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Council creates We Are Santa Monica Fund advisory board



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DONATIONS: The new fund was created to help people and businesses overcome challenges related to the pandemic.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Since The We Are Santa Monica Fund was created in spring 2020, more than $1.1 million has been donated to the cause; and now, city leaders must determine how to equitably allocate the funding in the future.

The We Are Santa Monica Fund was originally started to help residents, businesses and local organizations respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund is administered through the California Community Foundation, and donations support COVID-19 Relief for local residents facing housing and food insecurity, business recovery efforts, the recently passed Black Agenda, and the Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park.

All of the donations during and after the holiday season have verified two key points, Chief Communications Officer Debbie Lee said during a recent City Council meeting.

"First, our Santa Monica

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SMMUSD passes its first historical resources policy

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board of Education passed the district's first historical resources policy last week, making SMMUSD one of only a few school districts in California with such a policy.

Superintendent Ben Drati said the robust historical resources policy is a win for the community because SMMUSD is committed to historic preservation goals and to adaptive reuse wherever feasible.

Specifically, the district's newest administrative regulation and board policy will guide the district through a multi-step process when considering facilities projects and modernization at all campuses in Santa Monica and Malibu, according to district staff, who said they worked with the Santa Monica

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Main Street responds to suspected drunk driver crashing into parklet



Clara Harter

REPAIRED: There's no sign that a DUI driver injured four people outside Urth Cafe over the weekend.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

A suspected drunk driver crashed into a Main Street parklet on Friday and local neighborhood associations are looking at ways to slow traffic and close portions of the street to cars during peak dining hours.

Plans were already in the works, but they have taken on greater significance in light of the recent incident, which injured four diners.

At 8:09 p.m. alleged drunk driver Piper Pollard crashed a black BMW into the concrete barriers surrounding the outdoor dining space by Urth Caffe, according to SMPD Public Information Officer Roberto Villegas.

Pollard, a 21-year-old Pacific Palisades resident, was arrested for a felony DUI.

Three diners suffered minor injuries as a k-rail was knocked over and one person was transported to a local hospital to treat a suspected ankle fracture. The concrete barrier prevented the car from directly hitting bystanders.

"This is not an outdoor dining accident. This is a drunk driving accident," said Main Street Businesses Improvement Association Executive Director Hunter Hall, who spearheaded Main Street's al-fresco dining program. "You can't stop a drunk driver 99 percent of the time from killing people. But luckily, this is about the 1 percent of the time that you can — with a 4,000 pound concrete barrier."

This is the first traffic incident at a parklet in Santa Monica where any injuries were sustained, according to Villegas. Currently, the tables at Urth Caffe have been removed from the street space, however there is still outdoor dining open in the garden and deck areas.

There were preexisting concerns about traffic patterns in the area and MSBIA and the Ocean Park Association are working on strategies to manage the speed of cars traveling along Main Street and parallel roads.

"In the time of COVID there's so much less traffic, so people have gotten used to driving faster than they ordinarily would," said OPA President Marc Morgenstern. "We see that not just on Main Street but also

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San Francisco, LA prioritize 2nd shots, close some sites

JANIE HAR
Associated Press

San Francisco is the latest California city to temporarily shutter a mass vaccination site due to lack of vaccine, joining Los Angeles in pausing inoculations amid a national shortage, even as new federal-state vaccination sites open.

The mayor of Los Angeles said Monday the city will prioritize people needing second shots after closing its mass vaccination site at Dodger Stadium and other locations last week when it received just 16,000 doses of vaccine, far fewer than usual.

In San Francisco, mass vaccinations are on hold at the Moscone convention center for a week until supply ramps up, officials announced Sunday. They also said vaccinations at City College of San Francisco will stop then restart Friday but only for second dose appointments.

"I'm frustrated because we've shown that SF can administer shots as soon as they come in," Mayor London Breed said on social media. "We're hoping for more info in the next few days. We'll maintain enough doses to ensure second shots for people on schedule."

The news of restricted first doses comes as California prepares to open two new large-scale mass vaccination sites Tuesday in Oakland and East Los Angeles as part of a partnership between the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The federal government will supply the vaccine, which could amount to as many as 6,000 shots a day at each location.

The locations at the Oakland Coliseum and Cal State LA were picked with an eye toward equity, said Gov. Gavin Newsom, and slots will be reserved for people in surrounding areas. Residents can use "My Turn," a new statewide tool, to register and make appointments.

Each site will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and start with administering 4,000 doses on Tuesday before ramping up to 6,000 a day, said Cal OES spokesman Brian Ferguson. Mobile clinics will also start operating later this week.

California continues to see lower rates of new coronavirus infections and hospitalizations, although deaths are falling more slowly. The state on Monday reported

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COVID-19 shots might be tweaked if variants get worse

LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

The makers of COVID-19 vaccines are figuring out how to tweak their recipes against worrisome virus mutations — and regulators are looking to flu as a blueprint if and when the shots need an update.

"It's not really something you can sort of flip a switch, do overnight," cautioned Richard Webby, who directs a World Health Organization flu center from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Viruses mutate constantly and it takes just the right combination of particular mutations to escape vaccination. But studies are raising concern that first-generation COVID-19 vaccines don't work as well against a mutant that first emerged in South Africa as they do against other versions circulating around the world.

The good news: Many of the new COVID-19 vaccines are made with new, flexible technology that's easy to upgrade. What's harder: Deciding if the virus has mutated enough that it's time to modify vaccines — and what changes to make.

"When do you pull the trigger?" asked Norman Baylor, a former Food and Drug Administration vaccine chief. "This is a moving target right now."

FLU OFFERS A MODEL

The WHO and FDA are looking to the global flu vaccine system in deciding how to handle similar decisions about COVID-19 shots.

Influenza mutates much faster than the coronavirus, and flu shots have to be adjusted just about every year. National centers around the globe collect circulating flu viruses and track how they're evolving. They send samples to WHO-designated labs for more sophisticated "antigenic" testing to determine vaccine strength. The WHO and regulators then agree on the year's vaccine recipe and manufacturers get to work.

For COVID-19 vaccines, Webby said a critical step is establishing a similar surveillance and testing network to flag the mutations that matter. Today, there's wide geographic variability in tracking and testing mutated versions. For example, Britain does more testing of the changing viral genome than the U.S.

