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Nominations open for Most Loved 2022



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CONTEST: The annual contest is a chance to recognize local businesses.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's annual celebration of local businesses officially opens today with the start of the Ninth Annual Most Loved Contest.

The contest began in 2014 as a partnership between Buy Local Santa Monica Committee, the Santa Monica Daily Press, the City of Santa Monica, four business improvement districts including Main Street, Montana Avenue, Pico Boulevard and Downtown Santa Monica Inc., as well as the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce,

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Council votes to investigate alleged Councilmember leaks of confidential information

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

At 2:30 a.m. on the morning of Feb. 9, an agitated and divided City Council narrowly voted to authorize an investigation into the leaking of confidential information related to the hiring of the City Manager and City Attorney.

The investigation was proposed by Councilmember Gleam Davis, who had brought her concerns on information leaks to the City Attorney's office and was advised that the best course of action was to ask Council to vote to authorize an independent investigation.

The confidentiality concerns include the leaking of the name of Council's initial choice for City Manager, Rene Bobadilla, and other information leaks on the City Manager and City Attorney search

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Appeals Court halts demo of Parking Structure 3

Tug-of-war over PS3 continues as demolition is once again postponed.



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STILL STANDING: Parking Structure 3 will survive for at least several more days.

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Parking Structure 3 (PS3)'s lifeline has just been extended — by at least an additional nine days.

The downtown structure has been at the center of a court battle between the City of Santa Monica and a stakeholder group, the Santa Monica Bayside Owners Association (SMBOA), since mid-2021.

Since 2018, the City has been working on a plan to demolish the 50-year-old parking garage and replace it with a multi-level affordable housing project, which would include ground floor retail and subterranean parking.

Local business owners are wary of the plan, citing what they say is a need for additional parking in the area. SMBOA also believes the City and California Coastal Commission have not adequately studied the demolition or the subsequent building project, alleging violation of CEQA, the California Environmental Quality Act.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, a trio of California Appellate Court justices signed an order blocking the planned Feb. 14 demolition of the embattled parking structure, located on 4th Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona. The 337-space structure was set to be demolished on Valentine's Day after LA County Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff threw out SMBOA's case in late January.

But don't plan a romantic Valentine's Day dinner atop PS3 just yet: The Appellate Court decision did not address the

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Analysis: Rams know the ring is the thing that will win LA

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

When Kevin Demoff starts listing the reasons Los Angeles can be a Rams town again, it's pretty difficult not to buy what he's selling.

After all, the Rams' voluble chief operating officer has a tantalizing product to offer this week.

The Los Angeles Rams have a star-studded roster, a charismatic young coach and a risk-taking general manager. They've played exciting, innovative football during a half-decade of winning seasons and championship contention, culminating Sunday in their second Super Bowl appearance in four years.

And that Super Bowl? It's coincidentally being played at SoFi Stadium, the Rams' 2-year-old home field and the stunning centerpiece of a multi-billion-dollar football mecca being built by Rams owner Stan Kroenke.

"If it was a Hollywood script, it would get tossed out because no one would believe it," Demoff said.

All it's lacking is a triumphant ending that would cap this epic journey — and set up a bunch of sequels.

The Rams returned home to Southern California in 2016 with a grand vision that stretches far beyond the confines of their palatial arena.

They've already got a passionate local fan base — far bigger than what's perceived from uneducated national perspectives. But the Rams want to be the football peer of basketball's Lakers and baseball's Dodgers, two global sports brands and by far the two most popular sporting institutions among the roughly 19 million residents of the sprawling Los Angeles metropolitan region.

The Chargers, who arrived in 2017, share those goals, but the Rams have an enormous head start that could become nearly insurmountable Sunday. The Rams are confident this SoFi Super Bowl will be a catalyst to realizing their greatest ambitions in Inglewood and beyond.

"I think it's an unprecedented opportunity for the Los Angeles Rams," Demoff said. "When you get a chance to play in a Super Bowl, that always helps win hearts and minds. When you get a chance to host a Super Bowl, that obviously helps elevate your brand. ... When you combine those two, it's an unbelievably powerful mix to develop that next generation of fandom."

While the Rams already have succeeded in creating a highly attractive product — they've even got flashy, cutting-edge uniforms for the not-insignificant portion of fans attracted by sports fashion — they all realize the most irresistible object to any fan is a championship ring.

And then another. And then another.

If the Rams get the first Super Bowl victory of their two Los Angeles eras on Sunday, they're confident it will be a watershed moment for a team that wants to be LA's football team for generations.

"It's super-impactful for kids growing up, for new fans growing up," Rams receiver Robert Woods said. "This is how you become their favorite team. This is how you get long, loyal fans. You get rings. You get trophies."

Woods knows plenty about the people who live and die for LA sports: He's a Los Angeles native and a USC product who joined the Rams in 2017 during the same offseason as Sean McVay, left tackle Andrew Whitworth and then-rookie receiver Cooper Kupp, forming the foundation of this football powerhouse.

Woods will miss the Super Bowl because of a knee injury, but he hopes to see the Rams take the next step into his city's heart.

"For me, growing up in LA, this is championship city," Woods said. "Seeing the Lakers, Shaq and Kobe dominate. Seeing the Dodgers dominate. Seeing the Kings win their championships. I feel like it's time for us. We've got to be a part of that LA legacy, that LA history. You've got to win championships in LA.

"We could win NFC championships. You could win playoff games, but that's not what we do here in LA. I feel like we win championships. We make our fans proud. We make them loyal fans, and this is how you do it: You win championships, have parades going down Figueroa (Street)."

The Rams have been realistic about what it takes to attain the place they seek in the sports hierarchy of a city with incredibly fragmented fan loyalty after the NFL's 21-year absence. Demoff has few illusions about changing the minds of LA's millions of Generation X Raiders fans, or the Midwestern transplants who cling to their cold-weather teams in their sunny new home.

"The most important thing we can do to build this franchise after being gone for 20 years is to capture the next generation of fans," Demoff said. "There are so many fans who grew up from 1995 to 2016 without a team to root for. ... What it's about is the kids who are 8, 9, 10 years old growing up wearing Cooper Kupp jerseys, wearing Aaron Donald jerseys and becoming lifelong Rams fans."

Sunday is the most important moment in this six-year quest, but it's only one moment. While observers look at the Rams' aggressive roster-building strategies and wonder when unpayable bills will come due, the Rams believe they have a business model that can win indefinitely, particularly with McVay in charge.

They also think the wins and the attention they've garnered during this exciting five-year period have planted seeds that will blossom into something that can grow to the heights currently reached by LA's most beloved teams.

