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Locals invited to COVID memorial event Monday

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

COVID-19 has touched the lives of Americans from coast to coast since the first casualty was recorded last March. To honor those who have lost their life or a loved one from COVID, community members have planned a COVID Memorial Day event at Bergamot Station Monday afternoon.

The local event occurring at the Building Bridges Art Exchange from noon to 3 p.m. is part of a larger grassroots effort that began with the organization #MarkedByCovid, which was co-founded by Arizona resident Kristin Urquiza after her father died from COVID.

"She created this organization with all of these volunteers who work on different causes relating to government and community

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State of the City shares grief, resilience, and optimism in touching virtual event



Courtesy photos

WORKERS: The pandemic loomed large over State of the City.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

A far call from the usual joyous gathering, Thursday's State of the City event was nevertheless a poignant one peppered with tales of tenacity, reflections of loss, and renewed hope for the road ahead.

This year's annual summit, hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, brought residents

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Venice residents beg Los Angeles to remove burned out RV 'drug den'



Courtesy photos

FIRE: The vehicle on Rose Ave. has become a blight in the neighborhood and the subject of complaints.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Rose Ave. and Penmar Ave. has long been a hotspot of homeless issues in Venice, but a string of recent RV fires and the City's failure to remove a burned out bus for over a month has many residents at their wits end.

The vehicle in question exploded on Jan. 20, waking residents from their sleep and filling the surrounding area with toxic fumes. Thirty-eight days later it sits in place filled with trash, bottles, and needles, directly facing a public park where many children gather.

Sprawled across its side, neon yellow lettering displays a stark message: 'BONINVILLE!'

The graffiti artist is unknown but the sentiment expressed is one shared by many local residents, who point fingers at CD-11 Councilman Mike Bonin for failing to address rising rates of homelessness and crime in Venice.

After a spate of fires and crimes in the fall, residents began counting the number of RVs on the roughly 0.4 mile strip of land on Rose Ave. between Penmar Ave. and Walgrove Ave. and along Penmar Ave. from Rose Ave. to Lake St.

On Nov. 4, the first count recorded 11 vehicles. On Feb. 24 the latest count reached 27.

The 'Boninville' RV is the third vehicle to catch fire by Penmar Park since September 2020. In the same time period there have been numerous encampment fires across Venice including a Jan. 13 incident that drew 116 firefighters and consumed a nearby commercial building.

Residents said that after five weeks of reporting the burned RV to CD-11 offices, a tow truck was dispatched to remove the vehicle on Wednesday.

When the truck arrived trash had been stuffed under and around the RV and a woman was sitting in front of the truck, appearing to protect it, said local resident Chie Lunn, who witnessed the tow truck drive away without attempting to remove the RV.

Councilman Mike Bonin said the tow company is responsible for failing to remove the RV.

"The Department of Transportation has reported it to the tow company that has the contract for the City and the company has

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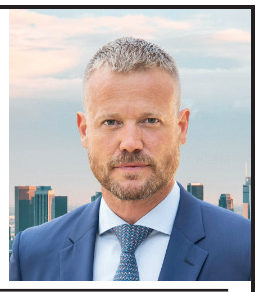
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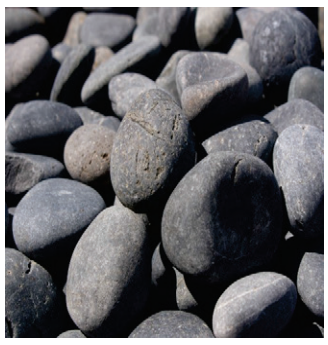
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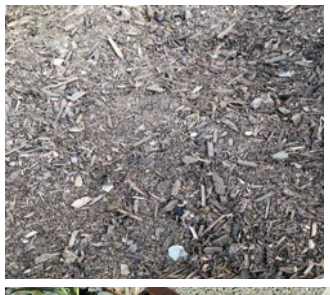
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Fight 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:22 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000blk Pico Blvd 2:30 a.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk 9th St 2:37 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 6:02 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:10 a.m.
Encampment 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:45 a.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:54 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 2nd St 7:29 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 8:00 a.m.
Petty Theft Now Ocean Way / Bay St 8:12 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:36 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Marine St 8:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2300blk Kansas Ave 8:38 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 2200blk 3rd St 8:44 a.m.
Battery Now 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:54 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2800blk Montana Ave 9:42 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2900blk Exposition Blvd 9:48 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 20th St / Delaware Ave 9:55 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 10:04 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables Barnard Way / Hart Ave 10:30 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 10:31 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk 22nd St 10:43 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2900blk Exposition Blvd 10:47 a.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 5th St 11:15 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2200blk Ocean Front Walk 11:17 a.m.
Fight 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:20 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200blk Princeton St 11:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 19th St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:30 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk Ocean Ave 11:30 a.m.
Burglary Report 2600blk Centinela Ave 11:32 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 11:51 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 7th St 12:03 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300blk Santa Monica Pl 12:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 400blk Ocean Ave 12:10 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 12:10 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 12:25 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 4th St 12:43 p.m.
Battery Main St / Olympic Dr 12:50 p.m.
Encampment 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 800blk Washington Ave 12:51 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1000blk Euclid St 12:51 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 12:52 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 3200blk Broadway 1:04 p.m.
Prowler Report 400blk Ashland Ave 1:07 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 1:14 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk California Ave 1:20 p.m.
Encampment 3100blk 2nd St 1:26 p.m.
Armed Robbery 23rd St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 800blk Wilshire Blvd 2:42 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600blk Barnard Way 2:42 p.m.
Person Down 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:48 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 2600blk Barnard Way 2:52 p.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:02 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 3:04 p.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:05 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 3:06 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:13 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:27 p.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:49 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 17th St 3:52 p.m.
Public Intoxication 00blk Bay St 3:54 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1800blk Ocean Ave 4:00 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 4:03 p.m.
Found Property 700blk Palisades Park 4:16 p.m.
Petty Theft 100blk Palisades Ave 4:23 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1400blk 18th St 4:26 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 2nd St 4:29 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000blk 3rd St 4:38 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2800blk Montana Ave 4:41 p.m.
Battery 500blk Olympic Blvd W 4:48 p.m.
Battery 4th St / Arizona Ave 4:51 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 14th St 5:13 p.m.
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Loud Music 2500blk The Beach 7:34 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:23 p.m.
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Lewd Activity 2300blk Ocean Ave 9:38 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 200blk California Ave 9:42 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:43 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:12 p.m.
Loud Music 1700blk Euclid St 11:08 p.m.
Construction Noise 1200blk 14th St 11:09 p.m.
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Editorial: Thoughts on school opening

