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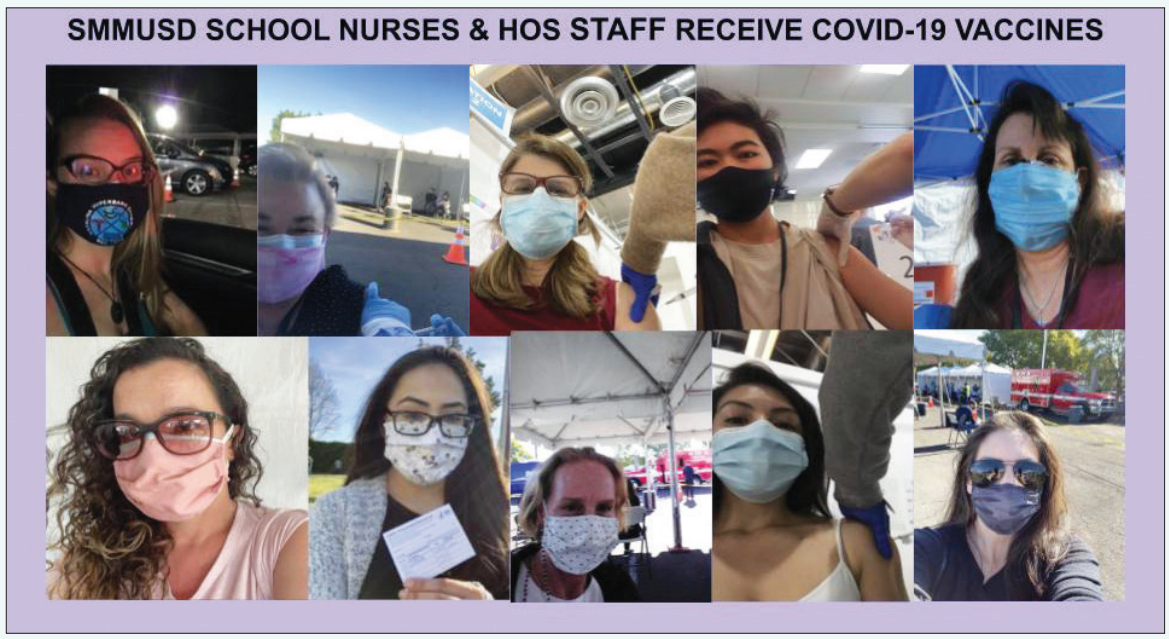
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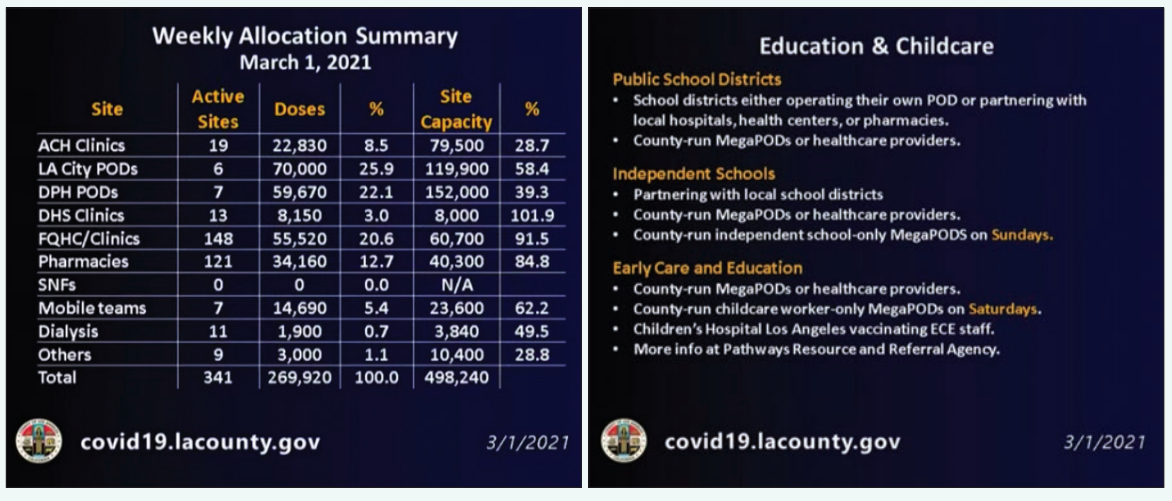
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Vaccinations begin for SMMUSD staff and teachers





Courtesy photos

COVID: **A new group of people became eligible for vaccines on March 1 including local teachers.**

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Staff at Santa Monica-Malibu schools began receiving vaccinations on Monday as part of the County's Phase 1b vaccine expansion that includes roughly 1.3 million essential workers.

These vaccines will play a key role in facilitating the upcoming launch of in-person experiences at elementary schools.

The District is coordinating with Providence Saint John's Hospital in Santa Monica to arrange appointments for all 2,000 staff members, prioritizing those currently working on campus and those who will return to campus the week of March 15.

"We are pleased to have St. John's as our partner to ensure our teachers and staff who wish to be vaccinated are vaccinated over the next few weeks," said Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Mark Kelly. "We have encouraged our staff to seek vaccinations by any means possible, to expedite the process."

The precise number of doses available for SMMUSD staff this week is currently unknown. The District plans on cycling through daily appointments until all staff

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Tesla Supercharger station before Planning Commission

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Tesla is looking to expand its network of Supercharging stations in the Westside and company officials are eying Santa Monica as the potential site of a new 62-stall Supercharger station.

Tesla officials have applied for a Conditional Use Permit that would allow the operation of a 24-hour, self-service electric vehicle recharging facility complete with solar canopies, restrooms and support equipment split between two project sites on either side of an alley near 14th Court.

The proposed Recharging Facility would be located at 1401 Santa Monica Boulevard and 1421-1425 Santa Monica Boulevard. The 1401 location, which is currently developed with a small office building that was most recently operated as an auto dealership but is now used for seasonal events, would house 36 vehicle charging stalls, restrooms, and solar canopies while it serves as the facility's western lot. The site's eastern lot would house the remaining 26 vehicle charging stalls on a standard surface parking lot.

