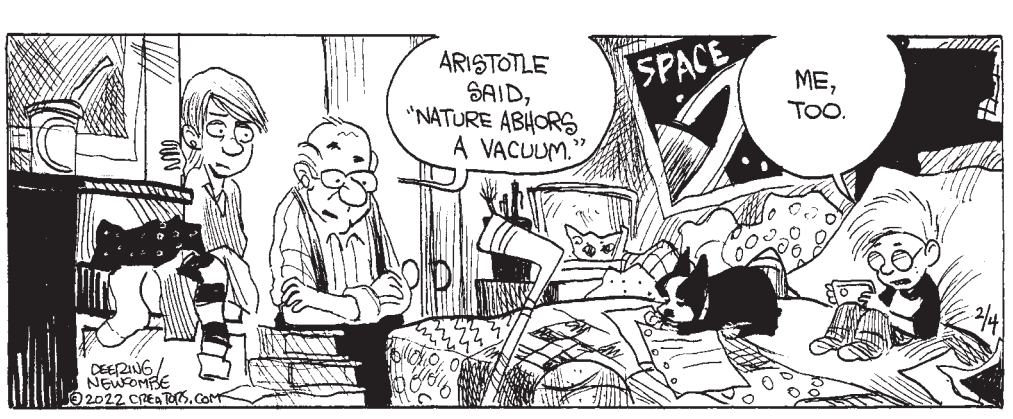
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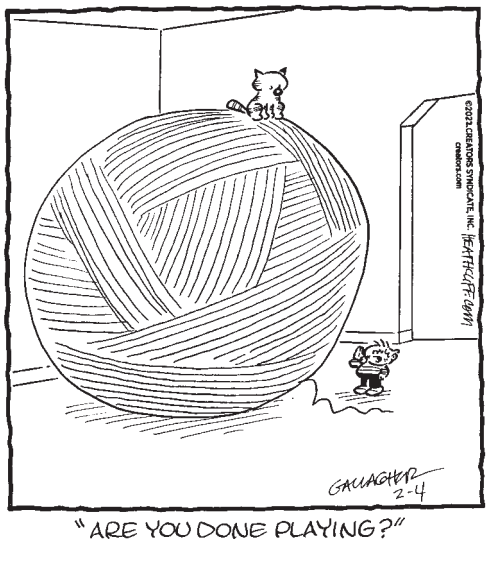
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.3°

FRIDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee high occ. 2 ft
Minimal surf as offshores crank for the morning. A small NW swell from a distant source slowly builds in the PM and surf comes up slightly.

SATURDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Little NW pulse coming down through the day. Wind looking decent with a low incoming tide in the morning. Going to need all the foam you've got, even at top winter spots.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 71. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2022/02/04	Fri	11:01 AM	5.11	H
2022/02/04	Fri	5:42 PM	-0.19	L
2022/02/05	Sat	12:12 AM	4.50	H
2022/02/05	Sat	05:58 AM	1.50	L
2022/02/05	Sat	11:48 AM	4.26	H
2022/02/05	Sat	6:13 PM	0.52	L
2022/02/06	Sun	12:53 AM	4.48	H
2022/02/06	Sun	07:04 AM	1.60	L
2022/02/06	Sun	12:45 PM	3.41	H
2022/02/06	Sun	6:42 PM	1.22	L
2022/02/07	Mon	01:38 AM	4.43	H
2022/02/07	Mon	08:40 AM	1.58	L
2022/02/07	Mon	2:16 PM	2.71	H
2022/02/07	Mon	7:11 PM	1.87	L
2022/02/08	Tue	02:33 AM	4.39	H
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2022/02/09	Wed	03:37 AM	4.42	H
2022/02/09	Wed	11:53 AM	0.76	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball — Draw Date: 2/2
18 29 33 62 63
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 137 M

MEGA MILLIONS — Draw Date: 2/1
11 24 38 62 66
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 22 M