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

School reopening is the hot topic this week with almost as many opinions on the topic as there are students in the district.

As it stands today, in person activities will resume in Santa Monica 15 days after vaccines have been made available to teachers (school is expected to start on or around March 15). The specific activities and their length will vary school by school.

Any reopening is limited to elementary schools at this time as the county case counts remain too high to reopen additional grades.

Today's paper contains the results of an SMDP poll on school reopening. Like any research tool, there will be individuals who discount the results because it contradicts their personal opinions but we're confident the results are valid and an accurate representation of a point in time.

We had over 1,600 responses over the 48 hour voting window. Due to the technology behind the poll, we can tell who tried to vote twice, who passed their phone around a room and who tried to misrepresent themselves. We've accounted for all the shenanigans in the results and presented the most interesting results on pages 6 and 7.

Of the questions asked, we've visualized the most interesting answers and included a representative sample of quotes left by respondents.

One question missing from the graphs is the question of responsibility. We've omitted that for a couple of reasons. It is an uninteresting chart, the question creates an unintended culture of blame and we think it's the most subject to change day to day as new information emerges.

As we've moved through the reopening discussion, we've seen the shifting tides of blame within our office. One day we're overwhelmed with calls about the District failing, the next day there's an effort afoot to fire Dr. Drati and the next it's the unions holding everything up.

For the record, at the time the poll closed, 63 percent of responses said the local Teachers Union was responsible, 57 percent said it was the SMMUSD Board, 46 percent faulted SMMUSD Administration, 42 percent the Statewide Teachers union and 37 percent said the LA County Department of Public Health.

In addition to the numeric data, we've included some quotes from the more than 450 that were provided from teachers, parents and students. We're not passing any judgment on the information today; we're just presenting it for public consumption and we encourage everyone to download this week's episode of our podcast Inside The Daily Press for more discussion about the subject.

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH 9:44 P.M.

Officers responded to Cabo Cantina at the 3rd Street Promenade regarding an Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Upon arrival, several individuals pointed Officers in the direction of an individual that matched the Suspect description. After the individual was detained, Officers contacted the victim who relayed that the individual had been acting strangely and watching her and her friends for approximately an hour. After some time, the individual walked over to where they women were seated and without provocation punched one of them and began pulling her hair. The Victim's friend and other patrons noticed the Suspect was holding a knife. The Victim was able to run into Cabo Cantina and away from the subject. Christian Jay Adams was arrested for a 245(a)(1)P.C.- Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

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EMS 1400blk 2nd St 6:48 a.m.
EMS 200blk 23rd St 8:48 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 9:21 a.m.
Wires Down 700blk Adelaide Pl 9:50 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 6th St 12:37 p.m.
EMS 800blk Washington Ave 12:49 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:55 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 1:58 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1300blk 4th St 2:05 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:58 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 4:50 p.m.
EMS 100blk Fraser Ave 5:18 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 5:49 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1300blk 2nd St 7:28 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Main St 8:10 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 3rd St 8:47 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 9:17 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 18th St 9:22 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Arizona Ave 9:33 p.m.
EMS 200blk California Ave 9:44 p.m.
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RV

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not done it," said Bonin. "If this company doesn't get its ass in gear I want to explore severing the contract with them, because they are not providing the service the people of Los Angeles are paying them for."

Residents said the slow response is reflective of local authorities' typical attitude towards illegal campers.

Although parking by Penmar Park is banned between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m., many RVs avoid enforcement by removing their license plates and vehicle IDs.

"This means that LADOT claims they cannot ticket them so they point the finger at the LAPD. LAPD points the finger at Bonin, Bonin points the finger at LAHSA last points the finger back at LADOT and around they go," said local resident Philip Lunn. "All the while every night they park illegally and the lawlessness grows and grows."