If approved by city leaders, the lots will couple to become Tesla's second Supercharging station in Santa Monica, as there are currently 10 Level 3 chargers at the roof of the Santa Monica Place Mall parking structure.

Officials touted the Level 3

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Santa Monica joins nation in COVID day of remembrance



Courtesy photo

MEMORIAL: **The local event was part of a larger movement.**

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Hundreds of pastel-colored flower petals lined the entrance to Building Bridges Art Exchange near Bergamot Station Monday as local residents sought to commemorate those who have lost their lives to COVID in the ongoing pandemic.

The local COVID Memorial Day event was part of a national day of remembrance that was first started by the organization #MarkedByCovid. As word spread, residents like Santa Monica's Carolyn Freyer-Jones came together to arrange corresponding vigils in more than 100 cities around the country.

At the event Monday, Freyer-Jones said she was grateful to see the

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Consumer Corner

By Gary Rhoades

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Pandemic Heightens Importance of Housing Rights in Santa Monica

"The home is the center of life. It is a refuge from the grind of work, the pressure of school, and the menace of the streets.

We say that at home, we can 'be ourselves.' Everywhere else, we are someone else. At home, we remove our masks."

From Matthew Desmond's 2016 book Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City.

In their mid-pandemic search for a three-bedroom home, Denise and Greg Townsend found rental listings for three apartments that appealed to them. Located in their longtime community of Santa Monica, all three apartments featured rents low enough so that the math penciled out with the Townsends' budget and Section 8 housing voucher.

Hope broke out between the Townsends, hope that one of these housing opportunities would come through as a new home. With their particular situation, however, a bit of desperation tinged that hope.

Greg worked as a case manager for a non-profit agency while Denise took the primary role in the care of their four children. She also volunteered with a food distribution project at their church (as she has for over two decades) and spearheaded an annual toy drive and a back-to-school drive for low-income families. In their determined and steady way, the Townsends, a Black family, had become a wonderful asset to the Santa Monica community.

But they were also a family of six living in a two-bedroom apartment. Their small home was affordable with a Section 8 voucher. That housing subsidy program, with which the Santa Monica Housing Authority pays whatever portion is needed so that a family pays no more than 40% of its income toward rent, allowed the Townsends to stay in the Santa Monica community they loved. Pre-pandemic, their small living space could serve its purpose as a home, a refuge from work and school. Since the pandemic's onset, however, the uses to which they had to put their small living space had multiplied and changed; their apartment now had to serve not only as a refuge from work and school, but as a place for both work and school as well.

As many working families in Santa Monica and elsewhere experienced within the first few tumultuous weeks in March 2020, public health orders affecting school and daily life were issued, and teleworking and home schooling became for many a new reality. For the Townsends, their four children were sent home indefinitely from school and daycare, and Greg began teleworking. Quickly, their home became crowded, hectic, loud, and unmanageable. Life, work, and school transformed into a struggle to stay focused and positive.

Thus, that tinge of desperation as Denise and Greg, in a search for more space that would permit their home to serve its new purposes, immediately reached out to the three landlords who had placed the rental listings.

Understandably, the subsequent wave of rejections nearly crushed them. Two of the landlords said they could not accept the family's Section 8 voucher, while the third claimed their family was too large for the three-bedroom apartment.

All the responses sounded like discrimination to the Townsends. Since they could not afford to hire a private attorney, the Townsends submitted three fair housing complaints to the Public Rights Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office.

It hardly seems possible that the importance of home and housing rights could be thrown into even sharper relief by any event. As Matthew Desmond put it four years ago in his Pulitzer Prize winning book Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, home has long been the "center of life" and a "refuge" from work, school, and the streets.

A review of Santa Monica's pre-pandemic approach to housing rights (the rights to housing free of discrimination, housing free from tenant harassment, and safe housing) would have shown that the City already considered these rights paramount. The City has promulgated numerous ordinances and charter provisions that protect these rights: the Tenant Harassment Ordinance, the Anti-Housing Discrimination Ordinance (which addresses Section 8 and familial status discrimination of the type confronted by the Townsends), the Tenant Relocation Ordinance, the Rent Control Charter Amendment, and a measure adding to the City Charter a just cause requirement for all residential evictions as well as a game-changing requirement for warning notices in certain cases. These housing rights measures come with staff, resources, and grants to local non-profits to help enforce them.

But as illustrated by the Townsends' plight, the pandemic magnified and transformed housing rights. The excerpt from Evicted about "home" as a "refuge" where we "remove our masks" has a new and twisted irony that stands out to tenants: they have seen that home—their apartment—has been primarily a refuge not from work or school but from a deadly virus. They have remained at home to comply with shelter-at-home orders, quarantines, and curfews. Many have been working from home. Their children no longer physically attend schools and must use the home to learn and study. Their elderly parents or grandparents may need to move in with them to function more safely as a family pod, even though they are not authorized occupants in the lease.

Tenants have also experienced the new pressures these extended homestays put on a home and its amenities and utilities, even as repair efforts involve landlord entries that could spread the virus. They need more time to pay rent to keep their refuge when a COVID-19-related loss of income or expense leaves them short.

More than ever before, tenants need legal help to work out disputes or direct legal representation to defend against eviction attempts and keep their homes.

All the while, Black and Latino tenants along with tenants with disabilities and families with children, many already reeling as inequities in health care and employment have left them hit especially hard by the pandemic and shutdowns, still face the age-old prospect of housing discrimination.

In response to these needs and the heightened state of housing rights, the City has implemented new housing rights measures along with continuing its community education and enforcement efforts:

- Eviction moratorium. On March 14, 2020, Santa Monica passed one of California's first eviction moratoriums. The City has revised that moratorium several times to address new public health and economic data. The moratorium has protected tenants who could not pay rent for the months before there was a statewide moratorium and it continues to protect tenants in no-fault and nuisance cases. For updated information about the City's COVID-19 eviction protections go to https://www.santamonica.gov/coronavirus-eviction-moratorium.
- Community education campaign. In a series of webinars and podcasts, the City Attorney's Office and other City staff have also worked with many organizations to educate Santa Monica residents about their housing rights and responsibilities. Those organizations have included the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the Housing Rights Center (HRC), Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA), Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC), and the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA).
- Tenant assistance. Working remotely from their homes during the pandemic, the City Attorney's Office staff members have helped over 1,300 callers during the pandemic to better understand their rights and obligations under the various housing rights laws and eviction moratoriums, and have helped resolve many disputes informally. For such assistance, please call 310-458-8336 or write to consumer.mailbox@smgov.net.
- Eviction reporting requirement for Santa Monica landlords. The City has issued an emergency order that as of December 22, 2020 requires residential landlords to provide to the City copies of any attempted terminations of tenancy, Notices to Pay Rent or Quit, or eviction court filings. The landlords must also report on the outcome of any eviction attempts, whether either side had legal representation, and whether the tenant qualified for any court fee-waiver.