"I absolutely believe that we can be at the level the Dodgers and Lakers have been and continue to be," Demoff said. "Those teams have had decades of success in building a deep, multicultural fan base. Stars, legends, Hall of Famers and building on consistency. The next two weeks are important, but so is 2022, and so is 2023.

"You cannot get to the pinnacle of this market by having one great season. You get to the pinnacle of this market by having great season after great season, after great decade, after great decade, and building generations of fans with that."

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 271 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 8

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:02 a.m.
Burglary 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:30 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1600Blk Main St 2:55 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk Ocean Front Walk 6:50 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800Blk Arizona Ave 7:06 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Georgina Ave 7:22 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk 19th St 7:26 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 7:49 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 11th St / Michigan Ave 8:21 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 11th St / Michigan Ave 8:23 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1700Blk Stanford St 8:25 a.m.
Burglary 300Blk Arizona Ave 8:27 a.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 16th St 8:44 a.m.
Loitering 2000Blk Colorado Ave 8:59 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1500Blk 18th St 9:04 a.m.
Bike Theft 1200Blk Stanford St 9:07 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Stanford St / Arizona Ave 9:08 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk The Beach 9:08 a.m.
Found Property 400Blk 14th St 9:29 a.m.
Burglary 900Blk 12th St 9:30 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:41 a.m.
Battery 1300Blk Palisades Beach rd 9:45 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 9:54 a.m.
Encampment 2600Blk The Beach 10:03 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800Blk 5th St 10:04 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 900Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:13 a.m.
Loud Music 900Blk Ocean Ave 10:14 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2500Blk 5th St 10:42 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle 2900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:55 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600Blk Appian Way 11:01 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 2600Blk 28th St 11:06 a.m.
Expired Registration 200Blk Palisades Ave 11:25 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 11:33 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1000Blk 2nd St 12:00 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:18 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700Blk 15th St 12:23 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 700Blk Washington Ave 12:24 p.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:43 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 1:02 p.m.
Petty Theft 3100Blk 4th St 1:36 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:38 p.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 2:03 p.m.
Grand Theft 1700Blk Stewart St 2:11 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:12 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1100Blk 7th St 2:17 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200Blk 15th St 2:22 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk 18th St 2:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:23 p.m.
Attempt Suicide 400Blk Marine St 2:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Colorado Ave 2:40 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk 4th St 2:45 p.m.
Loud Music 2600Blk 32nd St 2:47 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1200Blk Chelsea Ave 3:13 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk Arizona Ave 3:14 p.m.
Battery 1500Blk Ocean Ave 3:40 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700Blk Appian Way 3:52 p.m.
Expired Registration 1100Blk 6th St 3:58 p.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 4:02 p.m.
Bike Theft 2800Blk The Beach 4:16 p.m.
Burglary 1500Blk 6th St 4:30 p.m.
Battery 200Blk Arizona Ave 4:34 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:39 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2200Blk Virginia Ave 4:43 p.m.
Assault 17th St / Olympic Blvd 5:14 p.m.
Death Investigation 1200Blk Chelsea Ave 5:22 p.m.
Burglary 800Blk 2nd St 5:23 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk Ashland Ave 5:34 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Chelsea Ave / Arizona Ave 5:40 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100Blk 20th St 6:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:38 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 700Blk Ozone St 6:47 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 6:53 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1900Blk 22nd St 7:07 p.m.
Stakeout 300Blk 14th St 7:09 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1600Blk Appian Way 7:13 p.m.
Encampment 700Blk Ozone St 7:13 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 700Blk Palisades Beach rd 7:24 p.m.
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Petty Theft 1500Blk 2nd St 7:59 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 2nd St 8:01 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2200Blk Ocean Ave 8:20 p.m.
Identity Theft 1000Blk N La Brea 8:22 p.m.
Encampment 2100Blk 20th St 8:26 p.m.
Overdose 4th St / Colorado Ave 8:29 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Euclid St / Idaho Ave 8:44 p.m.
Battery 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:04 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 3100Blk Pico Blvd 9:16 p.m.
Fire Request Police 2200Blk Virginia Ave 9:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:37 p.m.
Battery 20th St / Pico Blvd 9:41 p.m.
Loud Music 1500Blk 12th St 9:43 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100Blk Bicknell Ave 10:12 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 20th St / California Ave 10:35 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1300Blk San Vicente Blvd 11:06 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3400Blk Pico Blvd 11:32 p.m.

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EMS 1300Blk 2nd St 1:15 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 12:17 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk 34th St 12:45 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:54 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 12:55 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:28 a.m.
EMS 3300Blk Olympic Blvd 7:52 a.m.
Vehicle Fire Lincoln Blvd / Montana Ave 7:56 a.m.
EMS 2600Blk Main St 7:59 a.m.
EMS 3000Blk Exposition Blvd 8:04 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Grant St 8:19 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 11th St / Michigan Ave 8:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 800Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:29 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500Blk 6th St 9:04 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:11 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:19 a.m.
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EMS 1100Blk Pico Blvd 12:04 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:39 p.m.
EMS 900Blk Arizona Ave 1:29 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 4th St 1:32 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Broadway 1:33 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Ocean Ave 1:46 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Colorado Ave 1:55 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Marine St 2:35 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 4:04 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 4:17 p.m.
EMS 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 4:17 p.m.
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EMS 2100Blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 3100Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:42 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 800Blk 3rd St 6:23 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 6:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:38 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 6:41 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1000Blk 4th St 6:57 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 3rd St 7:00 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 21st St 7:06 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 2nd St 7:08 p.m.
Odor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Ozone Ave 7:56 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Pico Blvd 8:03 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 8:27 p.m.
EMS 400Blk 23rd St 8:40 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Virginia Ave 9:05 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Broadway 9:47 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2200Blk 6th St 10:13 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:50 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Philip A. Iadevaia Send comments to editor@smdp.com

I read with dismay Paul Jenkins's proposal (smdp, Feb. 2, 2022, Emily Sawicki) to put homeless people on the top floors of parking structures in Santa Monica. His reasoning and conclusions are without merit.

Calling roof-top parking 'inconvenient' for visitors and shoppers and therefore "found land" under-utilized by the county mischaracterizes everything about shopping center and commercial property. Because it is there for peak usage, under used parking is temporary and therefore not a viable option for temporary housing.

For lack of a better example: public streets cycle from under-use to peak usage every 24 hours. Homeless camps in our parking structures will exist right next to visitors and shoppers; a bouquet of one-room structures or tents 50 feet up, populated mostly by the drug addicted, criminals on the run and mentally unstable adults needing help and medicine. I shudder to think about the recent trend to hand out free needles and crack pipes. Just wait for one of them to fall or hurt someone below peaceably using the sidewalk.