Residents reported that their quality of local life has seriously decreased in the past year — needles are consistently found in the park, break-ins have become more frequent, fires spread toxic chemicals, and parents fear for their children's safety.

"It's been insane. When the RVs blow up there is a huge boom and my kids are woken up and startled each time. I've had to deal with my daughter crying in my bed, petrified the whole night," said Chie. "You can smell it through your windows. The air fills with horrific toxins that we should not have to deal with."

The situation has been especially challenging for Chie, as her 7 and 10-year old children have been cooped up during the pandemic and she sorely wishes she could let them bike around the house safely or play in Penmar Park freely.

She said several of her neighbors have chosen to leave their homes either temporarily or permanently in recent months, rather than stay and live with the ongoing issues.

"This is what you call a societal breakdown," said Philip. "Where the quality of life declines to the point where you just don't want to live in the city you once loved."

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PET: The Adoptable Pet of the Week is available from the Santa Monica Animal Shelter.

Leaf

Hi, I'm leaf. I'm a 2-year-old female black cat who believes love conquers all! But my road to being all about party-time for love wasn't always full of roses. I started in a home, and soon enough, I found myself hustling in the alleys of Santa Monica. Despite the solitude, and even breaking my leg, remaining a hopeless romantic fueled my resilience to survive. My love is magnetic, and eventually I attracted a kind person that took me to the animal shelter to fill up my love tank again. I prefer humans to other cats. Tout de suite, like music to the ear, my communication is filled with an alluring melody of purrs. Give me your hand to sniff, and expect it to be delicately nose kissed. Shower with me with loving terms, and I will meow delightful nothings in return. And, tender loving pets in lieu of picking me up, will always make me swoon. So, if a are seeking a shameless fool for love, I will be hopelessly devoted to you! Leaf ID#A060182, is available for adoption at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter located at 1640 9th Street, Santa Monica CA, 90404. The shelter is closed to the public and adoptions are by appointment only by calling the shelter at 310.458.8595.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: ADOPTING A SHELTER CAT

To adopt a shelter cat is to save a life and gain a lifelong friend. But knowing how to prepare to adopt is essential in facilitating a healthy transition for cats into their new home and with you.

First, make sure that a cat is the right type of pet for you. While cats are love humans, they are independent and not as demonstrative about their adoration as other pets are.

Prepare your home for your new cat. Cats are territorial. Confine them to a private room and provide bedding, a feeding station, litter box, and opportunities for enrichment like toys and scratchers. Cat proof your home for any poisonous plants, items that may cause injury, or escape routes.

Determine if you would like to adopt a kitten as they require more engagement, a more well-adjusted and self-sufficient adult, or a mature cat that may have unique needs that require ongoing management.

If you are willing to open your home to cats with special needs, cats with medical or behavioral issues may require more patience, resources, and an acceptance of their limitations.

When you are ready to adopt, call the Santa Monica Animal Shelter to make an appointment to meet their adoptable cats and inquire about their temperaments and needs. Be open minded. Being caged is one of the most stressful experiences for cats. The behavior that they present may not be a true indication of who they are.

Once you adopt, make an appointment with a veterinarian to rule out or address any medical issues, and bring vaccinations up to date.

Be patient. Since cats communicate and adapt to their environment through scent, the process of acclimating to a new home takes time. Ease into Introductions with any other animals in the home.

Keep it clean! Cats groom regularly and prefer a clean and tidy space. Daily washing of food and water bowls, litter box maintenance, as well regularly cleaning bedding, can be stimulating, and stress reducing.

Being prepared to adopt a shelter cat can avoid many obstacles. It can also encourage your cat to waste no time in captivating you with their charm and keep you on your toes!

Pet of the Week is provided by Carmen Molinari, a long-time volunteer at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and founder and CEO of Love At First Sit®, a pet care and dog training company in Santa Monica. Learn about her, pet tips, and Love At First Sit® services at loveatfirstsit.net