This information will help the City assess the scope of the eviction problem and to determine what measures, such as the Right to Counsel program, should be taken or enhanced.

- Right to Counsel Pilot Program. To further address the expected post-pandemic wave of eviction attempts, the City has implemented a two-year pilot Right to Counsel program. The purpose of this pilot program is to assure that low-income tenants caught in the squeeze created by the economic shutdowns have direct legal representation in eviction proceedings.

A recent study of Los Angeles evictions by the STOUT research firm reveals an eviction court system heavily weighted in favor of landlords who have legal representation. But once a tenant has an attorney, the STOUT report finds, they avoid a disruption in their housing over 90% of the time.

Under the City's pilot program, beginning in the early spring, many more Santa Monica tenants facing eviction will receive full-scope legal representation from a non-profit legal services provider.

- Enforcement in the courts. The City Attorney's Office is currently litigating several lawsuits against landlords for violations of the fair housing laws and the Tenant Harassment Ordinance and has already obtained injunctions limiting landlord conduct in two of them.

This month, the office has announced the filing of two new cases to enforce housing rights. In the first one, filed in civil court, the City alleges that landlords mounted a long campaign of fraud and intimidation to force tenants out during the pandemic, in violation of the City's eviction moratorium and the Tenant Harassment Ordinance. See "City Sues Landlords for Fraudulently Trying to Evict Tenants During COVID-19" (SMPD Feb. 3, 2021). In the second case, filed in criminal court, the City charges that landlords violated the price gouging laws by raising the rent too high during the pandemic emergency. See "Santa Monica Landlords Charged with Price Gouging" (SMDP Feb. 6, 2021)

- Section 8 Discrimination. Using the City's pioneering law prohibiting Section 8 discrimination, City staff have helped dozens of applicants and tenants turn an owner's "no" to Section 8 into a "yes." This work has helped some tenants avoid homelessness, relieved others of a stifling rent burden, and provided others with a much-needed increase of living space.

In the case of the Townsend family, the City Attorney's Office addressed each of the owners who had rejected their application. One of the three cases included a large property management company with a blanket policy against Section 8 voucher holders. Once the City Attorney's Office intervened, the company reversed the policy. But more importantly, the three-bedroom apartment was rented to the Townsends, and they have already moved into their new home.

Even as the City and its residents begin to see the light at the end of the pandemic's tunnel, these efforts by the City and local housing advocates will only increase. as there are many more tenants and families just like the Townsends who have been trying to ride out the pandemic and remain safely housed in Santa Monica. These efforts must also adapt because while prognosticators continue to debate whether life will ever be the same again—whether we will ever be able to remove our masks—there can be no doubt that home and housing rights will never be the same again. Home remains the "center" of life and continues to need protection, but the concept of home and the challenges involved in protecting it are ever changing and all we can do is try to keep up.

Gary Rhoades is a Deputy City Attorney in the Public Rights Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office. If you have questions or a complaint regarding housing discrimination, tenant harassment or the eviction moratorium, please call Public Rights Division at 310-458-8336 or email them to Consumer.mailbox@smgov.net. Note: The names of the tenants featured in this article were changed to protect their privacy.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 269 CALLS ON FEBRUARY 28

Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1100blk 4th St 12:53 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 2nd St / Broadway 3:04 a.m.
Loud Music 200blk Montana Ave 3:51 a.m.
Auto Burglary 800blk Pico Blvd 4:17 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:49 a.m.
Loud Music 900blk 4th St 5:35 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 6:09 a.m.
Loud Music 900blk 4th St 6:17 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500blk 17th St 6:54 a.m.
Encampment 900blk Montana Ave 7:05 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Main St 7:09 a.m.
Auto Burglary 800blk Pico Blvd 7:25 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:31 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 15th St 7:54 a.m.
Burglary 500blk San Vicente Blvd 8:00 a.m.
Encampment 1000blk Palisades Park 8:00 a.m.
Burglary 500blk 9th St 8:13 a.m.
Auto Burglary 700blk 21st Pl 8:22 a.m.
Auto Burglary 700blk 21st Pl 8:44 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800blk 4th St 9:11 a.m.
Petty Theft 2800blk Neilson Way 9:14 a.m.
Construction Noise 1700blk Pier Ave 9:17 a.m.
Burglary 900blk 5th St 9:38 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto In Progress 14th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:39 a.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 9:40 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk 14th St 10:02 a.m.
Person Down 500blk Washington Ave 10:08 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 10:12 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 17th St 10:18 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 10:34 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 7th St / Pico Blvd 10:38 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:42 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:49 a.m.
Auto Burglary 700blk 21st Pl 10:50 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1900blk Expo Bike Path 11:22 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:30 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:32 a.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Euclid St 11:34 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 100blk Hill St 11:52 a.m.
Vehicle Out Of Space 2600blk Barnard Way 11:53 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:57 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk Oak St 12:31 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000blk 2nd St 12:45 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 12:49 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 17th St 1:04 p.m.
Fraud 1300blk Michigan Ave 1:07 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:07 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Harvard St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Construction Noise 400blk Raymond Ave 1:08 p.m.
Trespassing 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 17th St 1:16 p.m.
Found Property 2300blk 30th St 1:16 p.m.
Fraud Unknown 1:25 p.m.
Encampment 1900blk Expo Bike Path 1:30 p.m.
Battery 3000blk Main St 1:41 p.m.
Burglary 500blk San Vicente Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500blk Wilshire Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:51 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200blk Ashland Ave 1:54 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 2:17 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:17 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:39 p.m.
Traffic Miscellaneous 900blk Montana Ave 2:39 p.m.
Trespassing 300blk California Ave 2:41 p.m.
Bike Theft 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 2:47 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Neilson Way 2:52 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 2200blk 20th St 2:55 p.m.
Grand Theft 2800blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:02 p.m.
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Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 3:38 p.m.
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Loud Music 2700blk Neilson Way 5:58 p.m.
Battery 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:01 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 6:02 p.m.
Loud Music 3100blk The Beach 6:03 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2nd St / Arizona Ave 6:41 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 7:03 p.m.
Trespassing 400blk Broadway 7:24 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 7:57 p.m.
Fight 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:26 p.m.
Person Down 4th St / Colorado Ave 8:35 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400blk 2nd St 8:44 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Main St / Marine St 8:46 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:44 p.m.
Trespassing 300blk California Ave 10:06 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 3rd St / Washington Ave 11:15 p.m.
Public Intoxication 20th St / Pico Blvd 11:53 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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Hydrant Shear 1700blk Ocean Ave 12:10 a.m.
Structure Fire 1100blk 4th St 12:44 a.m.
EMS 3000blk Main St 1:28 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 3:01 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 3:11 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Broadway 4:12 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Stewart St 9:24 a.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 11:20 a.m.
Wires Down 700blk Lincoln Blvd 11:27 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Idaho Ave 12:32 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 1:26 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Main St / Hollister Ave 1:33 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 3:27 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Kansas Ave 3:54 p.m.
EMS 400blk Colorado Ave 5:15 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 5th St 5:51 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 5:56 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 7th St 7:48 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1200blk 17th St 8:40 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 31st St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:07 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 31st St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:30 p.m.
Wires Down 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:35 p.m.
Arcing Wires 2500blk Main St 9:40 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 10:36 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 11:34 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk Pico Blvd 11:42 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Yale St 11:45 p.m.