To even contemplate a cost/benefit analysis of housing the homeless in parking structures, three or more stories above the street, pedestrians and the general public, is a disaster in the making. Once this happens, we're a step away from appropriating the roofs of the commercial buildings along Santa Monica Boulevard from 2nd Street to Centinela.

And to say the parking structures are "under utilized" or "found land" is a set up. To even consider such a proposal invites dystopia with a red carpet. We are one proposal away from looking like India, where half the population rides on the roofs of trains. Mr. Jenkins's proposal is not a stop-gap measure or a solution. It is another glaring example of incompetent elected officials turning the tap on, holding it open and trying to sell us more mops. Our elected officials have failed us."

Philip A. Iadevaia, Simi Valley

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Uber posts 4Q profit as ride-hailing service bounces back

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Uber's ride-hailing service edged closer to returning to its pre-pandemic levels during the final three months of last year, but its prospects remain clouded by the future direction of the novel coronavirus that has plagued its business.

The San Francisco-based company's fourth-quarter results Wednesday came in above analysts' projections. But Uber's forecast for the current January-March period was slightly below what Wall Street had been hoping, suggesting that the omicron variant may have dented the ride-hailing service at the outset of the new year.

That minor letdown evidently didn't dampen investors' excitement about Uber's progress at the end of last year. Its shares rose by about 6% in extended trading after the news came out. Even so, Uber's stock price still remains more than 30% below its peak of roughly $64 reached about a year ago.

The latest numbers highlight how far Uber has come since the declaration of a worldwide pandemic in March 2020 triggered government lockdowns that kept most people at home, limiting the need for anyone to summon a ride on Uber.

Uber reacted by building up a then-nascent food-delivery division that now generates nearly half its revenue. And the company is now benefiting from a gradual recovery in its ride-hailing service. Passengers took a total of 1.77 billion trips on Uber during the last three months of 2021, a 23% increase from the prior year. But the volume remained below the pre-pandemic mark of 1.91 billion trips posted in the October-December period during 2019.

"Our results continued to demonstrate both how eager people are to move around their cities as restrictions ease up and how delivery has become an important part of their daily lives," Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi told analysts during a Wednesday conference call. He also described the omicron variant as a "temporary deterrent" that won't prevent Uber from accelerating its recovery as this year progresses.

In another positive sign, Uber has been profitable for two consecutive quarters under a financial yardstick called "adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization."

By that measure, Uber earned $86 million during the final three months of last year — better than the average forecast of $66.6 million among analysts polled by FactSet Research. But Uber predicted it would earn $100 million to $130 million under that unconventional measure for the January-March period — below analysts' forecast for $151 million.

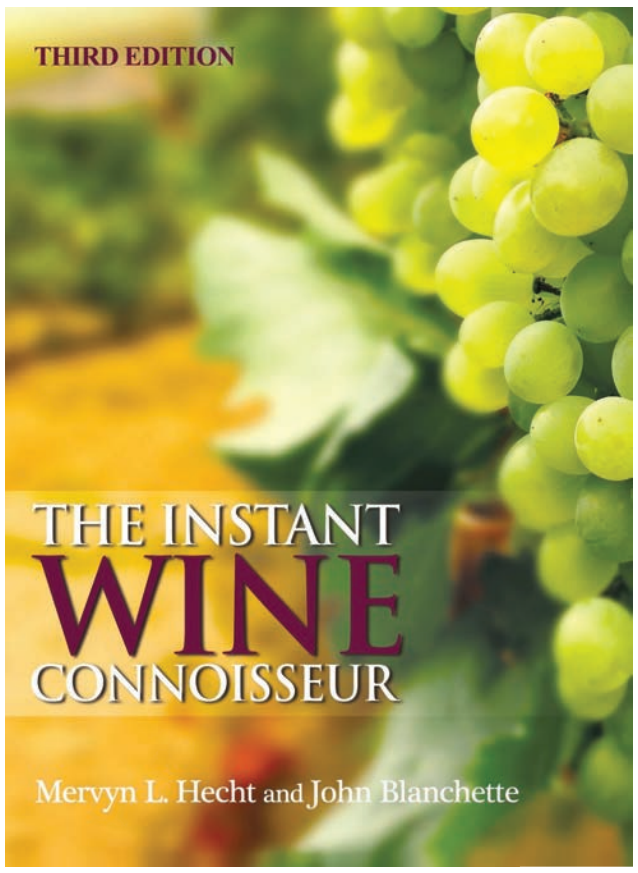
Uber also was profitable during the past quarter under the accounting standards mandated by securities regulators, thanks to a $1.4 billion gain in some of its investments, including Aurora, which took over the ride-hailing service's self-driving car division last year.

Lifted by windfall, Uber earned $892 million, or 44 cents per share, reversing from a loss of $968 million, or 54 cents per share, during the same time in the previous year. Revenue soared 83% from the prior year to $5.78 billion — about $300 million above analysts' forecasts.

Uber's delivery division, which has expanded from restaurant orders to include groceries, alcohol and even cannabis in some areas, accounted for $2.4 billion of the revenue while the ride-hailing service generated $2.3 billion. The company's remaining revenue came from its freight division that delivers commercial goods and other supplies.



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ON FEBRUARY 7, AT ABOUT 9:30 P.M.

Santa Monica Police (SMPD) Officers responded to a shots fired call in the area of the 1500 block of 7th Street. The reporting party indicated that a red truck was seen fleeing the area at a high rate of speed. SMPD officers located a Red Dodge pickup truck and initiated a traffic stop of that vehicle in the 300 block of Colorado Ave. Officers made contact with the three occupants of the vehicle. All three had a large amount of cash on their person. During the course of the officer's investigation, officers recovered a duffle bag containing over $58,000 in US currency, and over 9 pounds of vacuum-sealed marijuana inside the vehicle. Officers placed all three suspects under arrest and transported them to the SMPD Jail. All three were booked then subsequently cited out for 11359(b) PC - Possession of Marijuana with intent to Distribute. SMPD Officers were unable to locate any victims or evidence of a shooting.

* Andres Avelar 23-year-old of Modesto
* Fernando Rodriguez 19-year-old of Turlock
* Kody Marlow 25-year-old of Fresno

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LONG BEACH

California port chief urges transformation of supply chain

Southern California's vital Port of Long Beach is still dealing with a backlog of waiting cargo vessels, its top official said Wednesday in renewing calls for transforming the supply chain into a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week operation.

In an annual state-of-the-port address, Executive Director Mario Cordero also outlined infrastructure and technology plans for improving movement of goods but said the issue goes beyond operation of the port.