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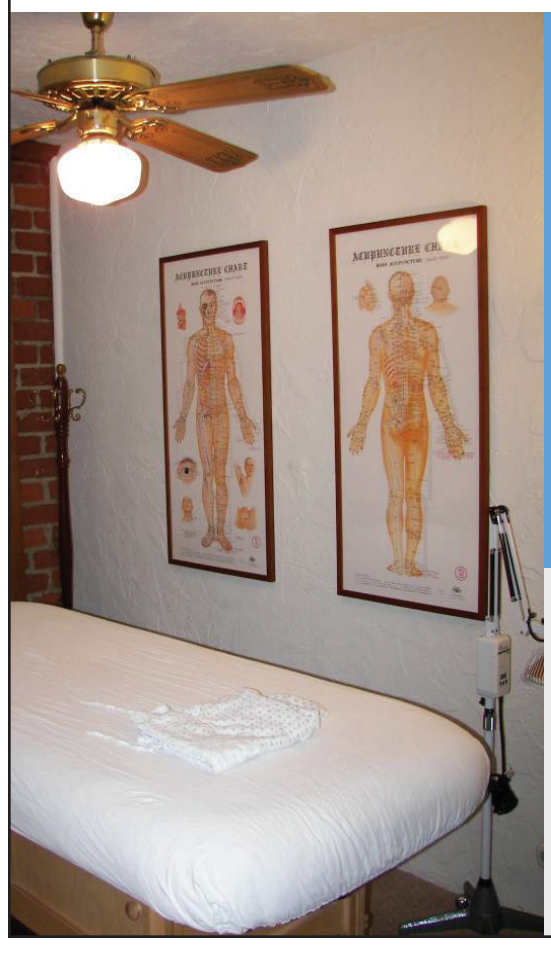
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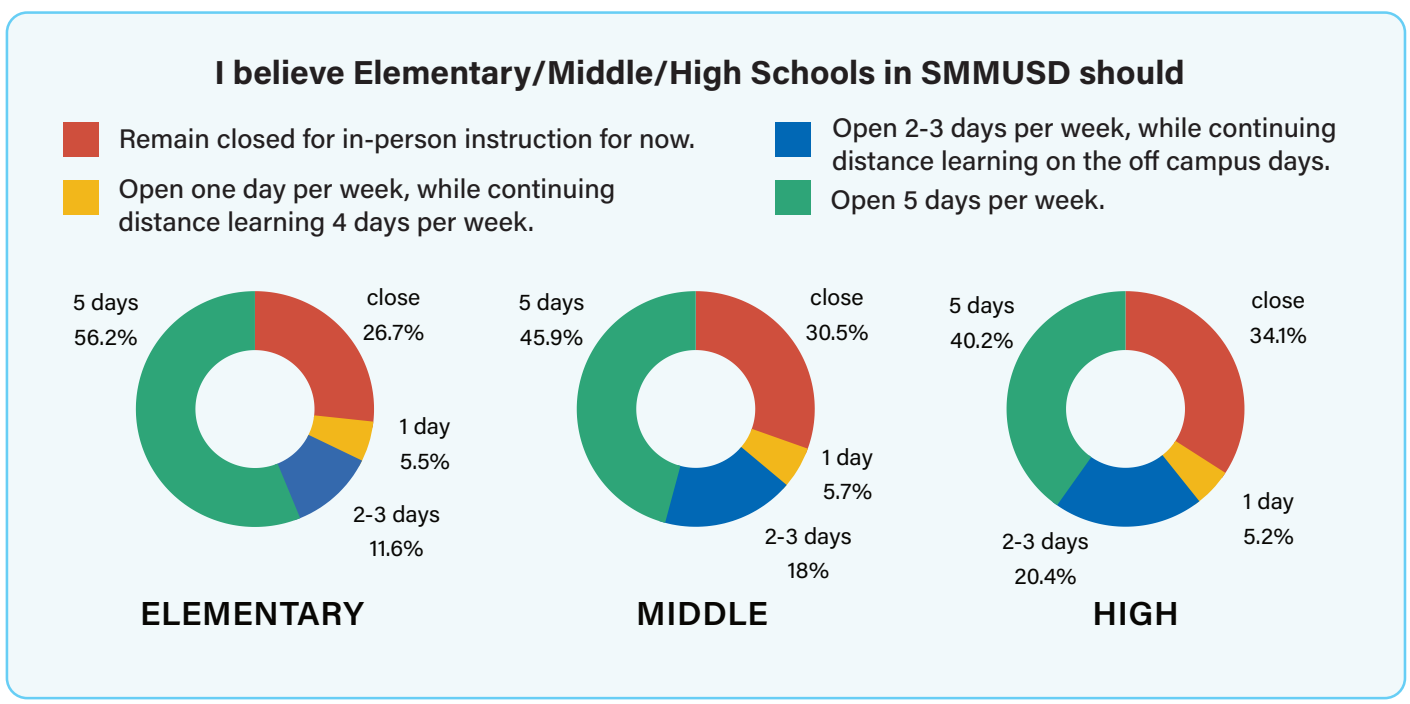
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SMDP School Reopening

The Daily Press polled our readers Feb 22-24 about their thoughts on SMMUSD reopening schools. We received over 1,600 responses during the 48 hour period.