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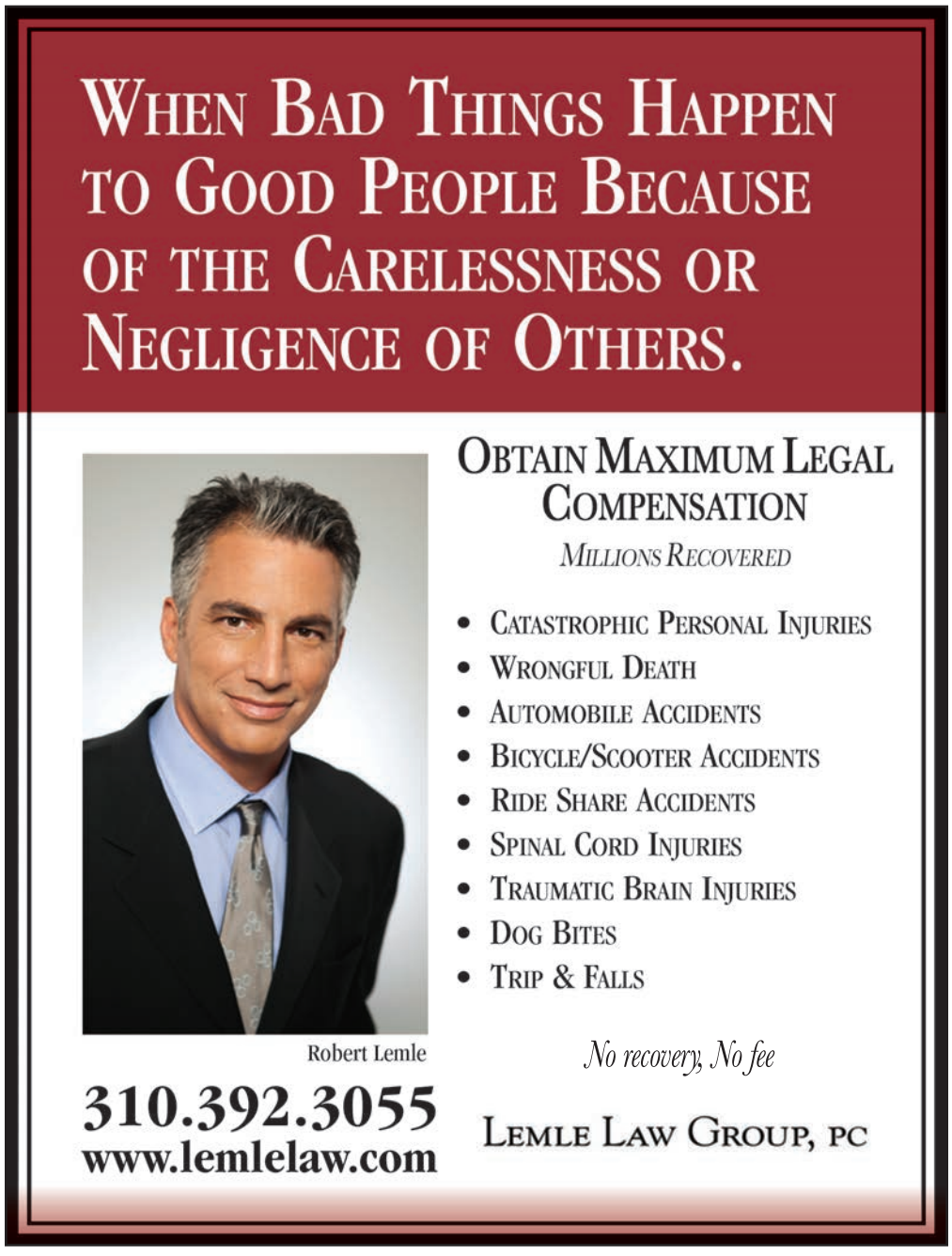
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ANNUAL WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

For the month of March, 2021, the contractor will finish connecting the newly installed water main on Idaho Avenue at 25th Street. Notices will be handed out to affected properties. Traffic on Idaho Avenue at 25th Street will be reduced to one lane. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PHASE 5 PROJECT

For the month of March, 2021, this project will upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St.; The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. We appreciate your patience during the project, to provide this safety improvement and public enhancements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jay Dinkins at jay.dinkins@smgov.net or (310) 458-8291.