About 40% of the container cargo entering the U.S. comes through the Port of Long Beach and the adjacent Port of Los Angeles, and both moved record volume last year. In October, President Joe Biden announced a plan for around-the-clock operations, but it hasn't happened.

"There are 168 hours in a week and for the most part, our terminals are open less than half of those hours," Cordero said in a video presentation. "Without expanding our terminals or building new facilities we could still handle more cargo by utilizing more of those hours. We'd also need truckers and warehouses to go 24/7."

Cordero said the Biden administration helped to establish the "framework" for 24/7 supply chain operations.

"In Asia, on the other side of the Pacific Ocean, our trading partners are already operating 24/7. We need to make it our goal as well. It has to be our next great transformation," Cordero said.

Looking ahead, Cordero said the omicron variant continues to bring uncertainty about the economy.

"Here at the port of Long Beach we continue to work to clear backlogs of vessels offshore which assures that we'll remain moderately busy into the spring. Still, given our historic volumes in the first half of 2021 we'll be hard pressed to see more than slow gains until perhaps the fall," he said.

Among initiatives, the port is working to maximize on-dock rail to accelerate cargo destined for Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona. That would free up equipment to support the Southern California market.

The port has also joined with a technology firm to create a "supply chain information highway," a tool debuting this month that will allow cargo to be tracked across various modes of transportation.

"All of this will help," he said. "Still, we need to recognize that the supply chain isn't so elastic that it can easily handle historic jumps in volume."

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LOS ANGELES

Snoop Dogg takes over Death Row Records brand as owner

Snoop Dogg has taken over a popular record label that launched his stellar career.

The rapper-mogul acquired Death Row Records' brand from MNRK Music Group, which is controlled by a private equity fund managed by Blackstone, the investment firm announced Wednesday. The terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Snoop Dogg said he's excited about acquiring the label's brand.

"I am thrilled and appreciative of the opportunity to acquire the iconic and culturally significant Death Row Records brand, which has immense untapped future value," the 50-year-old Snoop Dogg said in a statement. "It feels good to have ownership of the label I was part of at the beginning of my career and as one of the founding members. This is an extremely meaningful moment for me."

Snoop Dogg found his springboard to success during the 1990s while on Death Row Records. The label was founded in 1992 by Dr. Dre, Suge Knight, the D.O.C. and Dick Griffey in the immediate aftermath of the breakup of N.W.A.

David Kestnbaum, a senior managing director at Blackstone, said he's looking forward to seeing Snoop Dogg at the helm of Death Row.

"We are excited to put the Death Row Records brand back in the hands of a legend like Snoop Dogg," Kestnbaum said. "We wish him success in the years ahead as the brand moves forward under his leadership and vision."

The label's records, including Dre's first solo album "The Chronic" and Snoop Dogg's debut "Doggystyle," are considered classics of the hip-hop genre that defined an era.

Tupac Shakur became the label's star artist later in the '90s before he was shot and killed in Las Vegas in 1996 while riding in a car driven by Knight. Shakur's death brought on decline for the label, which led to decades of decline for Knight himself.

Knight lost Death Row after it went into bankruptcy in 2006. He served time in prison and had a knack for being near violence that eventually caught up with him.

"Snoop is clearly the executive to take Death Row into its next 30 years," said Chris Taylor, president and CEO of MNRK Music Group.

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City's plan to close the structure. The City confirmed the structure will be secured with fencing and closed to the public on Feb. 10.

Appellate Court Justices Dennis Perluss, John Segal and Gail Ruderman Feuer signed the order after attorneys for the Santa Monica Bayside Owners Association (SMBOA) filed an appeal on Feb. 8, alongside a request that the structure stay standing throughout the course of the appeal process.

According to the appeals court order, demolition is blocked at least until the City of Santa Monica files its preliminary opposition to the petition; it has until Feb. 25 to do so.

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Noteworthy

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Great Live Music Coming Your Way

MORE GOOD NEWS!

The live concert series at The Getty, "Sounds of L.A.," always so well curated and interesting – I have a big regret over having missed Richard Thompson there a few years ago, a two part compendium of the music of the last 2000 years, if anyone could cover years 1 through 1000, it would be him – are returning! One per month, starting Feb. 19-20 with "120,000 STORIES with Nobuko Miyamoto and guests, a genre-bridging concert that reflects on her experience as one of 120,000 Japanese Americans imprisoned during World War II. In March we go to Afghanistan, and in April to Hawaii. The concerts are free but you need a reservation, and parking is $15-20.

NEIL YOUNG JUST KEEPS ROCKIN'

In the Free World. He published a message shortly after Spotify CEO Daniel Ek wrote a memo to company staff, saying the streaming platform would not part ways with high-profile podcast host Joe Rogan, who has been accused of promoting vaccine misinformation, and of using racial slurs early in his podcast. "To the workers at SPOTIFY, I say Daniel Ek is your big problem, not Joe Rogan. Get out of that place before it eats up your soul." God bless ya, Neil – 76 and still fighting for the same vision you had when you were a teenager, for a better world. And he still grinds out excellent music, too. A rarity. MARY McNAMARA, one of my favorite columnists, nailed it nicely in Tuesday's LA Times.

SOUTHSIDE SLIM absolutely tore it up at Harvelle's last Friday. I sure hope they bring him back. And daughter Nicole reported that BJORK at the Shrine killed it last week, in her own inimitable way. Watched WEST SIDE STORY on the big screen at home and loved it! Excellent job on all counts, Mr. Spielberg. And, I didn't know, the music conductor was our own Dude from Venezuela. They really tried to keep it Latin-infused, it seems. 'Bout time.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

ALAN PASQUA, DAREK OLES DUO – A duo? Just a piano and stand up bass? Ah, but it is an opportunity to hear two absolute masters stand out, and do things an ensemble doesn't have room for. Fri 7:30, 9 p.m., Sam First, LAX, $25.

EM THE MASTER — I've been giving EM's show a HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for months now and still do. She sings, dances, has dancers. She crawls across the floor like a reptile, gripping the mic and never missing a beat. She doesn't play the piano, she attacks it. Uses her voice as an instrument in creative ways. Her energy is nonstop and seemingly limitless. Writes terrific songs perfect for her act. More talent than anyone has a right to. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, DTSM, $10.



Photo: Michael Becker

NOBUKO MIYAMOTO:

TONIGHT! - HAMILTON — Still with us, but only four more weeks. Tonight - Thurs, Fri, Sat, Tues, Wed, next Thurs 8 p.m., Sun 1 p.m., 6:30 p.m., also Sat 2 p.m., Pantages Theater, Hollywood, $49-3000+, depending on date/time.