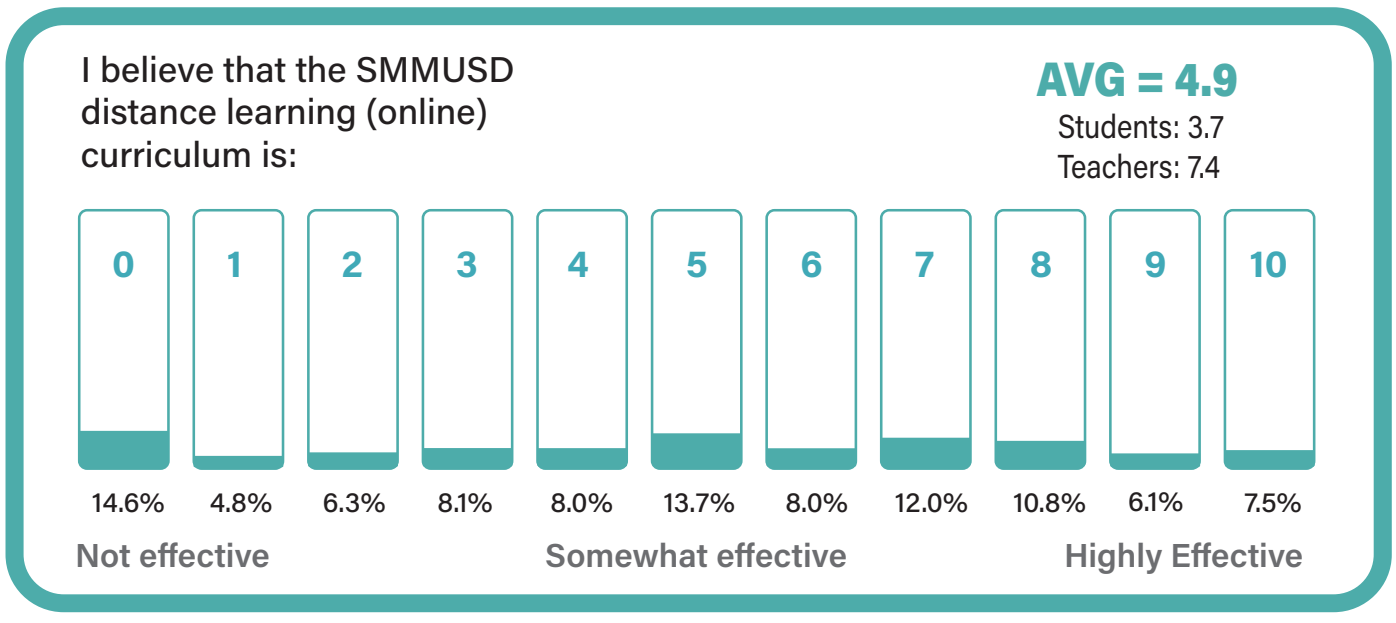


As a registered nurse I think it's important to remember a few things. 1) the health dept determines when schools reopen, and 2) teachers need to be vaccinated. I've seen how awful this virus is to adults and children. As hard as virtual school can be, it's worth it since it is saving lives.

Distance learning is pretty terrible for the students. As a senior, I've only spent about 2 1/2 years in high school and that really bums me out. I feel like we are being strung along by the school board with a lot of false promises. I just want to go back to school.

We are dying with Zoom school. We love our teachers but we have to see them. This isn't working. Please get them to open up ASAP.

SMMUSD dropped the ball on the TK-2 waiver, and needs to prioritize reopening for those youngest students as much as possible, and as soon as possible. Distance learning doesn't work for 4-7 year olds.



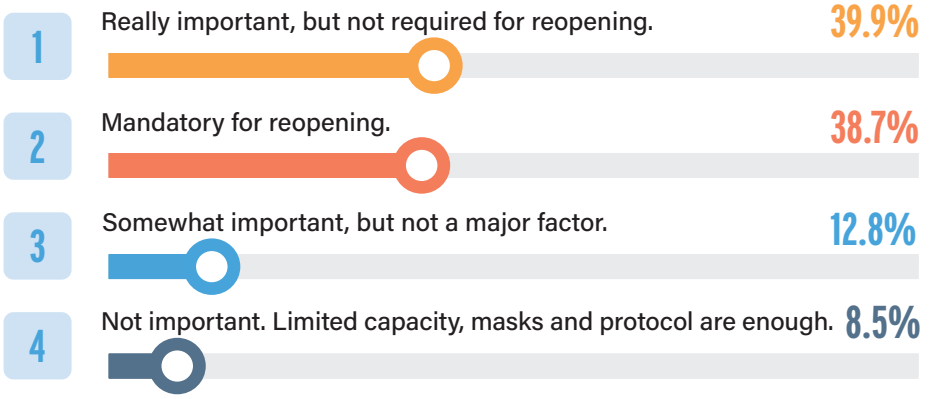
79.8%
Have observed or taken an SMMUSD distance learning (online) class.

42.5%
Percent who think schools implementing limited capacity, mask mandates and proper COVID-19 distance protocols are safe (i.e. gave a 10 rating on 10 point scale)

56.8%
Percent who believe teachers are working somewhat more or significantly more post COVID-19.

Poll Results

I believe vaccines for teachers and staff are



WHAT SHE SAYS!

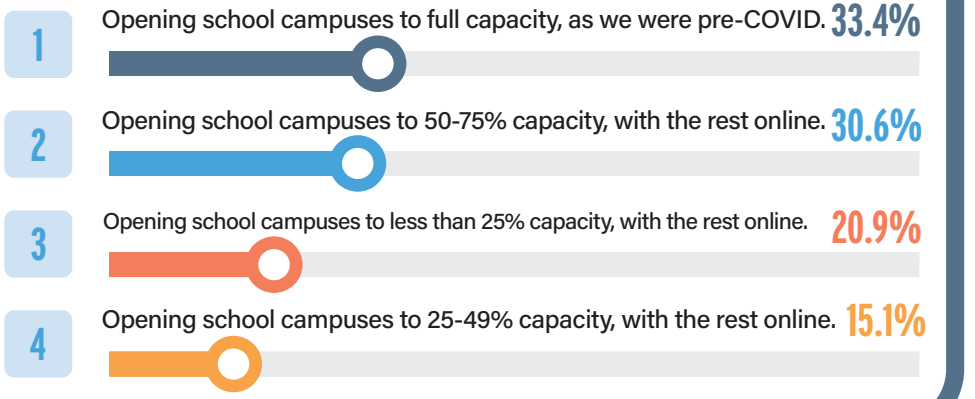
Take one day to vaccinate all teachers and give them priority over everyone else.