SuperLotto PLUS — Draw Date: 2/2
18 21 31 45 47
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5 — Draw Date: 2/2
6 19 21 27 34

Daily 3 — Draw Date: 2/2
EVENING: 8 5 5
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MIDDAY: 0 3 2

Daily Derby — Draw Date: 2/2
1st: 09 - Winning Spirit
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:49.45

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 4)

Health and vitality will spring from a peaceful mind and a full heart. These are quiet but powerful assets from which anything is possible. There are many who will work and live better when you get what you want. You'll work with people whose talents complement yours beautifully. A partner will be with you all the way. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 50, 2, 24 and 35.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Too many projects going at one time will diffuse your energy, halt your progress and diminish your effectiveness. Cut your to-do list down dramatically. Narrow your focus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll do as you intend to do. The success or failure of your actions is irrelevant. What's important is that you follow through, honoring your strong convictions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The uniqueness of individuals is apparent. You're different from your friends. Honor that. For now, stick with what works best for you and don't invite inquiry or advice.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you're around people who completely accept you for who you are, you have more energy. It's because you don't have to waste any in the self-monitoring and editing, which get exhausting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll create wonders using scraps, leftovers and the raw materials no one else can figure out what to do with. You're incredibly entertaining too, so you'll have an audience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your attraction secret: a one-track agenda. The multi-tasking person is not only less effective, but also less appealing. Charisma is intentional and focused, not diffused and distracted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your trepidation causes you to be aware of possibilities and choose your course carefully. But don't agonize over heavy stuff. You're supposed to climb the mountain, not carry it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A focus of the early hours will have a disproportionately favorable impact on the rest. Whatever you can do to make your morning routine smooth will set you up for success all day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New endeavors come with fresh frustrations but keep working through them and before you know it, those small daily efforts will add up to the results you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While "chase" is a fun game for the elementary school playground, those who chase make others run. Catch your intended through sheer attraction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You stay on track by thinking in black-and-white terms. Each decision you make either brings you closer to or further away from your goals. With every move ask, "which is it?"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You shouldn't have to sacrifice one relationship to make another one work. If torn between two people, the disharmony may be within you. Fix it by reconciling two aspects of yourself.