LA PHIL with ESA-PEKKA SALONEN plays Bach, Strauss, Smith, and Salonen – Aren't we just too fortunate here in the live music capital of the world, with such a stellar roster of former LA Phil music directors who come back to bless us, and here you get to start off with a little Bach, then two world premier compositions, then hit the exits with "Also sprach Zarathustra" dancing around your head. Fri 8 p.m., Sat 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, DTLA, $50-189.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — Have you gone to catch his unique show yet, every Sunday night at Harvelle's, here in SM? I've been recommending him for… decades. Trust me. You've never seen anything like Toledo. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

BARBARA MORRISON – She's an LA treasure who should be a much more recognizable name than she is, but if you've never before, during her 60-year career, heard her work her wide range of genres so comfortably and masterfully, and in the most beautiful club in LA (Herb Alpert's), you will certainly know her name forever after. Sun 6 p.m., Vibrato, Beverly Glen, $40.

GARRICK OHLSSON plays all Chopin – He's one of the best there is, and it's an entire evening of Chopin. You're not going to miss that, are you? Sun 7:30m p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, DTLA $64-131.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: LA PHIL with SALONEN plays BARTOK, Bjarnason, SIBELIUS, Walt Disney Concert Hall,, 2/17, 18, 19, 20; TOM BROSSEAU, JAKE XERXES FUSSELL, McCabe's, 2/19; SOUNDS OF LA, Getty concert series with NOBUKO MIYAMOTO, Getty Center, 2/19. 20;

RECOMMENDED:

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Disney's parks rebound aids profit; Disney+ subscribers grow

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AP Technology Writer

A theme-park comeback continued to boost Disney's results in the most recent quarter. The company also added more subscribers to its Disney+ streaming service than analysts expected.

Disney had closed or limited capacity at its theme parks and suspended cruises earlier in the pandemic. Domestic parks have reopened, and revenue in that division doubled in the most recent quarter, to $7.23 billion, while profit came to $2.45 billion from a year-ago loss of $119 million, even as the omicron variant suppressed some people's travel plans COVID-19 restrictions continued to affect some international operations.

Burbank, California-based Disney on Wednesday reported net income of $1.15 billion in the three months through Jan. 1, compared with $17 million in the fiscal first quarter the year before.

Earnings per share came to 60 cents, or $1.06 when excluding certain items, while revenue climbed 34% to $21.82 billion. Analysts polled by FactSet predicted earnings of 74 cents per share on revenue of $20.27 billion. Disney shares jumped 8% to $159.08 in aftermarket trading.

"These results speak volumes for Disney's storied brands and its ability to rise above the competition in an increasingly crowded digital media market," said Insider Intelligence analyst Paul Verna in an emailed note.

Disney's streaming business is its top priority as cord-cutting reduces the viewing universe for traditional TV networks. Investors have closely followed the trajectory of Disney+, which quickly picked up big subscriber numbers after launching in November 2019. Growth had lagged recently, and some analysts had warned that Disney+ could miss its target of 230 million to 260 million subscribers by 2024.

But the subscriber gain topped expectations even as growth at rival Netflix disappointed, logging 129.8 million Disney+ subscribers, up 37% from the previous year, 11.8 million higher than the previous quarter and greater than analysts' forecast of 125.4 million. Disney backed its 2024 forecast.

It has 196.4 million total streaming subscribers including Disney+, ESPN+ and Hulu.

While streaming is the company's focus, Disney's networks business still brings in plenty of cash. The division housing ABC, ESPN and FX made $1.5 billion in profit in the most recent quarter, down 13% from the year before, as production and marketing costs increased.

The segment that includes the movie business also moved to a loss of $98 million from a year-ago profit of $188 million, even as revenue rose 43% to $2.4 billion. Theatrical distribution results declined as the movie business is still recovering.

The company is watching consumer behavior to see how best to release films, and Disney CEO Bob Chapek noted Wednesday that the company doesn't believe theatrical distribution is the only way to build a franchise.

The animated "Encanto" was in theaters for 30 days before becoming available on Disney+ on Christmas Eve, a shorter period than the traditional theater-only 90-day "window" common before the pandemic shut down theaters and disrupted the industry's longtime model. While it was still the most successful animated film at the box office during the pandemic, with over $237 million in ticket sales worldwide, Chapek said "Encanto" became a phenomenon on Disney+. The film's most popular song, "We Don't Talk About Bruno," is everywhere on social media, and became the highest-charting song from a Disney animated film in 26 years.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Owner of LA cosmetic clinics admits $20M insurance fraud

The former owner of a group of health spas and clinics in Los Angeles has admitted to participating in a $20 million insurance fraud scheme involving Botox injections, laser hair removal and other procedures, federal prosecutors said.

Roshanak Khadem, 54, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count each of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and subscribing to a false income tax return, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a statement.

Khadem's facilities in the San Fernando Valley included R&R Med Spa, Nu-Me Aesthetic and Anti-Aging Center.