LA METRO PUBLIC ART PROJECT – "TEARS FOR SANTA MONICA"

For the month of March, 2021, Artwork installation will continue through the month at the westerly wall of the Expo light rail station at 4th St and Colorado Ave. Please contact Letitia F. Ivins at LA Metro at IvinsL@metro.net and (213) 922-2721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

CITY YARDS MODERNIZATION PROJECT

For the month of March, 2021, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Ave, which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Ave just east of 24th St. Please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at sebastian.felbeck@smgov.net or (310) 434-2675 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (SWIP) Work

For the month of March, 2021, (until 7/31/21) underground electrical and pipeline work on Pico Blvd near 3rd Street intersection. Temporary lane closures are as follows:
1. Expect delays on westbound and eastbound Pico Blvd from Main St to 4th St
2. One lane of traffic in each direction on Pico Blvd
3. Temporary loss of parking on eastbound Pico Blvd.
Please contact Jason Hoang, Construction Manager, at Jason.hoang@smgov.net or (310) 351-7913 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (SWIP) Lane Closures & Roadway Paving

For the month of March, 2021, (3/1 21 – 3/2/21), lane closures for roadway paving and striping on Ocean Ave. between Pico Blvd. and Olympic Dr. from 6:30am to 5:00pm. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Hoang at Jason.hoang@smgov.net or (310) 351-7913,

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT 4 SCHOOLS PROJECT

For the month of March, 2021 this project will include construction of storm drain improvements, sidewalk improvements, new curb ramps and bumpouts at the intersections of Washington Ave and 14th St/15th St/16th St. Minimal parking impacts where Temporary No Parking signs are posted. Please use alternate routes when possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Saad Malim at saad.malim@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x5048.

ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

For the month of March, 2021 thru December 2021, Street Maintenance Crews will begin alley repair work as part of the Alley Renewal Program in the 900 Blk of 20th Court (the alley between 20th & 21st). The scope of this work involves alley resurfacing and water box upgrade. This project is citywide and will involve repairs across multiple locations from 8am to 3:300pm. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Brown at tyler.brown@smgov.net or (310) 458-8212.

NON-POTABLE WATER MAIN PROJECT

For the month of March, 2021 the contractor will begin installation of the new non-potable water main on 17th Street between Delaware Ave and Pico Blvd. The contractor will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction on 17th Street. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ANNUAL PAVING AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

For the month of March, 2021 (beginning 3/15/21) the sidewalk repair portion of this project will begin in area 10 North of the City. This area is bounded by 20th Street, San Vicente, 26th Street, and Montana Ave. The project involves minor sidewalk closures, parking restrictions, but no vehicle lane closures. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Selim Eren at selim.eren@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201 x5701.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Man arrested for lighting police car on fire



Courtesy photo
GEORGE JOOSTEN

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has filed charges on George Joosten, a 32-year-old white male, for lighting a police vehicle on fire.

On February 25, 2021 at approximately 6:04 p.m., Santa Monica Police Officers were investigating a robbery incident and detaining the involved suspects at the 4th Street Metro train station. One of their unmarked police vehicles was left at the intersection of 5th and Colorado with its emergency lights activated. A male suspect, unrelated to the call officers were investigating, was observed by witnesses jump on top of that vehicle, pour an unknown substance over the hood, then igniting it on fire. The suspect fled the area before being stopped by officers. Witnesses positively identified Joosten as being the person causing the arson. The fire was extinguished by police personnel utilizing a fire-extinguisher.

Earlier this morning Los Angeles County's District Attorney's Officer Charged Joosten with 451(d) P.C. – Arson. Joosten remains in custody pending future court proceedings.

Anyone with additional information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Detective A. Buus with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) at (310) 458-8943 or the Watch Commander's office at (310) 458-2249.

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LOS ANGELES

Lady Gaga's dog walker speaks out after Hollywood shooting

Lady Gaga's dog walker, who was shot last week during a robbery in Hollywood when two of the singer's French bulldogs were stolen, described the violence and his recovery "from a very close call with death" in social media posts Monday.

Ryan Fischer's posts included pictures taken from his hospital bed, where he says "(a) lot of healing still needs to happen" but he looks forward to reuniting with the dogs.

Fischer was shot once as he walked three of Lady Gaga's dogs on Wednesday night on a street just off the famed Sunset Boulevard. Video captured by the doorbell camera of a nearby home captured Fischer's screams of "Oh my God! I've been shot!" and "Help me!" and "I'm bleeding out from my chest!"

Police are seeking two men in the attack and said Monday they are still investigating.

The two dogs, named Koji and Gustav, were returned unharmed Friday evening when a woman showed up at a Los Angeles police station with them. Detectives do not believe she was involved in the robbery or shooting and did not know if she would receive the $500,000 reward Lady Gaga had offered for the dogs' return. The singer is currently in Rome to film a movie.

Fischer thanked Lady Gaga for her support during the ordeal, writing "your babies are back and the family is whole ... we did it!" in Instagram posts. A third dog, named Asia, escaped the assailants and lies down next to Fischer "while a car sped away and blood poured from my gun shot (sic) wound," he wrote.

The doorbell video shows a white sedan pulling up and two men jumping out. They struggled with the dog walker before one pulled a gun and fired a single shot before fleeing with two of the dogs.