Three variants first discovered in Britain, South Africa and Brazil are worrisome because of combinations of mutations that make them more contagious.

On Sunday, U.S. researchers reported a still different mutation found in seven variants that have cropped up in several states. No one yet knows if this mutation makes the virus easier to spread but the report, not yet vetted by other scientists, urges further research to find out.

HOW COVID-19 SHOTS ARE HOLDING UP

Just because a variant is more contagious doesn't mean it also will be impervious to vaccination. But the variant first identified in South Africa is raising concerns. Columbia University's David Ho put blood samples from people given the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines into lab dishes with the mutated virus. Vaccine-produced antibodies still protected, but they were much less potent.

Preliminary test results of two other vaccine candidates — from Novavax and Johnson & Johnson — soon backed up those findings. Both still protected but were weaker when tested in South Africa, where that variant dominates, than when tested elsewhere. A far smaller test of the AstraZeneca vaccine in South Africa has raised questions about its effect.

"If the virus were able to make an additional mutation or two, it could escape even more," Ho warned.

THE REAL RED FLAG

If fully immunized people start getting hospitalized with mutated virus, "that's when the line gets crossed," said Dr. Paul Offit, a Children's Hospital of Philadelphia vaccine expert who advises the FDA.

That hasn't happened yet, but "we should get ready," he added.

Moderna is about to explore one option: Could a third dose of the original vaccine boost immunity enough to fend off some variants even if it's not an exact match?

Columbia's Ho said it's a good idea to test because people may "still have plenty of cushion" if their overall antibody levels are very high.

ADJUSTING THE RECIPES

Major manufacturers also are developing experimental variant vaccines, just in case.

COVID-19 vaccines produce antibodies that recognize the spike protein that coats the coronavirus. When the virus mutates, sometimes the spike protein is changed in key areas so the vaccine-produced antibodies have a harder time recognizing it.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are made with a piece of genetic code called messenger RNA that tells the body how to make some harmless copies of the spike protein that train immune cells. To update the vaccine, they can simply change the payload: swap out the original genetic code with mRNA for the mutated spike protein.

The AstraZeneca vaccine and the Johnson & Johnson shot expected to roll out soon are made with cold viruses engineered to sneak a spike protein gene into the body. Adjusting their vaccines requires growing cold viruses with the mutated gene, a little more complex than the mRNA approach but not nearly as laborious as reformulating old-fashioned flu shots.

The Novavax vaccine also in final-stage testing is made with a lab-grown copy of the spike protein that also could be tweaked to match mutations.

TESTING VACCINES 2.0

First-generation COVID-19 vaccines were tested in tens of thousands of people to be sure they work and are safe — research that took many months.

Simply changing the recipe to better target virus mutations won't require repeating those studies in thousands of

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 213 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 14

Party Complaint 800blk 6th St 12:39 a.m.
Battery Report 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:09 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 1:25 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Franklin St 1:35 a.m.
Party Complaint 2500blk 3rd St 3:06 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 3:41 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 4:47 a.m.
Prowler 1200blk Washington Ave 4:51 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2nd St / Broadway 5:01 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 200blk San Vicente Blvd 5:30 a.m.
Trespassing 200blk Bay St 5:46 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 6:56 a.m.
Trespassing 1000blk 19th St 7:11 a.m.
Trespassing 200blk Bay St 7:16 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 800blk Pacific St 7:29 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 700blk 15th St 7:30 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk 12th St 7:44 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk Appian Way 8:20 a.m.
Transport 300blk Olympic Dr 8:33 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 9th St 8:35 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk 9th St 8:48 a.m.
Trespassing 100blk Marguerita Ave 8:58 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk 7th St 9:34 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 9:35 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 9:52 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:55 a.m.
Trespassing 200blk Washington Ave 10:22 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk Princeton St 10:35 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 10:47 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 200blk Ashland Ave 11:09 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 11:20 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk 17th St 11:24 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 2100blk Pearl St 11:27 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Drinking In Public 700blk Ozone St 11:52 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:01 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 3300blk Barnard Way 12:04 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1000blk 6th St 12:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 700blk Broadway 12:28 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Broadway 12:43 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 100blk Wadsworth Ave 1:08 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1000blk 6th St 1:15 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 0blk Vicente Ter 1:40 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk 9th St 1:50 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:00 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk 4th St 2:04 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Yale St / Wilshire Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1800blk Stewart St 2:25 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 11th St / Montana Ave 2:31 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 400blk San Vicente Blvd 2:37 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1000blk San Vicente Blvd 3:14 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 3:47 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk Berkeley St 4:17 p.m.
Found Property 2800blk Neilson Way 4:18 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 23rd St 4:34 p.m.
Found Person 1200blk 6th St 4:39 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk 9th St 4:54 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2nd St / Broadway 5:01 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 5:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 3200blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:55 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2800blk Main St 6:10 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:12 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:24 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:57 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 300blk Pico Blvd 7:12 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:14 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:33 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300blk Olympic Dr 7:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:57 p.m.
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Traffic/Vehicle Stop 400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:02 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 3100blk 5th St 10:05 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 10:19 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 2nd St / Broadway 10:31 p.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 10:47 p.m.
Fight 1100blk 3rd St 10:48 p.m.
Encampment 1800blk Arizona Ave 11:00 p.m.
Party Complaint 100blk California Ave 11:08 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 28 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 14

Smoke Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 1:16 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:52 a.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 2:29 a.m.
EMS 100blk Palisades Ave 5:53 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 7:38 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 9:46 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 6th St 10:31 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 10:38 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pl 11:03 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 11:23 a.m.
EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 12:01 p.m.
EMS 500blk 21st St 12:22 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 6th St 2:29 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Carlyle Ave 2:34 p.m.
Wires Down 500blk 11th St 3:16 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 3:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 5:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 3200blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Interstate 10 6:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 6:32 p.m.
EMS 2400blk 3rd St 6:57 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1400blk 4th St 6:58 p.m.
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EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 8:16 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Highland Ave 8:35 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 11:07 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 11:32 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 10:17 A.M.