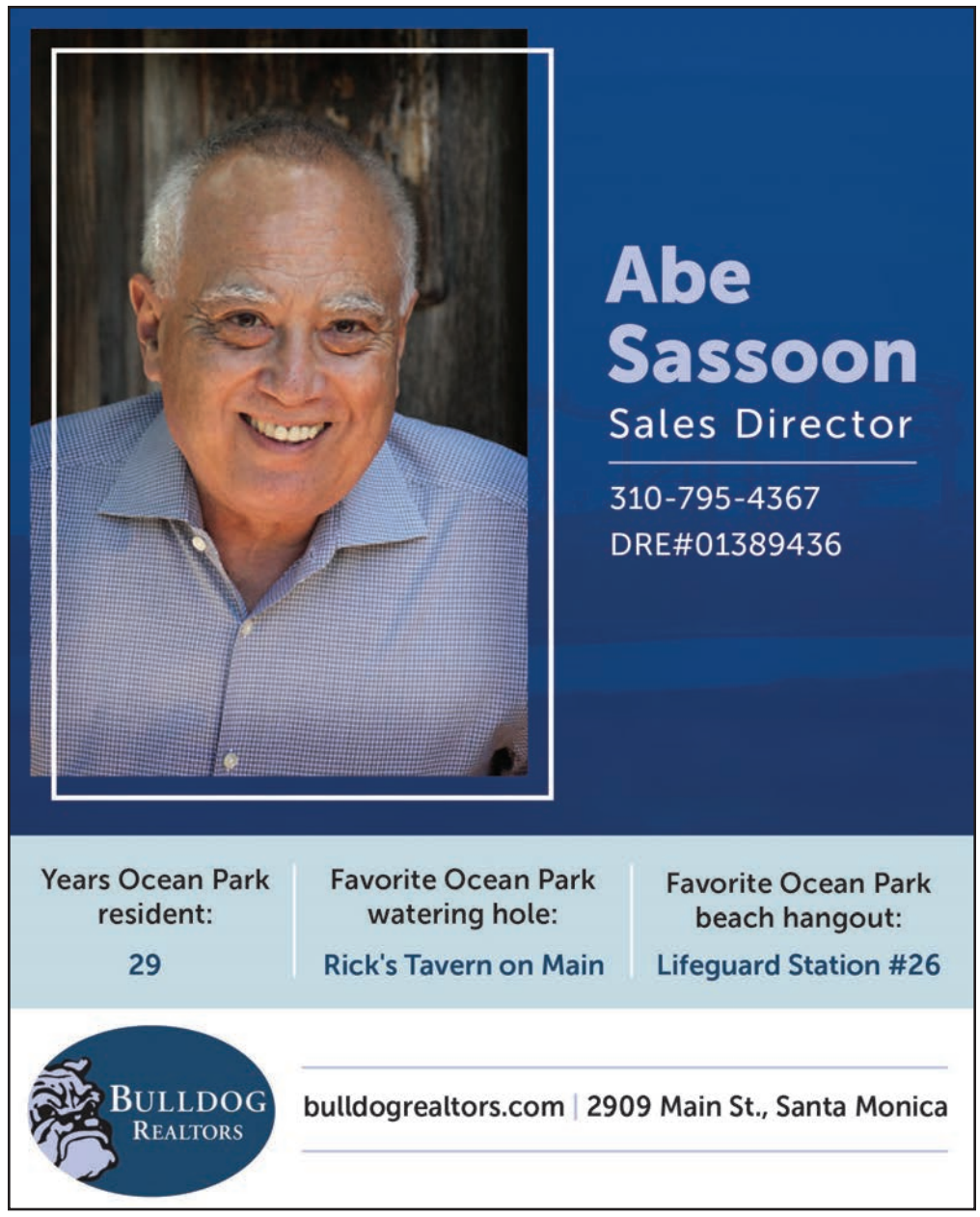
Patients at her businesses were asked to provide their insurance information, even though Khadem and her staff knew the cosmetic procedures would not be covered, the statement said.

Staff told the patients they could get "free" or discounted procedures based on "credit" they would earn. A portion of the payments from insurance companies would then be calculated for the "credit" that the patients could use at the clinics, according to prosecutors.

Khadem masterminded the scam and submitted over $20 million in false claims along with four other co-defendants, according to prosecutors.

She faces up to 13 years in prison when she's sentenced in June.

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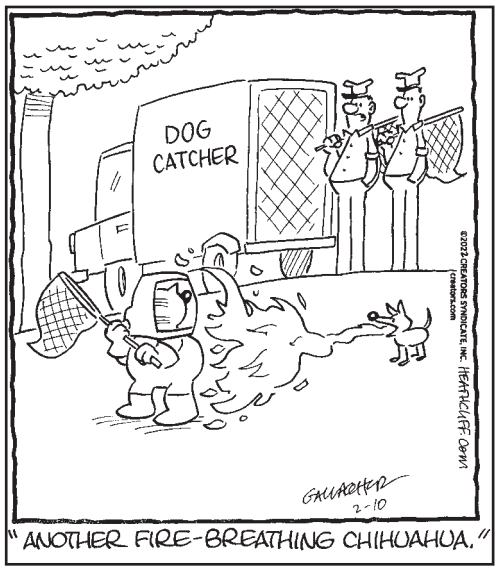
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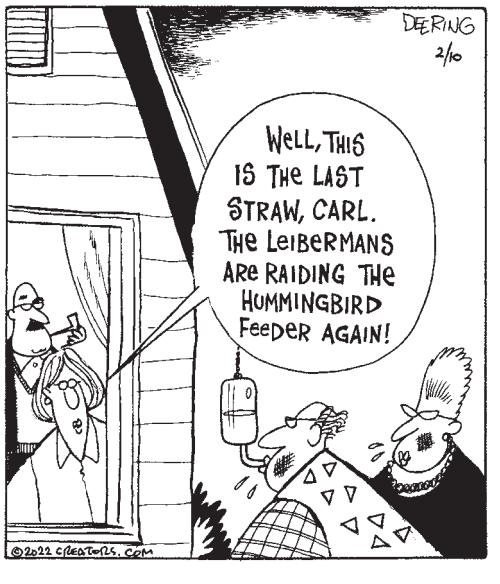
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.8°

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Easing NW swell as SSW swell continues – summer focal points larger at times. Potential offshore flow all day. Tide higher end to start, but dropping through the morning.

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
SSW swell continues – summer focal points larger at times. Small new NW swell. Best surface conditions in the AM, mind the deep early high tide though. Summer spots do well.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. North northeast wind around 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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2022/02/10	Thu	11:20 PM	2.78	L
2022/02/11	Fri	05:36 AM	4.80	H
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2022/02/11	Fri	8:16 PM	3.35	H
2022/02/12	Sat	12:15 AM	2.63	L
2022/02/12	Sat	06:22 AM	5.10	H
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2022/02/14	Mon	2:46 PM	-0.80	L
2022/02/14	Mon	9:12 PM	3.75	H
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MIDDAY: 7 8 6

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Your solar year opens with a most helpful restlessness causing you to change things that are perfectly fine. Your instinct not to get too comfortable will prove prescient, as the rearrangement will animate your spirit and set off a series of improvements better than you could have dreamed. Savvy investments fund your fun. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 21, 24, 3 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll feel the call to do something domestic. You're presented a new professional opportunity. Think twice before you dismiss it. A new income stream might be just what you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It feels like what you're going through now will go on forever. Not true. Keep moving — that's the important thing. This too shall pass, and the reward will merit the expenditure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's sad you can't be with your loved ones, and yet there's an upside too. You will soon discover the joys of reconciliation. Distance and time between your visits will make the connection ever sweeter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No one can honestly say they want peace while still fighting. Lay down your arms. The other team is as tired of the battle as you are, and they will do the same.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no need for you to be right all of the time, but if someone says you're wrong, you want proof. Also, you want to see the "right" way in action. Rigorous fact-checking will serve you well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take bigger risks, go to bigger places; these are the rules of the game. So much of it is simply geography and being brave enough to stand in one place over another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The love experts have spoken: Don't fall in love with someone who flirts with everyone. If you disregard this advice (or received it too late), then at least take comfort in the fact that whatever happens next, it's nothing personal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As most of the relationships in your life are involuntary (family, neighbors, co-workers), it makes sense for you to be very choosy about the ones that are voluntary (friends and more.) Exercise your right to be picky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll discover the level of risk that suits you best. Your financial horizons open up. Don't settle for what's offered to you, as you're luckiest while being proactive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you were to summon all your powers of creativity to redesign yourself, who would the new you be? Don't let the ones who knew you before hold you back. They'll adjust.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A conflict is still dragging on. You may not be sure if you can pull off a certain task, but the fact that you want to try bodes well for your success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe there really is a time for everything, and yet you can count on the fact that it's seldom a convenient time or one that's under your control — another argument for doing instead of waiting.