What is keeping schools closed is the pandemic. It will be appropriate to open safely when teachers are adequately vaccinated.

As a senior, many of us don't feel like we are learning anything. With the AP tests approaching, I don't feel prepared with a full year of distance learning behind me. My mental health has declined, along with many of my peers. We need a quick return to school.

The science and the recommendations from the CDC are clear and unambiguous: we should be going back as soon as possible, because it is both safe and urgent to do so. …

I believe **reopening schools** means



Schools in other states reopened last September successfully. Where is the science California is using to keep the public schools closed? Sports and competitions are being played in other states! Kids need to socialize with friends. Mental health issues are on the rise. Look at the facts and look at the success rates of other states, keeping schools closed only hurts the progress of the students. They will fall behind! It's time to open the classrooms!!!!

I have two children in elementary and they both have been suffering emotionally and mentally. They're not only thrown back academically but have also gained weight and are showing signs of depression. Kids need to be in school ASAP.

I believe **school sports** should



Let science, the CDC, and public health guidelines provide the direction for reopening. Not fear and opinion.

The outspoken parents in the community who are blaming teachers for not reopening sooner have destroyed the trust that must exist between teacher and parents. As a result, irreparable damage has been done, as we see them disregard our health and safety, and the health and safety of our own families. It's been a very hard and painful year to feel so undervalued and expendable.

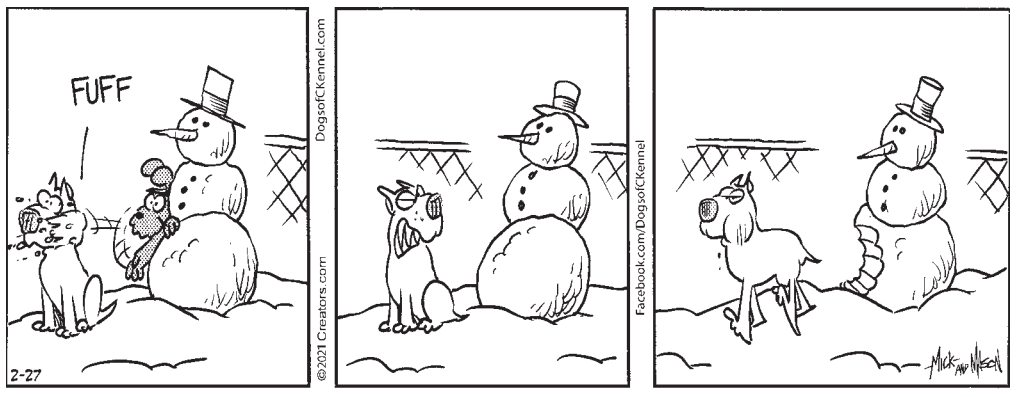
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By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"ANOTHER FIGHT WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND?"

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.1°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Most size of the weekend. NW swell gets reinforcements, but still small. Leftover S swell. AM winds trending more favorable.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Minor swell-mix. Another day of breezy offshore Santa Ana wind -- looks like it could overpower the small swell that's leftover.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 67.
Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 51.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 68.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/02/27	Sat	02:46 AM	1.03	L
2021/02/27	Sat	08:52 AM	6.09	H
2021/02/27	Sat	3:39 PM	-1.04	L
2021/02/27	Sat	9:54 PM	4.60	H
2021/02/28	Sun	03:30 AM	0.74	L
2021/02/28	Sun	09:33 AM	5.80	H
2021/02/28	Sun	4:10 PM	-0.73	L
2021/02/28	Sun	10:26 PM	4.84	H
2021/03/01	Mon	04:17 AM	0.54	L
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2021/03/03	Wed	06:11 AM	0.45	L
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 2/24
4 33 43 53 65
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 106 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/23
5 7 9 20 57
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 30 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 2/24
7 34 38 44 47
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 24 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/25
5 9 26 32 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/25
EVENING: 0 3 4
Draw Date: 2/25
MIDDAY: 2 5 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/25
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:42.15

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 27)