Officers were dispatched to a multi-unit building on the 400 block of Broadway regarding the theft of packages. Upon arrival, Officers spoke to the assistant manager at the building who reported seeing an individual that had been subject of police calls in the past. Today, the individual had walked into the building and placed several mail packages into her bag and walked away. Officers took the report and were unable to locate the suspect. At approximately 12:26pm, a second call came in stating that the individual was back. Officers drove to the location and arrested Lori Anne Simmons after the original reporting party positively identified her. The packages were retrieved, and Simmons was booked for a 459PC- Burglary.

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 7:29 P.M.

SMPD Officers responded to a call about a theft at Surf Liquor store. The comments of the call indicated that the reporting party was following two individuals who had just stolen beer from the store. Upon arrival, Officers noticed two individuals running while breaking bottles of beer behind them. Rafael Juarez Dominguez and Alejandro Ilario Lopez were detained and exhibited signs of intoxication as they were unable to remain standing and had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Juarez and Lopez were eventually arrested for 459.5 P.C Shoplifting and 647 (f) P.C Drunk in public. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, both individuals were ultimately issued a citation and released.

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Former NFL receiver Vincent Jackson found dead in hotel room

Associated Press

Former NFL wide receiver Vincent Jackson was found dead Monday at a Florida hotel room, days after authorities spoke with him as part of a welfare check, according to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

A housekeeper discovered the 38-year-old's body at around 11:30 a.m. Monday, official said.

There were no signs of trauma and the medical examiner's office was looking into a cause of death at the Homewood Suites in Brandon, near Tampa.

Sheriff's officials said his family initially reported Jackson missing on Wednesday. Deputies tracked him down to the hotel two days later, spoke with him and canceled the missing persons case.

Sheriff Chad Chronister said his department has opened an investigation.

"My heart aches for the many loved ones Vincent Jackson leaves behind, from his wife and children to the Buccaneers nation that adored him," Chronister said in a statement posted on social media.

"Mr. Jackson was a devoted man who put his family and community above everything else," the sheriff said, noting that Jackson, a South Tampa resident, was made an honorary deputy.

Jackson played for the San Diego Chargers for seven seasons before becoming a free agent because of a contract dispute. He then went on to play five seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, making his last appearance in 2016. He recorded 57 receiving touchdowns and was selected to the Pro Bowl three times.

The son of military parents, Jackson founded the Jackson In Action 83 Foundation, a nonprofit to support military families.

"We are all mourning the loss of our beloved @VincentTJackson. His wife and family ask that everyone respect their privacy at this time," the foundation tweeted Monday.

Mourning his death, Jackson's former teams highlighted his dedication to community service.

"During his five seasons with our franchise, Vincent was a consummate professional, who took a great deal of pride in his performance on and off the football field," Buccaneers owner and co-chairman Bryan Glazer said in a statement, noting Jackson's work in the community.

"His greatest achievements as a Buccaneer were the four consecutive nominations he earned as our Walter Payton Man of the Year," the team said, referring to the award given to NFL players for their service to the community.

The Chargers, now based in Los Angeles, said Jackson was "gone too soon."

"We are shocked and deeply saddened by news of Vincent Jackson's sudden passing. Vincent was a fan favorite not only for his Pro Bowl play on the field but for the impact he made on the community off of it," the team said on Twitter.

An outpouring of appreciation flowed on social media.

"I started crying holding his jersey. I grew up a chargers fan," said one fan who identified himself as YungEazy on Twitter. "Great personality and no hate in the world. This is very sad. Rest In Peace King."

CRASH

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on Neilson Way and in the streets like 3rd and 4th Street."

The number of speeding citations issued in Santa Monica has increased by 50 percent during the pandemic — going from 819 in 2019 to 1,234 in 2020, according to Villegas.

DUIs, on the other hand, have dropped by 44 percent, likely due to the shutdown of nightlife. In 2019, SMPD made 197 DUI related arrests including four felony arrests compared to 111 arrests including three felonies in 2020.

OPA and MSBIA are looking into installing speed bumps and other resistive features such as rubber pads to help slow traffic on Main Street, Neilson Way, 3rd Street, and 4th Street.

"It's part of a broader movement to divest in traffic and move towards a more bicycle friendly area," said Hall. "You can expect us to be pushing for that in conjunction with residents in the next couple days."

The two organizations are also working on an "Al-Fresco 2.0" program that would close off portions of Main Street to car traffic during peak dining hours. This would increase both the number of seats available and the distance between diners.

"The discussion now with various relevant city departments is about looking at how selective blocks could be closed for limited periods of time, say on the weekends," said Morgenstern. "That way people could enjoy the retailers and restaurants with more space available and less concerns about traffic."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

365 Donors Contribute $154,983 for Local Schools,

Inspired by a weeklong match from MSD Partners, L.P. and the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, funding for staff and programs in Santa Monica public schools received a boost last week as 365 people made donations totaling $154,983 to the Santa Monica Education Foundation. The $15,000 match ran from January 25 to 31.

"We are so thrilled by this response," said Ed Foundation Executive Director Linda Greenberg.

"Even during the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, this community's dedication to public education is outstanding. Thank you to each donor who participated. Every gift counts. We are grateful to MSD Partners, L.P. and the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows for their continued dedication to our local schools. Their commitment and leadership are an inspiration to so many who participated in this match."

Annual donations to the Ed Foundation fund a slate of important programs and staff in the Santa Monica public schools, as determined by district staff and the SMMUSD Board of Education. The staff and programs include elementary instructional aides, elementary arts programs, and stretch grants for each Santa Monica public school. Each school decides how to spend their stretch grant, and many use these funds for student wellness, STEM programs, more arts programs and/or teacher training.

"MSD Partners and The Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows are delighted with the results of this match," said Ellis O'Connor of MSD Partners. "We are proud of our partnership with the Ed Foundation to help ensure that Santa Monica students experience an enriched education. We continue to be humbled by the community's wonderful response to our matches over the years with the Ed Foundation. They are a wonderful example of the community coming together with a common purpose – to provide outstanding opportunities for our local children."

Due to the pandemic, overall donations to the Ed Foundation are currently lower this year than last year, although recent fundraising efforts, including this match, have definitely helped.

"Our community is working hard to close the fundraising gap for our students," said Linda Greenberg. "We will continue fundraising for next year's programs through June 30 with individual donations, our annual Santa Monica Wine Auction this spring, and corporate donations. I implore anyone who wants to help children in our local public schools to make a donation at smedfoundation.org."