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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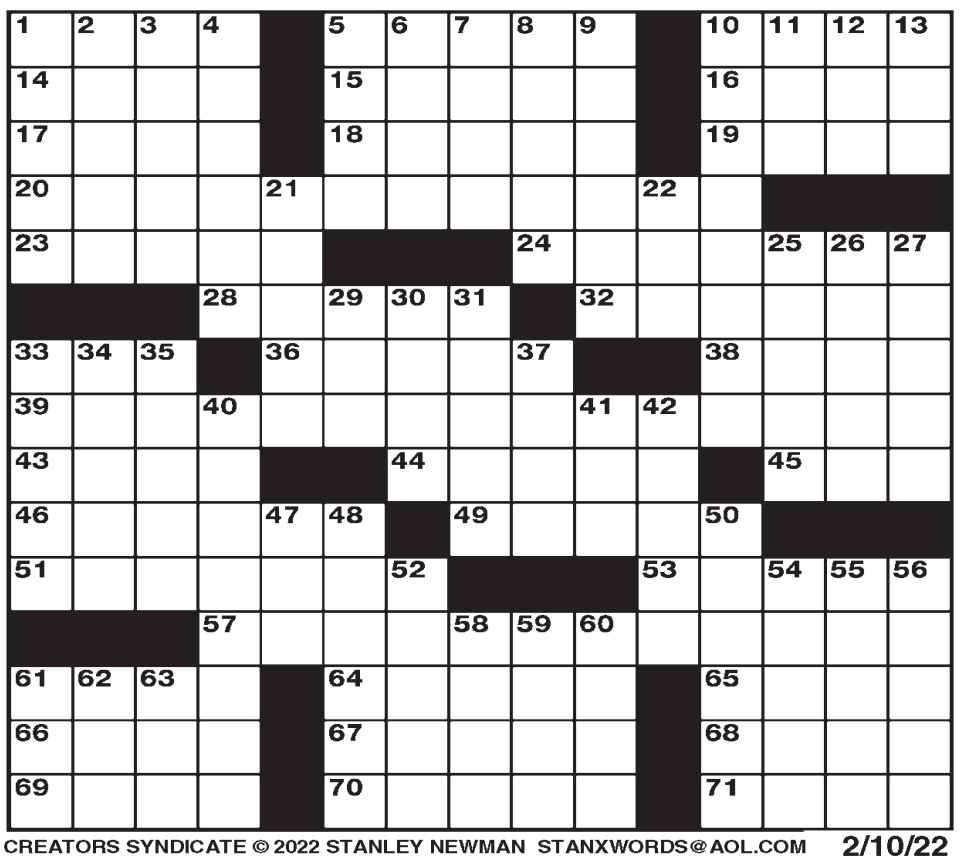
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Newsday Crossword

HUB HUB by Jerry Clarkson
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ACROSS
1 Don't keep a secret
5 "Check!"
10 "Heck!"
14 Go quickly
15 Molded metal
16 Western predator
17 Celebrity mystique
18 Christian's adversary
19 Presentation for some sitcoms
20 CUB HUB
23 Big dipper
24 Break suddenly
28 Name on the cover of *Ethan Frome*
32 MOON __ (ASTRONOMER anagram)
33 Bedazzle
36 Salmon cousin
38 Italian "Johnny"
39 SUB HUB
43 Netanyahu nickname
44 Sculpted body
45 Prefix for politics
46 Session schedule
49 Finnish telecom company
51 Basic training trio
53 Deprives of feeling
57 CLUB HUB
61 Very short time
64 Dry white wine
65 Kournikova of tennis
66 Snack made with cocoa
67 Showy display
68 46 Across element
69 Ballpark vendor's wares
70 Tuberous appetizers
71 Cherry et al.

DOWN
1 Western film fight
2 *Little House . . .* daughter
3 Nose-stinging
4 Darwin's ship
5 Mocking remark
6 Common store-ad adjective
7 Cry from a cubicle
8 Meditation masters
9 Plato's hometown
10 Where columns are placed
11 Play the kazoo
12 "Yummy!"
13 "Yippie!"
21 Brought about
22 Bodybuilder's back muscle
25 Circular gasket
26 Boundary marker of a sort
27 Cool dessert, for short
29 Second-quality, as mdse.
30 Perfectly
31 Lake near Detroit
33 Chance to hit
34 Consider carefully
35 Fire remnant
37 Novice
40 Misses much
41 Seek info
42 Headed out
47 Outdoor morning coat
48 Crops up
50 Family helper
52 Coat with paint, perhaps
54 Word in many Alps names
55 Prepared, as a fillet
56 Speaks harshly about
58 Timbuktu's country
59 Karamazov brother
60 They're underneath aerialists
61 Work assignment
62 Infuriation
63 Commission, for instance



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY | FEB 10

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL
The Los Angeles Rams and The Los Angeles Chargers are bringing a Football Festival (Super Week) to the Santa Monica Promenade to commemorate the big game coming to LA. The event will feature live broadcasts hosted by some of LA's most famous announcers as well as a host of family friendly experiences where fans can compete in throwing the ball, kicking field goals, Corn Hole, Blocking & Tackling skills challenges and special Sport art walls themed for the weekend plus special experience from The LA Rams as well as the newly created LA Chargers "Bolt City." 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. 1351 3rd Street Promenade.

ROCK N COMEDY
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FRIDAY | FEB 11

OFF THE FIELD NFL WIVES ASSOCIATION CHARITY FASHION SHOW

Off The Field NFL Wives Association presents Fashion On A Spectrum: The 21st Annual Off The Field NFL Wives Association Super Bowl Charity Fashion Show ... where fashion, football, & philanthropy collide. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the HollyRod Foundation, a501c3 founded by actress, Holly Robinson Peete and husband, former NFL player, Rodney Peete. Tickets are $100 to $350. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 395 Santa Monica Place.