Spiritual development elevates your experience. Whether pleasures are many or few, goals are met or not, relationships grind or sail blissfully, your joy, grace, gratitude and compassion flow strong through it all. Professional shifts align brilliantly with your talents. Bonus money allows for fun improvements. Virgo and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 33, 1 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will let go of a little piece of pride in the hopes of coming to a harmonious place in a relationship. Other parties may not be so willing, at least not initially, but your example will lead the way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love is many things. Today, it's being able to correctly assess and cater to an emotional state. Turn your nurturing powers in on yourself or turn them to another person. Either way, the love begets more love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a situation you pursued in the past. The doors were closed back then. Now brings the beginning of the turn. This one doesn't need to be seized so much as slowly, curiously encountered.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You admire emotional restraint, but don't be fooled. People who seem in control of their "feels" are possibly not feeling them quite as deeply as you are. Your passion intensifies the highs and lows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be bright in two moments: the practice moment that happens in the safety of an empty room and the moment of inhale that pauses the action just long enough for you to insert yourself between opportunity and a grand potential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There was a time you didn't know the standard, only your own experience which didn't teach you enough. Now you know how people can effectively help one another, so you see what's not going on as clearly as what is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sense of focus is on point and you've never been so serious about advancing your interests and the interests of those you answer to. Narrow down your task list so the big important things get the best of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If there's one thing you don't need today, it's advice. For starters, your intuition is on fire. And furthermore, you're going to do this thing in a way that's so unique, no one else has thought of it yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no such thing as failure. If you're putting things out into the world, trying things, working through fear and limitation, risking your pride, then you're winning no matter what the outcome.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Impart the plan and cast your supporters in fitting roles. Then, watch it unfold. You're a guide through this process. Don't get so involved in the labor that you forget to put your head up to get the overview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are people you appreciate because you can count on them to make good sense and help you onto the right path. Then there are people you appreciate because they don't have to make sense to be loveable to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you want to know what others want, you ask, fully expecting to get back lies. It takes a special kind of listening to get past social niceties and know which questions to ask to get to the real truth.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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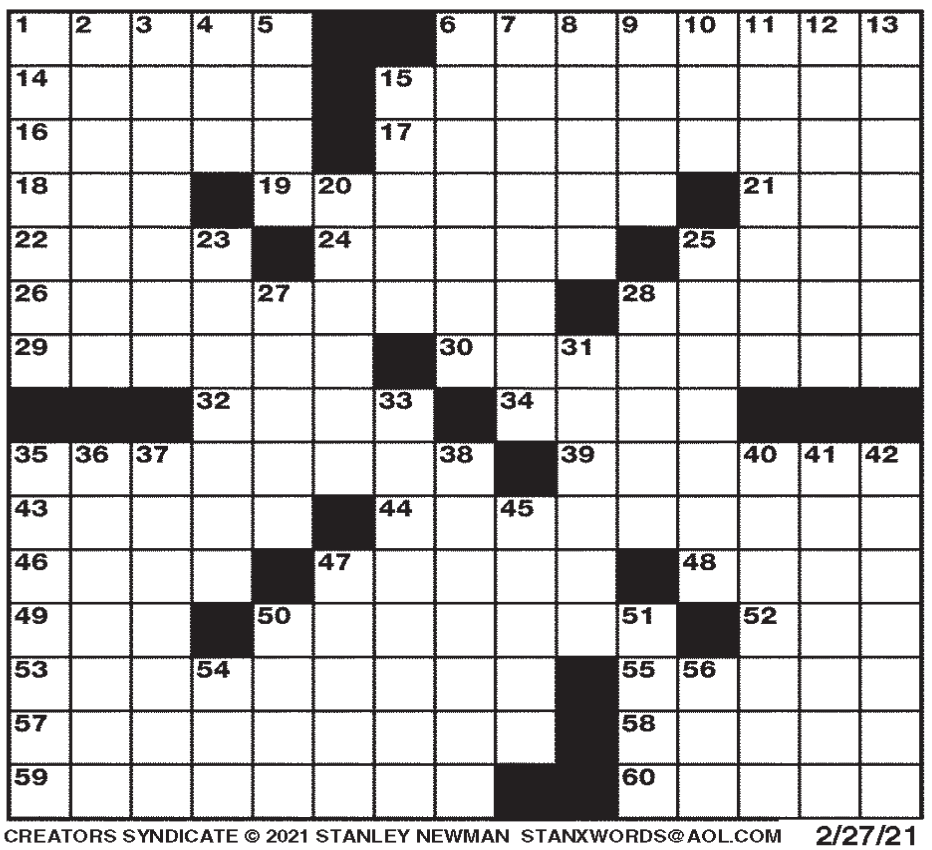
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Half of a sitcom psychiatrist pair
6 Transforms
14 A Universal Studios city
15 Integral element
16 Not prone to kidding
17 Ancient "white," "venerable" city near Rome
18 Ellipsis alternative
19 Bent
21 Easter precursor
22 She was seen in *. . . Roger Rabbit*
24 Work as a team
25 Use a meter, maybe
26 Many a sitcom set
28 Omelet pan feature
29 Progress much
30 Duke's fall, e.g.
32 Selfie enabler
34 Pipsqueak
35 Swamp swimmer
39 Magnet collector
43 Focus of stereochemistry
44 Corporate CPA preparation
46 Stops for a mail plane
47 Donut frosting flavor
48 Inconvenient hiccup
49 Hyundai owns a piece of it
50 Throw back quickly
52 Toward sunrise, to Thérèse
53 A poor fit
55 Howe'er
57 Satellite truck passengers
58 Dark times for advertising
59 Ones saying "Welcome!"
60 Exploits

DOWN
1 Place for oats
2 Elemental form
3 Research outfit
4 Verb that sounds like a shout
5 Name on breakfast bread boxes
6 Sonny of jazz sax fame
7 Make sour
8 Sudden rush
9 Worthy of adoration
10 What makes mist moist
11 Three-sided wall adornment
12 Swallow too much
13 Less nuanced
15 Ship launched by Wouk
20 Inappropriate charge
23 Image editors
25 Seed containers
27 *Calamares, croquetas, . . .*
28 It was shared by Matisse and Toulouse-Lautrec
31 Arachnophobe of rhyme
33 Flop
35 Regatta activity
36 Merchant needing hardware
37 Victorian syntax
38 Some kinfolk
40 Studio space
41 Ground together
42 Picnic pastime
45 Bumblers
47 Op-art fabric
50 Air carrier
51 Ocean liner
54 GPS reading
56 Thing in some packs



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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.