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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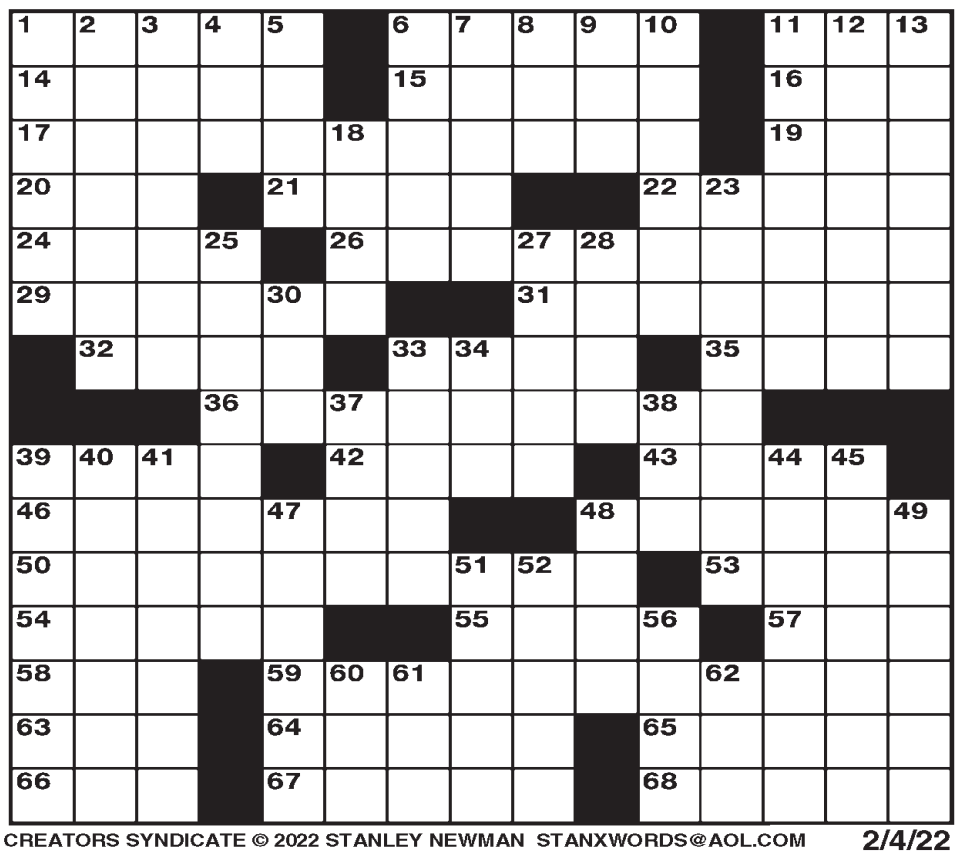
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Doc's order
6 Any yoga posture
11 Half a school yr.
14 Name on the cover of *Fear of Fifty*
15 Chops up, in a way
16 Residents' org.
17 Cause espoused by 36 Across
19 Tell it like it ain't
20 "Eww, stop talking!"
21 Bearing
22 Deputies, for short
24 "Oil Market Report" publisher
26 17 Across protest inspired by 36 Across
29 Syndicated fare
31 One in a clique
32 Dubious eBay adjective
33 Big name in bricks
35 Symbol of India
36 Activist icon born February 4, 1913
39 Litter pickup point
42 Branch of math
43 Written markers
46 Modern-day pro tennis
48 "Rats!"
50 Where the 26 Across occurred
53 Jedi nemesis
54 "This is __ sudden!"
55 Browning thing
57 Square root of *nove*
58 MADD focus
59 Goal of the 26 Across
63 Postmark, essentially
64 Overindulgent outing
65 Rapids transit
66 Semicircular shape
67 Covert meeting
68 Sorority letter

DOWN
1 Combat zone
2 Salon tool
3 Jet set destination
4 Here, on the 3 Down
5 Where to get dates
6 Conversation stopper
7 Indications of things to come
8 Austrian exclamation
9 Finish with
10 Substances under analysis
11 Water softener compound
12 Anything radioactive
13 The best conductors
18 Chest protectors
23 Sewing kit staple
25 They're streaming all the time
27 Corporate farming
28 Words before before
30 It can mean "updated"
33 NFC West player
34 Start for center
37 AL West player, for short
38 Asian automaker
39 Prone to wandering
40 Farthest orbital point from the moon
41 Stylus descriptor
44 Joining forces
45 White House secure spot, for short
47 One obsessed with self-service
48 Colorist
49 Largest US union
51 Battery-powered Olympic gear
52 Physician known for his reference book
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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

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.

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SATURDAY | FEB 5

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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.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at the Pico Branch Library, 2100 Pico Blvd. 12 - 3 p.m.

SUNDAY | FEB 6

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MONDAY | FEB 7

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Anvil	Cover	Horses	Tarpaulins
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PALIDEMS

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and U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's district boundaries no longer containing Pacific Palisades, only one of the meeting's five speakers was looking ahead to representing the club going into the next year: California State Senator Ben Allen.

Allen spoke to the club about legislative priorities for 2022 including his concern over the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) proposal to impose fees for the private use of rooftop solar panels.

According to Allen's analysis, the CPUC's argument was that "regular folks have been paying into the grid for years and years," but comparably wealthy people who could afford the up-front cost of rooftop solar were taking advantage of a system that allowed them free energy.

Allen also acknowledged environmental issues associated with solar farms, compared to the efficiency advantage of utilities taking over solar power production.

"Quite frankly, I'm on the rooftop solar side," Allen said. "I think we made commitments to people. I think that rooftop solar provides us with resiliency."