SATURDAY | FEB 12

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

BUILD UP LOVE INTERACTIVE DISPLAY
Write down or draw something you love on a sticky note to become part of a month-long interactive display. Main Library, Lobby.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Arizona Ave. (between 2nd & 4th)
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | FEB 13

MAIN ST. FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St. (In The Victorian Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY | FEB 14

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 Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY | FEB 15

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION
The Missing American by Kwei Quartey. 7 to 8 p.m. Accra private investigator Emma Djan's first missing persons case will lead her to the darkest depths of the email scams and fetish priests in Ghana. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

WEDNESDAY | FEB 16

STORYTIME: CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH
10:30 to 11 a.m. Join us at this virtual storytime! Enjoy books by black authors and illustrators. Ages 2 & up. Space is limited. Register here: https://bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Strange place names

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Baan Baa	Nobby	Mila	Smiggin
Bailingup	Dorrigo	Mooball	Holes
Banana	Ghooli	Mystic Park	Snug
Barry	Goondoon	Nala	Tutye
Beeac	Gray	Nhil	Typo
Bli Bli	Gruyere	Oaks	Waaia
Boinka	Hiawatha	Old Cork	Yan Yean
Brim	Lima	Pioneer	
Cockatoo	Lota	Price	
Cooee	Low Head	Rainbow	

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COUNCIL

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to members of the public. Following the City Manager name leak in June 2021, Bobadilla subsequently declined the job offer and, in a letter to City Council, cited the unauthorized public revelation of his name as one of his reasons for doing so.

"We know for a fact that in fact that closed session did not remain closed with regard to the City Manager search and in fact the name of Rene Bobadilla, who was one of the applicants, was leaked," said Davis. "We also know for a fact that Mr. White, perhaps not by name, but by description, surfaced prior to his hiring being announced. Now we know that sadly and unfortunately, the names of candidates for the City Attorney position also have been leaked."

The proposed investigation would examine possible Councilmember violations of the Brown Act and confidentiality agreements in connection with the search, candidate evaluation, and recruitment for the positions of City Manager and City Attorney conducted in 2021 and 2022.

The Councilmember discussion of the proposed investigation was heated and divisive.

Councilmembers Phil Brock and Oscar de la Torre strongly opposed the idea of an investigation and said that it was a waste of money that would further divide an already divided Council. Councilmember Parra also voted to oppose the investigation with little comment. The remaining four Councilmembers—Kristin McCowan, Sue Himmelrich, Lana Negrete and Gleam Davis—voted in support of the investigation.

"I think what's wrong is not so much investigating what the problem is, because the problem is distrust within this governing board," said de la Torre, later adding, "I'll just be straight up; there would be none of this going on if one side got what they wanted, you know, that is really what I'm being real about right now and it is politics."

Councilmember Brock also put forth the notion that the investigation was politically motivated.

"This smacks of a political vendetta, It doesn't smack of a legitimate investigation and that's why I'm trying to work a compromise," said Brock, who earlier in the discussion called the investigation a "partisan witch hunt."

Councilmember Gleam Davis disputed this viewpoint and maintained that the investigation was intended to uphold the integrity of City Council.

"This has nothing to do with winning or losing or politics or retribution or whatever it all is that you seem to think this is tied to," said Davis. "This is tied to the fact that the most important part of government at any level is integrity, and anyone who sees what's happening at the federal level, where you have a bunch of legislators who are refusing to investigate what happened on January 6, 2020, and it is completely ruining the trust in government, because they're not willing to investigate themselves and find out what happened. I don't want to be that government."

Mayor Sue Himmelrich said that she thought it was important to have the investigation to ensure these information leaks don't continue to happen. She said that if people don't expect discussion in closed session to remain private they will not speak freely and that a reputation for not being trustworthy may discourage future job candidates.

In lieu of having an investigation, Councilmember Brock made a motion proposing that Councilmembers instead receive further training on the Brown Act and confidentiality agreements. He said that this would be better than spending money on an investigation and was important given that many Councilmembers are new to Council and relatively inexperienced.

Brock's motion failed in a 3-3-1 vote with Councilmembers Davis, Himmelrich and McCowan voting no; Councilmembers Brock, de la Torre and Parra voting yes; and Councilmember Negrete abstaining.

"I do not think this was a failure in education since we all signed forms saying that we would only talk to other members on the panel and this leaked outside the panel," said Himmelrich.

Councilmember McCowan said that she too disliked the cost that this investigation would incur, but felt that she still had to vote for it.

"I just don't see how I can, in good consciousness, not support an investigation when we have disclosed to the public that there have been leaks," said McCowan. "I don't really know how I can vote no."

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MOST LOVED

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Santa Monica Travel and Tourism and Santa Monica Pier Corporation. The contest has evolved over time and there have been several category expansions over the years to a total of 66 this year.

"We are excited to announce the launch of the Most Loved Santa Monica businesses contest of 2022 with the SM Daily Press and our Buy Local SM partners," said Economic Development Manager Jennifer Taylor. "This annual contest is one of the most important ways that the City, our residents and local business community can come together to celebrate our Santa Monica businesses. Please take a moment, starting on Feb. 10th, to nominate your favorite Santa Monica businesses - from your most loved coffee bar to your favorite outdoor dining spot, bike shop and hair stylist. As COVID pandemic continues, our businesses are struggling to survive so a simple gesture like nominating them as a Most Loved SM Business can help give them a moral boost to show we're all behind them. And thank you for buying local in support of our businesses and community."

Voting will be held in two phases. The first is a nomination period open from Feb. 10 - 28. At the end of the first phase, the top five businesses will advance to the finals for a runoff with final voting to occur between March 14-31.

All voting for the contest will occur at www.smdp.com/ml22.

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NOTEWORTHY

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SARAH SILVERMAN & Friends, Largo at the Coronet, 2/19, 3/5; PETE ESCOVEDO, Vibrato, 2/20; LA PHIL with FATHER JOHN MISTY, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 2/25; HERBIE HANCOCK, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 2/27; DAMN WELL PLEASE ORGAN TRIO, Mardi Gras! Harvelle's; 3/1; JANIS IAN, McCabe's, 3/1, 2; THE ENGLISH BEAT, The Bourbon Room, 3/4, 5; SOUNDS OF LA with SALAR NADER, Getty Center, 3/12, 13; MIDORI, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3/13; HILLARY HAHN, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3/18, 19, 20.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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Tech Mentor Founder of 3-person Santa Monica startup needs advice from knowledgeable CTO-ish type person for its 2-sided Network Effects platform (which is set to fill a huge market void that, currently, no one has conceptualized or identified). I have a resourceful and committed engineer, and we're 75% to completion of MVP, yet I am constantly concerned about long term security issues! This is where I need expert guidance! Please call me, Stephanie, at 310-351-9976 or email at stephanieroberts@lovetoair.com if you are interested and available for sharing your knowledge and experience. Thank you.

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