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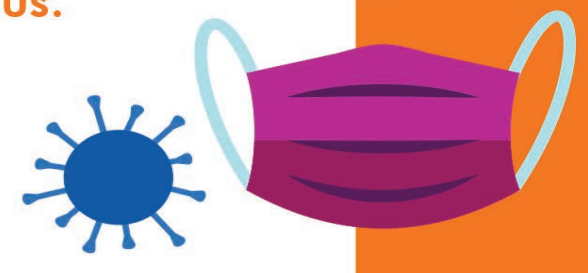


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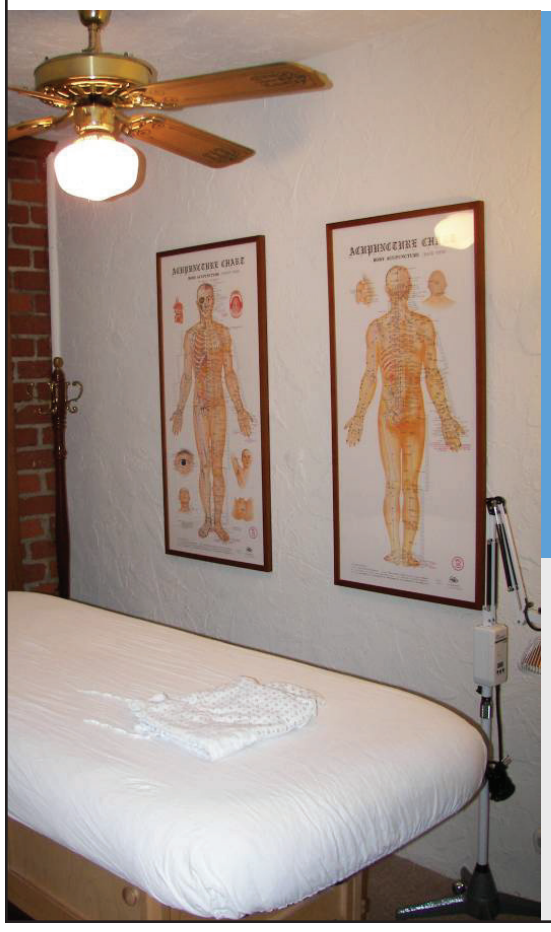


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What's the Point?

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Welcome to Women's History Month

Eve. Allegedly the first woman, and hence the source from which all humanity descends is simultaneously venerated as the first mother, and castigated for causing the fall of man. That pretty much sums up how women are viewed in our society. Whether it is the Madonna (religious not entertainer) / whore dichotomy, or the anthem sung by Helen Reddy "I am Woman", or anything in between, women are viewed in a multitude of ways. That is their strength, and their weakness.

As a society we ascribe many traits to the roles that women play in our society. As mothers they are supposed to build our children and hence our society. As symbols of beauty they are the icons around which our ideals are formed. As the emotional laborers in the family unit, they keep it all running.

It's been said that behind every great man is a woman pushing. That may be true, or it may be a nice metaphor for the impact that mothers have on their children. I can recall clearly my mother speaking about some criminal case, and she said, "no matter what, good or ill, it's always the mother's fault." In today's world, as psychologists are learning more and more about how much the first three year's impact children, that may hold greater sway, and also be a rallying cry for why the mothers need to demand that the fathers step up in an emotionally contributing way.

History has been mostly written by the men, which is not to say that they actually did most of it, they just took the credit when they could. One need not scratch too deeply to see how much women have contributed to our rise from the muck into what is our current state of civilization.

One can look to a small sample of the big ones like: Betsy Ross, Harriet Tubman, and Heddy Lamarr for examples of women who have contributed not just to the cause of women, but to bettering a society for all. From flags to the underground railroad, to creating a technology that has united the planet, women have been major contributors in ways both large and small.

Our local hometown hero Sally Ride, who is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, was a woman with a different, however just as important, role as a female patriot. While she did not fight in the American Revolutionary War, she fought her own war to be the first s the first American woman to go into space, and, to this day, remains the youngest American that has ever gone into space. After her time above the Earth, Sally served as an advocate and role model, for elementary and middle school girls studying the sciences. She is soon to be edged out by Hayley Arceneaux for the youngest female (or male) in space. She will also become the first with a prosthesis and as a cancer survivor.

Of course it would be impossible to name all the women who have made life better for the planet. Every mother who raises a child that contributes a new medical treatment or finds a way to improve the building of homes, or simply is a decent human being who does as much good as they can, in all the ways they can, for as long as they can, is a mother who is a hero. Mothers who work long hours, for ungrateful children, with or without a spouse, deserve to be recognized for their tireless efforts.

Women who choose to not be mothers, but instead become leaders in business or society deserve to be honored as well, for the role modeling they are accomplishing. Whether it is as the head of a non-profit that is doing outreach to learning disabled children, or heading up a future Fortune 100 company, they are showing other women that they can lead and make a difference.

There are many untold stories of women's accomplishments in history. This month is dedicated to acknowledging and sharing those stories. Take a minute, pop over to your favorite web browser and type in "famous women's accomplishments" and see what is possible. Women have played a tremendous role in history, now we just have to read about it.

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 6:23 A.M.

SMPD Officers were dispatched to 7-Eleven on the 1800 block of Lincoln regarding an Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The Victim stated that he had walked into 7-Eleven and recognized an individual as a security guard that had kicked him out a skate shop a week earlier. The Victim was still upset about this and confronted the individual and a fight ensued. The individual then took the Victim's skateboard and hit him on the shoulder with it, witnesses were able to corroborate this story. Tariq Ali was arrested for 245(a)(1)P.C.- Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

REMEMBRANCE

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event come to fruition.

"It's been really beautiful to see so many people coming here. This morning, my daughter and I were up at 5 a.m. because that's how much we feel we should be acknowledging the loss. So we feel like this has been a game changer because it's not just happening here," Freyer-Jones said, referring to the various Rose River installations that are placed throughout the region. "So, to have the installations here and to have a day where all of these places around the country and people are doing floral wreaths — it's just been amazing and you can't help but feel good."

Freyer-Jones explained how she has been holding a space on social media on Fridays but there hasn't been any time to get outside with others and feel a sense of community.

She said, "My brother was weeping and he was like, 'We can't wait for a national day of mourning, because I don't know when that's gonna happen.' His pain really made me say we have to do something and we just started to talk… and here we are at a national day of remembrance with thousands of others alongside us in spirit in other cities."

As she admired the thousands of felt roses that were sent in and strung on a net for the exhibition, Freyer-Jones said she was thankful for newfound friends like Jill Alexander and the many others who she's met and now feels deeply connected to.

"I feel like immediately now, when I meet people who have lost someone to COVID, it's like we have this shared experience. Even though I have not met these people until today, I already felt so connected to them. And that's why I think having events like these is really meaningful," she added.

Alexander, who also lost her father Paul Foley last April, agreed with the sentiment in an interview Monday.