The Senator said there were ways to increase efficiency in rooftop solar projects.

"Are there ways for us to slightly tweak the funding formula with solar?" Allen went on to add. "Yes, yes, there is. But I think this current proposal goes far too far in the direction of the utilities, and I'm very concerned about it."

Among the other politicians who spoke at the Sunday meeting was Bonin, who had announced only a few days earlier that he was suspending his re-election campaign for his 11th District seat, representing the westside including Pacific Palisades, Venice, Brentwood, Westchester, Playa del Rey and other communities.

"I do want to remind folks, I'm not done until December, so I've got 10 more months of fighting for the things that you and I believe in," Bonin said at the meeting.

Having dropped out of the race, Bonin recommended members of the PaliDems think critically about other candidates on the June primary ballot.

"Are they talking about ending homelessness — or are they talking about dealing with encampments? Are they talking about solving the problem — or are they talking about dealing with a symptom? Are they talking really about solving homelessness, which means bringing people inside — or are they talking about just making sure encampments are in certain places?" Bonin said. "Solving homelessness gets rid of encampments. Dealing with encampments means moving encampments to somebody else's neighborhood. Bringing people inside with housing and services is a humane, compassionate, smart, effective and cost effective way to deal with homelessness. Spending tens of millions of dollars asking cops and sanitation officials to push people from your neighbor's block to your block and back again, in this ridiculous game of Whack a Mole, makes the problem worse."

Bonin also commented that it felt "very liberating to not be running for re-election," and felt he was able to speak candidly.

He also said he was committed to staying involved in local issues after leaving office.

"When I'm done, I ain't gonna become a lobbyist [and I] ain't gonna fade away into obscurity," Bonin said. "I am going to stay engaged and I will find new ways to make a difference … I have not been a typical elected official and I'm not going to be a typical ex-elected official, either."

Kuehl, who has representing LA County's Third Supervisorial District since 2014, used the meeting as another opportunity to decry the district's new boundaries, which were altered in December to include more conservative areas of the San Fernando Valley.

Kuehl reiterated her stance that new district maps were politically motivated and again mentioned a candidate whose campaign was announced following new District boundaries. This time, she named that candidate as Bob Hertzberg, a moderate Democrat who lives in the San Fernando Valley.

"For instance, when Bob Hertzberg got in the race after this [map] changed, he said that he wanted to represent the Valley," Kuehl, a Santa Monica resident, said. "That means that I think we should watch out — in terms of the other candidates who might be better for us on our side of the mountain."

One club member asked Kuehl how new District boundaries would affect her policies and priorities.

"I'm worried — I have to tell you, I'm really worried," Kuehl said, mentioning the work she's done on permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and criminal justice and bail reform.

"The District has become more moderate because of the additions of Chatsworth, Porter Ranch and various parts of the Valley. I think that was the intent," she said. "I'm concerned about reform and I think we need to look very carefully at all the candidates looking to take my place and really choose them because they will continue the kind of reform that this club believes in."

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LAUGHING MATTERS

FROM PAGE 7

(Add to that 10K runs officiated at 7 am on Sundays by some clown with a loud bullhorn who always wanted to be a shock jock.)

I won't get much sympathy because I live in a rent-controlled apartment with an ocean view and apparently this is the price I have to pay. But, to be fair, the Shores is amazing in how they fix anything wrong in my apartment. Often it's done on the same day I call in a work order.

With regard to spalling, they rightfully insist the work has to be done and there's no question about that. And they promise, once the construction is finally completed, the building will essentially be like new. (Frankly I would prefer the building essentially be like quiet.)

After the spalling project, management says they're going to be making the following upgrades: new carpets; high tech sliding doors in the lobbies; beautifully refurbish the common grounds and wonderful spacious green areas. I say all that sounds truly terrific and I look forward to it, assuming, that is, they don't use any jackhammers.

If he's not too busy placing pillows around his ears, Jack can be reached at: jackdailypress@aol.com.

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