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SAN FRANCISCO

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another 200 deaths, bringing the total since the outbreak began to more than 47,000 — the highest in the nation. The state also reported nearly 6,500 new cases, bringing the total number of recorded coronavirus infections to 3.4 million.

Many cities and counties in California are crying for more vaccine, saying they have the ability to deliver it to residents. They're struggling to maintain doses for large-scale sites and to get vaccine to harder-hit neighborhoods, which are largely working class and heavily Black and Latino.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said the city expects to receive 58,000 doses this week and will prioritize people needing second shots. About 4,600 first doses will be set aside for people in vulnerable communities, he said.

San Francisco plans to go ahead with opening a third high-volume vaccination site in the hard-hit Bayview neighborhood but will do so with fewer appointments. Officials said they have delivered at least one dose to nearly half of city residents 65 and older.

The mass vaccination site at the Moscone center opened less than two weeks ago with high hopes to inoculate as many as 10,000 people a day. Its initial supply came from Kaiser Permanente, which had been tasked by the governor with administering 85,000 doses at Moscone and at Cal Poly Pomona from unused shipments that had gone to CVS Pharmacy, Kaiser said.

More than 6 million doses have been administered throughout California with at least 1 million people receiving both doses. The state is getting roughly 1 million doses a week, with a significant share reserved for second shots, said Newsom.

The state is also switching to a more centralized vaccine system this week that promises to speed up and streamline delivery. Details of the state's contract with insurer Blue Shield, which will run the program, were expected to be revealed Monday.

COVID-19

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people, Dr. Peter Marks, the FDA's vaccine chief, recently told the American Medical Association.

FDA still is finalizing requirements, but Marks said the agency intends to "be pretty nimble." If an updated vaccine is needed, tests in a few hundred people likely would be enough to tell if it triggers a good immune response, he said.

But an even bigger question: If only some places face vaccine-resistant virus mutants, would authorities want variant-only shots or vaccines that protect against two kinds in one jab? After all, flu vaccines protect against three or four different types in one shot.

Companies would first have to perform some basic research to be sure a variant-only version properly revs up the immune system, said the Immunization Action Coalition's John Grabenstein, a former Merck vaccine executive. Then a combination shot would need more testing to be sure there's an equal response to both types.

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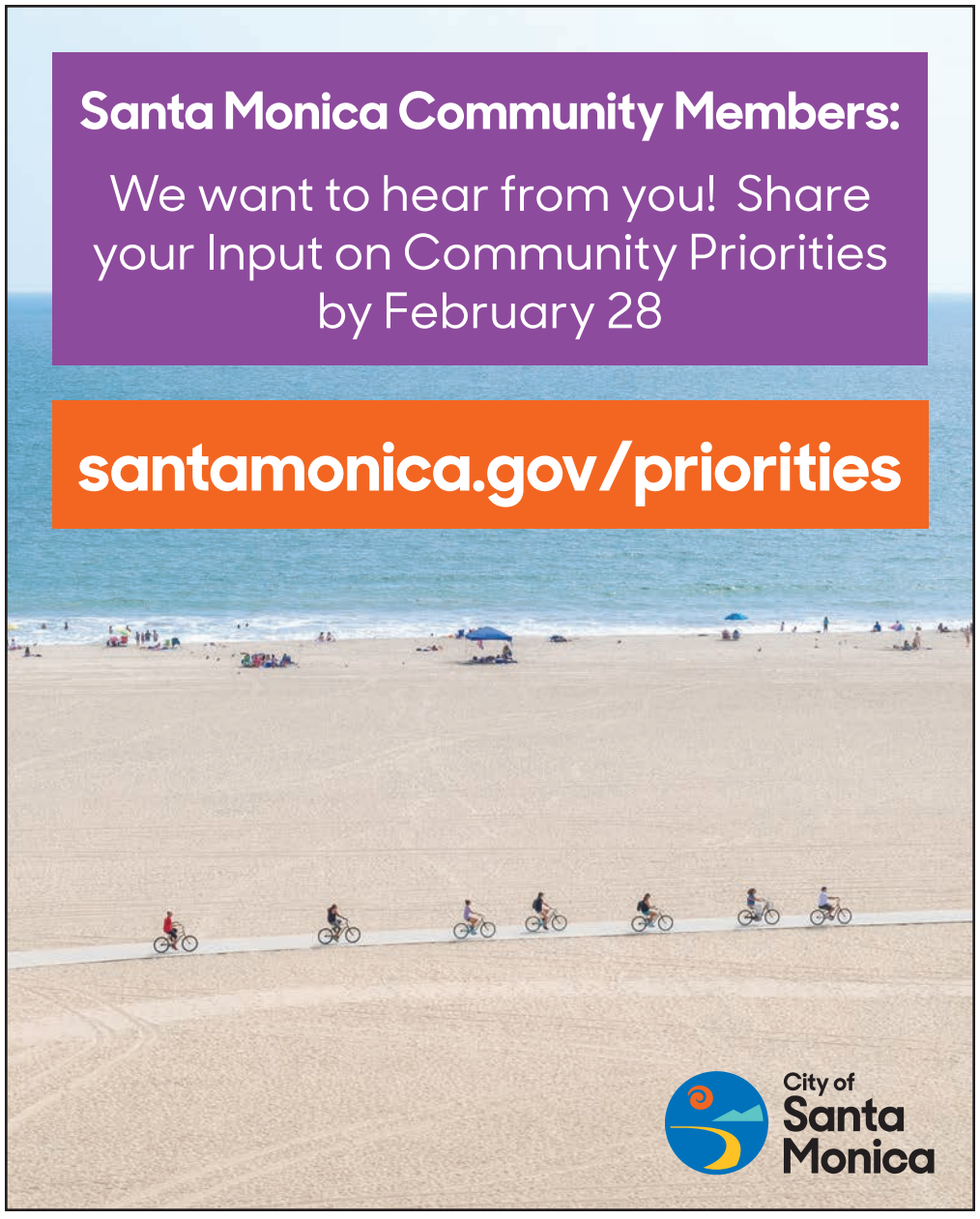
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What's the Point?

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Black History and White Fragility

We're halfway through Black History Month and I'm embarrassed by the extreme ignorance I have about the many accomplishments by great Black Americans. I'm saddened by cultural naiveté, and after listening to the book White Fragility, I'm more aware of how much I don't know.