"I've been personally impacted by COVID and I loved the idea of the community coming together to recognize what we've lost and the tragedy of it all," Alexander said as she detailed the distinct pain that she's felt since losing a loved one in the pandemic.

"You don't get it until you personally have gone through it because it's a very unique experience. We all lose somebody in our life but this is just tragedy upon tragedy; I had to say goodbye to my dad on FaceTime and I haven't seen my family since then, and we haven't had a funeral, so nobody has gone through the proper mourning and grieving," Alexander said. "And that's why these (days of remembrance) are so important. They help you to not feel alone and to feel that — not only did your loved one matter but that people recognize how much you've gone through since then with your own grief, and then having to deal with that and the craziness of a pandemic on top of a full-time job and kids doing distance-learning."

It may sound weird, Alexander said, but she feels better at memorials like the one hosted Monday.

"Because you feel part of the community and you're getting that necessary healing that's being taken from so many right now who are not able to go home and hug their family," she said. "So to have this day, I think it's so important because it's like President Biden said, 'In order to heal and grieve, we have to remember.' And for me, it's not only important to heal, it's important to remember so that it never happens again because that's what's so hard for so many of us; the fact that my dad's death was preventable and that my dad and others' should still be here. But because he's not, we can at least honor the lives lost, and then give big recognition to the day so it doesn't happen again."



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COVID: The group exercise of a memorial can help participants overcome some of the lasting impacts of the pandemic.

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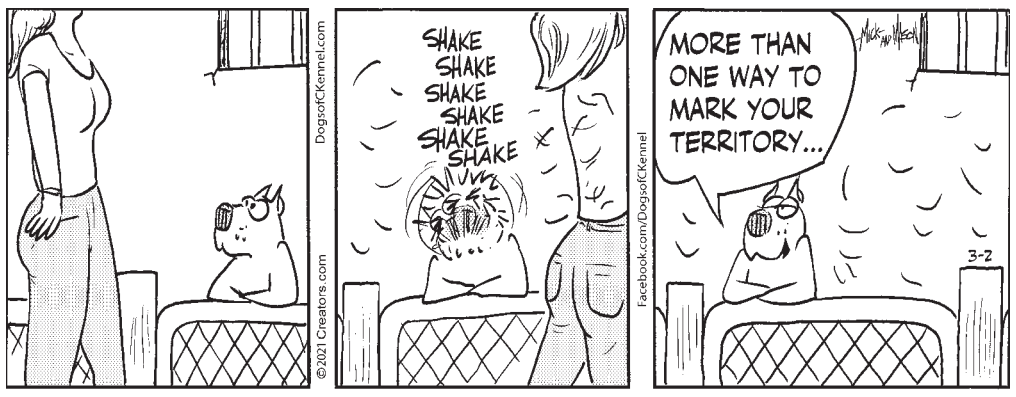
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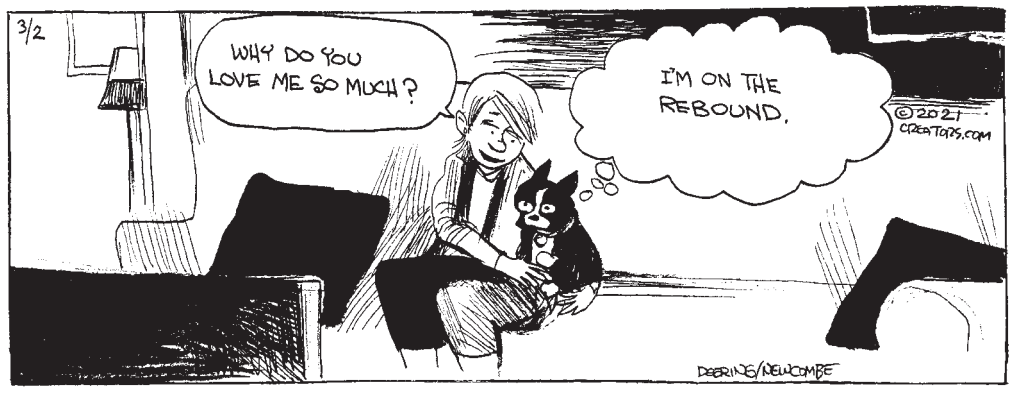
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.1°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Similar to Monday with mostly marginal surf. Little NW and SSW swells setup at least a rideable wave for the bigger boards or groms. Clean morning.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
A refresh in NW swell from the storm just off the CA coast. Little SSW swell continues. Conditions best west of Pt. Dume with the E wind in morning

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
Wednesday: Rain likely, mainly between 10am and 4pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 62.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/03/02	Tue	5:13 PM	0.36	L
2021/03/02	Tue	11:40 PM	5.13	H
2021/03/03	Wed	06:11 AM	0.45	L
2021/03/03	Wed	12:09 PM	3.73	H
2021/03/03	Wed	5:46 PM	1.04	L
2021/03/04	Thu	12:25 AM	5.12	H
2021/03/04	Thu	07:27 AM	0.49	L
2021/03/04	Thu	1:33 PM	2.99	H
2021/03/04	Thu	6:23 PM	1.72	L
2021/03/05	Fri	01:21 AM	5.02	H
2021/03/05	Fri	09:09 AM	0.37	L
2021/03/05	Fri	3:50 PM	2.68	H
2021/03/05	Fri	7:16 PM	2.34	L
2021/03/06	Sat	02:38 AM	4.93	H
2021/03/06	Sat	10:45 AM	-0.02	L
2021/03/06	Sat	6:03 PM	2.98	H
2021/03/06	Sat	9:29 PM	2.69	L
2021/03/07	Sun	04:05 AM	5.00	H
2021/03/07	Sun	11:55 AM	-0.47	L

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POWERball
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2 28 31 44 52
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 123 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/26
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Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 43 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 2/27
3 8 22 28 34
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 25 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/28
10 15 18 20 27

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/1
MIDDAY: 3 8 0
Draw Date: 2/28
EVENING: 5 3 6