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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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 4701

At the races

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Arab	Double	Hiraji	Slow
Away	Draw	Hock	Sore
Bale	Equine	Kensei	Star
Barrier	Fancy	Lame	Track
Baystone	Fast	Lose	Trot
Blanket	Feed	Mare	Turf
Brew	Field	Odds	Value
Bronco	Gait	Pinto	Viewed
Champagne	Gallop	Post	Walk
Clap	Grey	Punt	Whip
Cloth	Groom	Reins	
Club	Guide	Saddle	
Colt	Halter	Shoe	

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Some remote towns rely on it

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STATE

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together over Zoom for a moving evening with speeches from Mayor Sue Himmelrich, Chamber President Laurel Rosen, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg, and Congressman Ted Lieu.

Space was held to honor and acknowledge the losses and sacrifices of community members over the past year, including the 135 residents who passed away due to Covid-19.

"We need to recognize this struggle and how it has impacted us and left an imprint on our community, from small business owners, restaurants and retailers who struggled to stay afloat, to frontline workers who have risked their lives to keep services running, to the many left to seek out basic necessities like food and shelter," said Himmelrich.

Although far from the hardest hit community in Los Angeles, Santa Monica suffered its share of trauma in 2020.

In the last year more than 7,000 residents experienced unemployment, 72 percent of businesses reported struggling to cover expenses, and some 200 newly food insecure households came to depend on the Virginia Avenue Food bank.

The City had to reduce expenditures by almost 25 percent due to budget shortfalls and laid off almost 300 full time employees. Then on May 31 looters ransacked downtown and severely damaged many struggling local businesses.

"On top of the pandemic, the murder of George Floyd, the reexamination of systemic racism that followed, and the ease with which criminal elements were able to take advantage of May 31 protests to loot and damage our downtown all expose deep flaws in our city and our nation for which we both apologize and resolve to address," said Himmelrich.

Despite what seemed at times like insurmountable or hopeless challenges, the City and its residents found ways to come together like never before, all while staying six feet apart.

In the past year, community members raised over one million dollars for the We Are Santa Monica recovery fund; Big Blue Bus provided 287 days of fare-free travel and transported essential workers every day; and the fire department deployed personnel to fight 17 wildfires in the worst fire season on record.

The City worked rapidly to adapt to the pandemic and was one of the first communities to launch many programs, including parklet street dining and the eviction moratorium, which quickly spread across the County and state.

"In Santa Monica we have continued to lead the way in keeping the approximately 70% of our community members who are renters in their homes," said Dilg. "We have provided more than 600 families with direct rental assistance and 145 senior households with cash-based assistance."

All of this was done with minimal external support, as very little federal aid was allocated to cities with small populations like Santa Monica.

Fortunately, Congressman Ted Lieu said that under the Biden administration this is about to change. If passed successfully, the American Recovery Plan will provide an estimated $27 million in funding to the City of Santa Monica and $9.3 million to the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District.

The event ended on an encouraging note and local leaders implored all residents to get involved in the City's recovery efforts.

"The government has the ability to point us in the direction we need to go, but for meaningful outcomes, we have to turn toward the common effort of advancing the common good," said Himmelrich. "We do this by rebuilding our economy, our connections to one another, and also our hearts."

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action," Santa Monica resident Carolyn Freyer-Jones said. "And now, she's leading up a charge to create a national COVID Memorial Day."

After losing her father from COVID last July and starting a similar effort of her own named #thefridayminute shortly after, Freyer-Jones said there was no doubt in her mind she wanted to get involved in Monday's efforts when she learned about them.

"Every Friday, we have people from all over the world gather virtually with me online and we do a minute of silence for anyone who's dealing with COVID in any way. And, since I'm on social media so much… I found this floral artist in New York, whose name is Christina Libby; and she started laying out these floral wreaths in locations all over New York for anybody who is grieving from COVID to come and just put pictures of their loved ones," she said.

"And then locally, we have artist Marcos Lutyens and the Rose River Memorial art project where people handmake felt roses for every single person who's passed from COVID and he intends to have every person represented," Freyer-Jones added as she detailed how Girl Scouts, Kiwanis, and even her own daughter are making roses to send to Lutyens.

"There are rose memorial projects in a few California cities but there's one really close to us at Bergamot Station in Santa Monica, so the effort on Monday will be there and everybody in the 100 different cities will use their events, wherever they'll be, as a time to come together," Freyer-Jones said, stating, "I think it's important to be a part of this grassroots effort because we should be creating memorials around the country to send the message of 'these deaths matter.'"

As she discussed how many around the country have been denied the ability to hold a service for their loved ones and the different ways the pandemic has impacted her family, Freyer-Jones said she knows she is not alone so she invited everybody to come feel the love Monday.

"This is the work of a number of grassroots efforts all over the United States so you know you'll leave feeling part of something bigger," Freyer-Jones said. "We'll have a floral wreath and it will be really stunning and moving; I'm excited."

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