The book White Fragility is written by Robin DiAngelo a white, female diversity trainer is a revealing investigation into the world of racial diversity. It has its detractors, but as a gay white male, I have to say that it was an eye-opening experience for me as I listened to her describe a reality that is parallel to my own existence, but one that I've never noticed, as we rarely see that which is directly next to us, but not in our line of sight.

My experience of this book was most enjoyable. Listening to the narrator Amy Landon share the stories and experiences of Ms. DiAngelo I found myself recognizing and identifying with some of her white centric reactions, and then as she unpacks them and explains them, I saw things that I was unaware of previously.

For example, the tale of Jackie Robinson, the "first Black man to break the color barrier" in baseball is one that most, if not all of us are familiar with, was retold. Rather than focusing on his "accomplishment" of "breaking the barrier" was the more accurate statement that he was the first Black Athlete who was "allowed to play." Certainly had the owners decided that he wasn't going to play, he wouldn't have. The difference here is whether or not, Mr. Robinson was a standard bearer for his community (which he certainly was in many ways, and I'm not trying to take anything away from his many laudable accomplishments) or was he recipient of the White owners largesse, which really was just a way for them to benefit their own bottom line? I think we all know the true answer there.

This type of perspective change is what the book is about. It certainly confronts the uncomfortable realities of many a white person's emotional inability to step outside their own reality to see things differently, but it does so in such a way that is reachable in my opinion. I found the authors stories and insights to be thought provoking and inspiring me to delve deeper into my views of the world. I did this while walking through Woodlawn Cemetery, which frankly added to the experience, because the cemetery is proof positive of just how multi-cultural Santa Monica has been throughout its history.

The many headstones in different languages, which date back to the early 1900s, are a testament to the diversity we have always had as a coastal town. Granted there is a vast majority of the residents who are middle class whites, as I imagine most of the Elks Club and the Mason's who take up a goodly percentage of those buried there. But, walk through and you'll see a wide variety of Asian, Middle Eastern, and Caucasian (from the Caucus region) headstones. It's a curious fact I note, I can't tell who is white and Black by their names for the most part, I'm not sure what to make of that, and will think further.

Walking through history like that is an experience that I would suggest more people do. Our history is our best way of knowing who we are. I say this in the middle of Black History month since as I was doing research for an author interview on my Men's Family Law podcast. The book Men On Fire, written by Stephen Mansfield, is a motivational book. In it he relates a story of the day his world changed.

While attending a friend's speech to a group of high school students, Mansfield was sitting in the audience as his friend prepared to speak to a group of mostly black youth. The American History professor got up and announced that he was going to tell the students who they were. The rowdy bunch of teens were restless, until he started sharing that Black Americans like: Leonard C. Baily created the folding bed; Maurice W. Lee created the smoker; ironing boards were created by Sarah Boone; Garret Morgan invented the gas mask; Dr. Charles Drew created both blood banks and the way to store plasma; laser cataract removal surgery was perfected by Dr. Patria Bath; and in the greatest contribution to humanity, the potato chip was created by George Crum, (okay that's a bit of humor, but still, don't we all love them?)

Black History is richer, deeper and more comprehensive than I learned in high school or college. That's sad, but it is reversible. I can learn more about the contributions of Black Americans and intend to do so. Yes it's uncomfortable at times to recognize my ignorance, but as Mom used to say, better to light a candle, than curse the night.

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Pelosi says independent commission will examine Capitol riot

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Associated Press

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday that Congress will establish an independent, Sept. 11-style commission to look into the deadly insurrection that took place at the U.S. Capitol.

Pelosi said the commission will "investigate and report on the facts and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex ... and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power."

In a letter to Democratic colleagues, Pelosi said the House will also put forth supplemental spending to boost security at the Capitol.

After former President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appeared to be growing for an independent commission to examine the deadly insurrection.

Investigations into the riot were already planned, with Senate hearings scheduled later this month in the Senate Rules Committee. Pelosi, D-Calif., asked retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré to lead an immediate review of the Capitol's security process.

In her letter Monday, Pelosi said, "It is clear from his findings and from the impeachment trial that we must get to the truth of how this happened."

She added, "As we prepare for the Commission, it is also clear from General Honoré's interim reporting that we must put forth a supplemental appropriation to provide for the safety of Members and the security of the Capitol."

Lawmakers from both parties, speaking on Sunday's news shows, signaled that even more inquiries were likely. The Senate verdict Saturday, with its 57-43 majority falling 10 votes short of the two-thirds needed to convict Trump, hardly put to rest the debate about the Republican former president's culpability for the Jan. 6 assault.

"There should be a complete investigation about what happened," said Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, one of seven Republicans who voted to convict Trump. "What was known, who knew it and when they knew, all that, because that builds the basis so this never happens again."

Cassidy said he was "attempting to hold President Trump accountable," and added that as Americans hear all the facts, "more folks will move to where I was." He was censured by his state's party after the vote.

An independent commission along the lines of the one that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks would probably require legislation to create. That would elevate the investigation a step higher, offering a definitive government-backed accounting of events. Still, such a panel would pose risks of sharpening partisan divisions or overshadowing President Joe Biden's legislative agenda.

"There's still more evidence that the American people need and deserve to hear and a 9/11 commission is a way to make sure that we secure the Capitol going forward," said Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., a Biden ally. "And that we lay bare the record of just how responsible and how abjectly violating of his constitutional oath President Trump really was."

House prosecutors who argued for Trump's conviction of inciting the riot said Sunday they had proved their case. They also railed against the Senate's Republican leader, Mitch McConnell, and others who they said were "trying to have it both ways" in finding the former president not guilty but criticizing him at the same time.

A close Trump ally, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., voted for acquittal but acknowledged that Trump had some culpability for the siege at the Capitol that killed five people, including a police officer, and disrupted lawmakers' certification of Biden's White House victory. Graham said he looked forward to campaigning with Trump in the 2022 election, when Republicans hope to regain the congressional majority.

"His behavior after the election was over the top," Graham said. "We need a 9/11 commission to find out what happened and make sure it never happens again."

The Senate acquitted Trump of a charge of "incitement of insurrection" after House prosecutors laid out a case that he was an "inciter in chief" who unleashed a mob by stoking a monthslong campaign of spreading debunked conspiracy theories and false violent rhetoric that the 2020 election was stolen from him.

Trump's lawyers countered that Trump's words were not intended to incite the violence and that impeachment was nothing but a "witch hunt" designed to prevent him from serving in office again.

The conviction tally was the most bipartisan in American history but left Trump to declare victory and signal a political revival while a bitterly divided GOP bickered over its direction and his place in the party.

The Republicans who joined Cassidy in voting to convict were Sens. Richard Burr of North Carolina, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

"It's frustrating, but the founders knew what they were doing and so we live with the system that we have," Democratic Del. Stacey Plaskett, a House prosecutor who represents the Virgin Islands, said of the verdict, describing it as "heartbreaking." She added: "But, listen, we didn't need more witnesses. We needed more senators with spines."

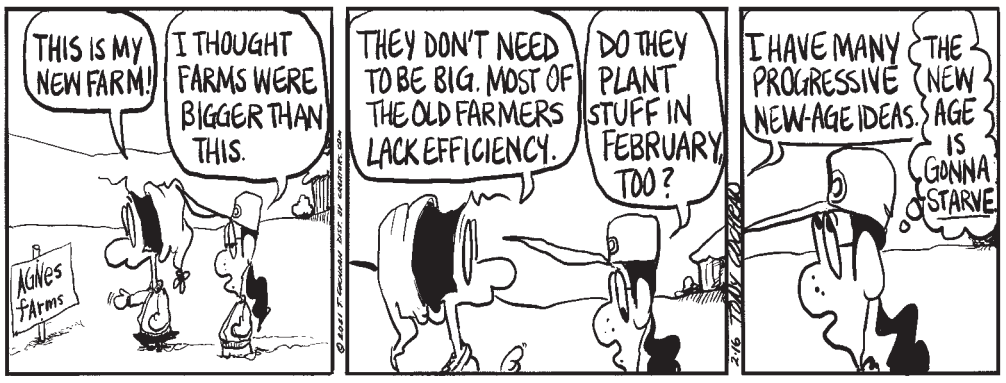
McConnell told Republican senators shortly before the vote that he would vote

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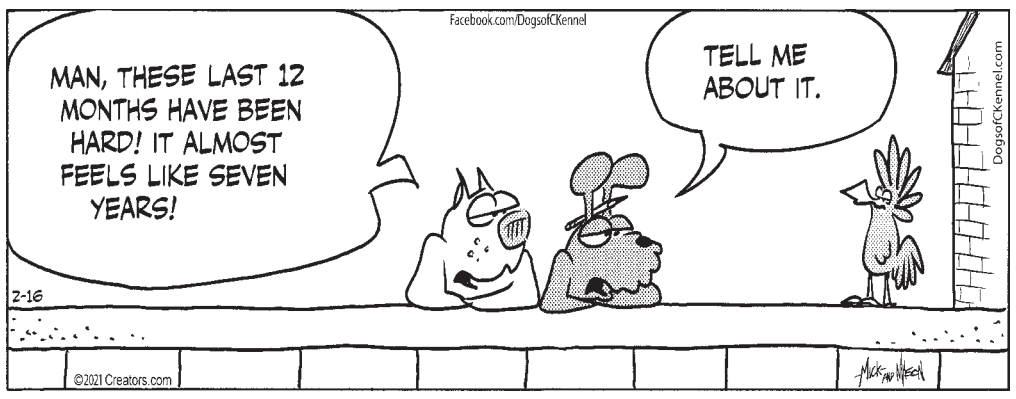
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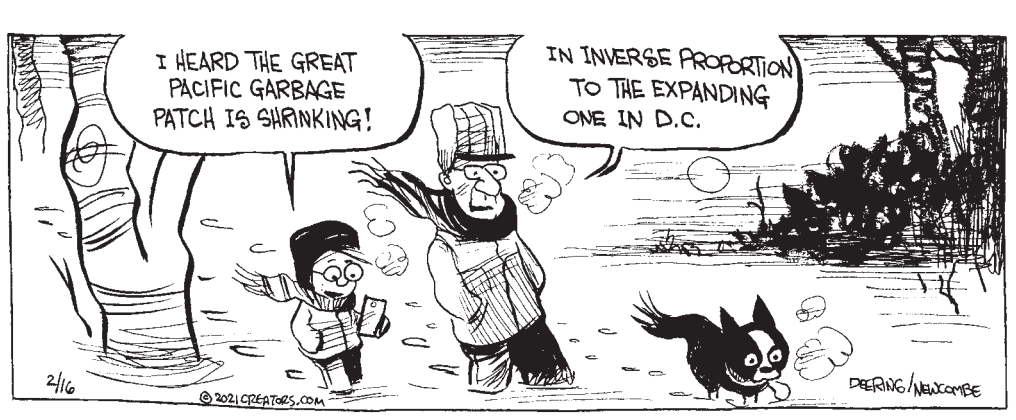
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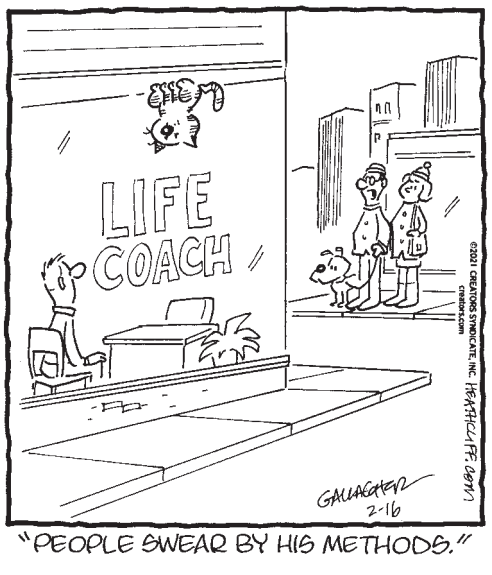
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 55.8°

TUESDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Longer-period WNW swell holds, a new SSW swell creeping up through the day. Shape should be broken up for the beachbreaks west of Pt Dume.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high occ. 4 ft
Peaky as SSW swell builds further and some reinforcing WNW/NW swells mix in. Looks like wind could be favorable enough for mostly clean conditions on the AM tide push.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 10am.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 49.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/02/16	Tue	05:55 AM	1.52	L
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2021/02/17	Wed	12:30 AM	4.22	H
2021/02/17	Wed	06:53 AM	1.62	L
2021/02/17	Wed	12:32 PM	3.03	H
2021/02/17	Wed	6:10 PM	1.61	L
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2021/02/18	Thu	2:12 PM	2.46	H
2021/02/18	Thu	6:20 PM	2.10	L
2021/02/19	Fri	02:01 AM	4.12	H
2021/02/19	Fri	10:31 AM	1.32	L
2021/02/20	Sat	03:16 AM	4.18	H
2021/02/20	Sat	11:46 AM	0.81	L
2021/02/21	Sun	04:29 AM	4.41	H
2021/02/21	Sun	12:32 PM	0.30	L
2021/02/21	Sun	7:48 PM	3.14	H
2021/02/21	Sun	11:14 PM	2.75	L
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball
Draw Date: 2/13
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Power#: 20
Jackpot: 66 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 96 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 2/13
18 22 38 40 42
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 21 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/14
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Draw Date: 2/14
EVENING: 7 3 5
Draw Date: 2/14
MIDDAY: 4 7 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/14
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2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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Someone you meet and befriend over the next 100 days will earn a special position in your life. A new sense of constancy and purpose gains purchase, and suddenly, you're on an epic quest. Complicated situations will be oddly lovable, and you're honored and strengthened by the challenge of solving problems. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 4, 44 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You value sportsmanship and will reflect it regardless of what others do, which will require more self-control given some unusual circumstances. You'll get a chance to practice the fine art of gracious winning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The needier you are in a particular area, the more fear you'll have in that area. It comes in many forms -- resistance, anxiety, aversion... all noise. What cuts through is the courage to be vulnerable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While you can't go wrong following your heart, you first have to make sure you know its voice. Sometimes the ego plays vocal tricks, pretending to be the voice of your heart. This calls for careful discernment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People expect more of you than they do of others, but it's only because you've raised the bar so high. Make your life easier by managing those expectations on the front end of every interaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Movement creates mood. Manual labor, especially the sort that makes your environment look better, is a quick route to good vibes. Clean your space and your mind sparkles, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll notice that the universe is serving up sentences today. To avoid redundancy and wasted effort, step aside, clearing the way for justice to have its due.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll witness the act and suddenly know you have to do it, too. Inspiring moments such as this are nudges from destiny and don't come along every day, so move forward without hesitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The game isn't designed for the purpose of friendship, and yet, you're making friends anyway. Working together creates bonds that will be the true gift no matter what else comes of the endeavor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Are people trying to make you happy on purpose, or is it just that what you want happens to line up with what they have to give? Either way, you win. Enjoy it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your social instincts are on point today, and you'll have an excellent sense of what relationships are about, what everyone involved needs and where to take things from here.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most people don't enjoy lying; they just do it when they are afraid to tell the truth. You cultivate an atmosphere of safety around you, and this is why you'll have honest, intimate and fascinating conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The friendship between you and you is truly the cornerstone that all other relationships are built on. What have you done lately to nurture and support it? Not mention inject some fun into it!

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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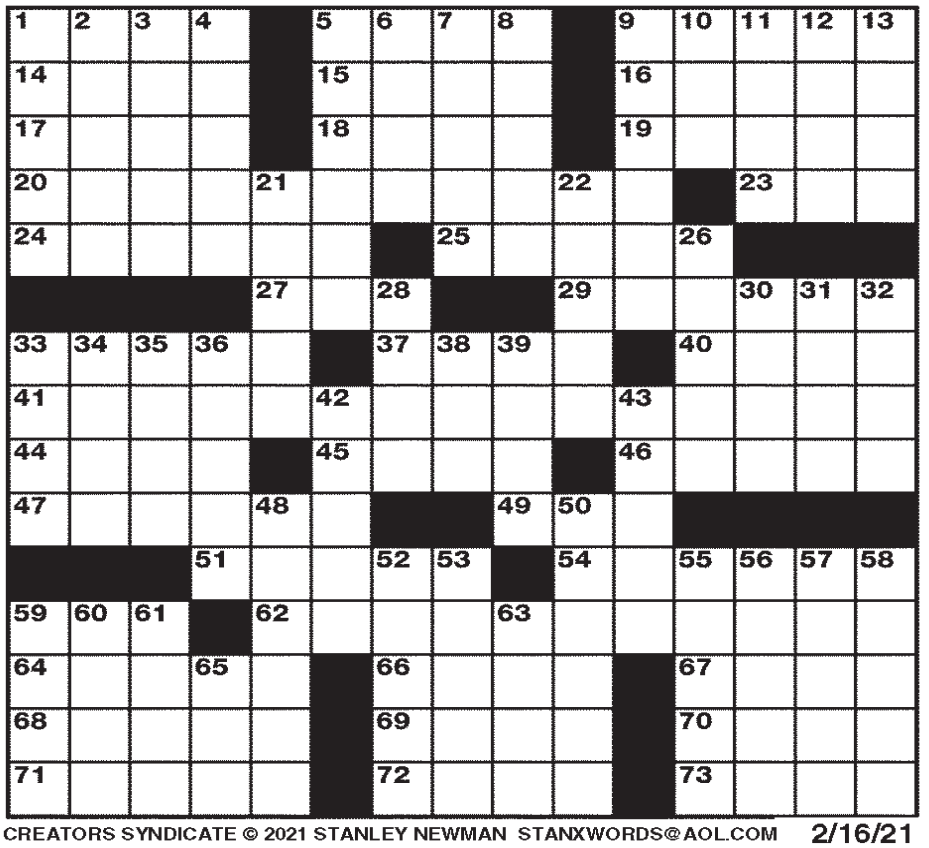
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Newsday Crossword

IN UNIFORM by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Karate blow
5 Segments of a play
9 Old West pursuit group
14 "Very funny!"
15 Sycamore or maple
16 Pester
17 Auction website
18 Dash or marathon
19 Make fun of
20 Blaze battler
23 Green holder for peas
24 Takes the wheel
25 Sings alone
27 Heart test: Abbr.
29 "Be right with you!"
33 Dads
37 Go the distance
40 "Me? Never!"
41 Passenger plane staffer
44 Edible ice cream holder
45 Notion
46 Opinion piece
47 Section of an anthem
49 Race, as an engine
51 Rich layer cake
54 "High" esteem
59 List ending abbr.
62 Letter deliverer
64 Back-to-health program, for short
66 Banquet platform
67 "Yes, that's clear"
68 Accused's excuse
69 Suffix for luncheon
70 Relatives of 72 Across
71 Have a feeling
72 Stags and does
73 Admit the truth, with "up"

DOWN
1 Gourmet cooks
2 Customary behavior
3 Chicago airport
4 Check recipient
5 In jeopardy
6 Rugged cliff
7 Computer repairers
8 Look after
9 Store's customer
10 __ in a million (rare)
11 Break sharply
12 Nothing special
13 Closely observed
21 Just out of the oven
22 Privileged group
26 Contents of hourglasses
28 Feeling pleased
30 In order (to)
31 Sicilian volcano
32 Minneapolis or Miami
33 Cpl.'s subordinates
34 Very much
35 __ colada (rum cocktail)
36 Insurance seller
38 Devoured
39 Bit of a constellation
42 Small jeweled crown
43 "Not in a million years!"
48 Horror movie menace
50 Pencil end
52 __ over (helped through difficulty)
53 Fill with delight
55 "Good __!" (Charlie Brown lament)
56 Supermarket path
57 Offends the nose
58 Gown, for example
59 Historical periods
60 Prefix for phone or vision
61 Where a goatee grows
63 Quote as a reference
65 Belly muscles



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Walking the dog

A	K	I	T	A	P	H	R	E	B	E	L	L	D	P
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SMMUSD

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Conservancy to balance the interests of the community and the educational needs of current and future students.

Nearly half-a-decade ago, Board members approved a Samohi renovation plan that included the demolition of the 85-year-old History Building, but locals drummed up support last November for a petition that sought to save the beloved building.

SM Conservancy board member Nina Fresco called on SMMUSD to pause phase three of the Samohi Campus Plan because Historic Preservation, especially on a school site provides opportunities for multidisciplinary experiences in history, sustainability, art, architecture and culture.

District COO Carey Upton said he didn't want the demolition to be seen by the community as the district not appreciating people's love for the building.

"However, it is a building that no longer serves the education of our students and on a small campus," Upton told the Daily Press. "We can't keep a 30 something classroom building that doesn't function for us."

In the months since, SMMUSD's board has joined local stakeholders in developing a policy that would outline a process for considering facilities projects and modernization at all campuses in Santa Monica and Malibu.

"When we developed this policy, we really were pushing towards staying with the national and state standards and not applying the local landmark criteria," Upton said to the board during last week's meeting. "As a more state agency, as school districts are, we are not obligated to follow the local (criteria)."

The full policy is available online, but district staff said in a recent news release it requires the district to commit to engaging qualified professionals who will prepare inventories of historical resources located at each SMMUSD school campus. The district will also be expected to use architects and engineers with demonstrated preservation expertise to consult and guide the planning and design process, and consult with interested third parties, including the Santa Monica Conservancy when potential impacts to identified historic resources are involved.

SM Conservancy Board Member Ruthann Lehrer expressed full support for the board policy, stating last week, "We greatly appreciate (SMMUSD's) attention to these important historical resources issues and have appreciated a cooperative working relationship with staff."

Lehrer added that she is happy to see the district taking steps to protect historical resources and looks forward to continuing to work together.

Esther Hickman, who launched a petition to "Save the History Building" in October, commended the SMMUSD School Board for adopting a historic resources policy while she thanked everybody who corresponded with district staff.

"This never could have been done without the herculean efforts of the SM Conservancy, Nina Fresco, and Ruthann Lehrer. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts," Hickman said in a note on the petition, which detailed how the board will still have the right to demolish if they think a building cannot be used for educational purposes. "But there is a process in place, and that is phenomenal news. The not-good news is, with the exception of the English building on 7th, the academic core on Prospect Hill at Samohi, which includes the history building, is still being demolished this summer and possibly sooner."

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FUND

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community cares deeply and there's clearly an overwhelming desire to donate and help in recovery efforts. And second, we need to consider the future of The We Are Santa Monica Fund — both in how we maintain momentum to raise these funds and how we formalize the process to make recommendations to CCF on how to disseminate grants to nonprofit partners that deliver services in the four focus areas," Lee said.

"In order to continue the success of the current year Santa Monica fund, enhance community engagement in these efforts and adhere to best practices for Donor Advised Funds," she added, "staff proposes establishing a five-member We Are Santa Monica Fund Advisory Board to be selected by the City Manager."

The board will be responsible for advising the city manager in three ways. The first will be to provide knowledge of Santa Monica and its residents' needs as well as any applicable expertise in fundraising, government and community relations or knowledge in the grants and philanthropic sectors, Lee said. The prospective advisory board will be expected to enhance community and donor awareness of the fund as well and be compliant with fundraising restrictions and best practices for Donor Advised Funds.

"The group could also focus on the long-term future of the fund and explore the viability of whether The We Are Santa Monica Fund could evolve to become an independent 501(c)(3) or foundation," according to Lee.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kristin McCowan said she supported establishing an advisory board as soon as possible because Council can decide whether or not the fund becomes a nonprofit or stays with CCF in the future. Her peers agreed and eventually voted to create an application process for the newly-established We Are Santa Monica Fund Advisory Board.

"Our next step in this process is to open a 30 day application period," Lee said, mentioning the City's goal is to have the board begin its work sometime this spring.

City staff said this week the application is expected to be available to the public this Thursday.

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RIOT

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to acquit Trump. In a blistering speech after the vote, the Kentucky Republican said the president was "practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of that day" but that the Senate's hands were tied to do anything about it because Trump was out of office. The Senate, in an earlier vote, had deemed the trial constitutional.

"It was powerful to hear the 57 guilties and then it was puzzling to hear and see Mitch McConnell stand and say 'not guilty' and then, minutes later, stand again and say he was guilty of everything," said Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-Pa. "History will remember that statement of speaking out of two sides of his mouth," she said.

Dean also backed the idea of an impartial investigative commission "not guided by politics but filled with people who would stand up to the courage of their conviction."

Cassidy and Dean spoke on ABC's "This Week," Graham appeared on "Fox News Sunday," and Plaskett appeared on CNN's "State of the Union."

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