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Draw Date: 2/28
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With stars in your eyes, you will dive into a new venture. Moving forward will be a glide for the first three months. Absorb all you can and apply it as you go. You probably won't feel completely ready to take on the greater responsibilities coming your way in June, but agree anyway. Destiny favors you. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 1, 44 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you establish a boundary, you expect it to be tested, but certainly not every time. If you have to keep asserting yourself, consider that it might be easier to leave and try again elsewhere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Any effort to acquire or cling to things will be tempered by this wisdom: All is temporary. Accepting the fleeting nature of ownership is to make room for happiness with the things, people and time you have.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know better than to get too comfortable in your own opinion. You strive to give your ideas the sort of rigorous inquiry that would bring about truth and reason. The guidance of others helps, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sure, you need limits, but this is a time to set them far out there — so far that you can't even see them from where you're standing. Truly, you can trust yourself, so stretch; dare; and run.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're able to see bigger. So instead of doing what is necessary to get through the situation, get by or get the grade, you'll do what's necessary to be the person you want to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If this day wore perfume, it would be called "Evanescent." When the action goes down, you get the overriding sense that it's special, singular and observable but for the briefest moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Things will be theatrically presented, so don't believe for a second that the transformations you see have occurred overnight. Productive change comes about very slowly. (You're in one right now, in fact, and you only need to keep going.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To wish without commitment is to engage in an entertaining distraction that pushes your dream further away from you. Instead, wish with intent, determination and follow-through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're fascinated by the way a person conducts business — restrained, disciplined and focused strictly on what matters. What you don't fully realize is that you have those same qualities you so admire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not all promises come with the words "I promise," and the ones that do are as suspect as people who say, "Trust me." But if you understand who a person is, you'll be able to accurately predict what the person will do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a humor about you and a deep interest in the thoughts and lives of others — two qualities that attract the best and brightest to you. You're headed for truly delightful interactions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Behavior is a universal language — a communication that can be trusted over any word ever uttered. You will concentrate your efforts on the actions that define you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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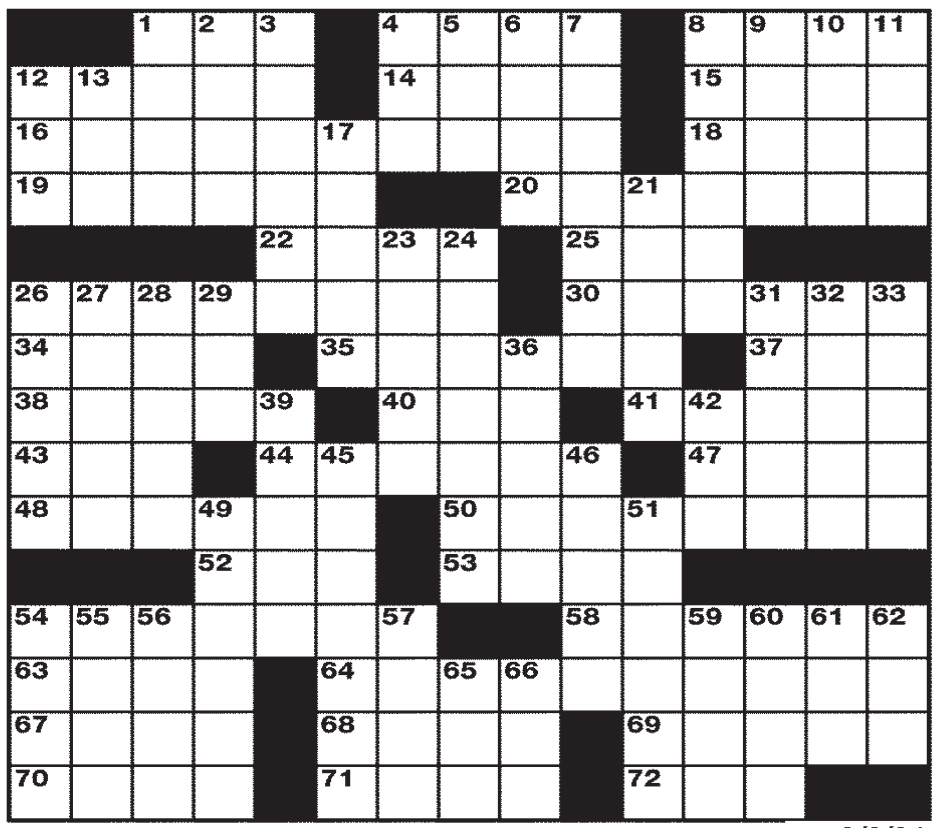
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ACROSS
1 WWII presidential monogram
4 __ and done with (finished)
8 Heroic tale
12 Big brawl
14 Cents in a nickel
15 Musical postscript
16 Costs for playing golf
18 Owl sound
19 Grassland
20 Leisurely walks
22 Drift, as an aroma
25 Adversary
26 Boss of a hive
30 Surprise wins
34 __ of measure (quart or mile)
35 Paper fastener
37 Lab maze animal
38 Notions
40 __-friendly (good for the environment)
41 Feel instinctively
43 Luau neckwear
44 Lash out at
47 Evening, on marquees
48 Barnyard water holder
50 Intensely involved
52 __ Paulo, Brazil
53 And others: Abbr.
54 Capital of Maine
58 Watch a friend's Fido
63 Lasting mark
64 First Amendment guarantee
67 Minor error
68 Lubricates
69 Banquet host
70 Light brown colors
71 Freeway exit
72 "Spring ahead" clock setting: Abbr.

DOWN
1 Pooch-biting bug
2 Home ownership document
3 Great fame
4 __ on a tangent (digressing)
5 Compete
6 Days before holidays
7 Good for a relaxing break
8 Canyon sounds
9 Motel's swimming spot
10 Admired celebrity
11 Pets that meow
12 Studio with a lion mascot
13 Before, in poetry
17 Ear-cleaning sticks
21 Lassos
23 Honors with a party
24 Sweet served with Earl Grey
26 "Patchwork" blanket
27 Less than
28 ". . . had a farm, __"
29 Incoming train stat.
31 Bert's *Sesame Street* pal
32 Small sample of food
33 Sharply sloped
36 Pencil tip
39 Adventure stories
42 Conclude
45 Had as a goal
46 Is in first place
49 Seizes by force
51 Fled to wed
54 Aide: Abbr.
55 Southwestern state sch.
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59 Precious stones
60 Religious faction
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65 Shade tree
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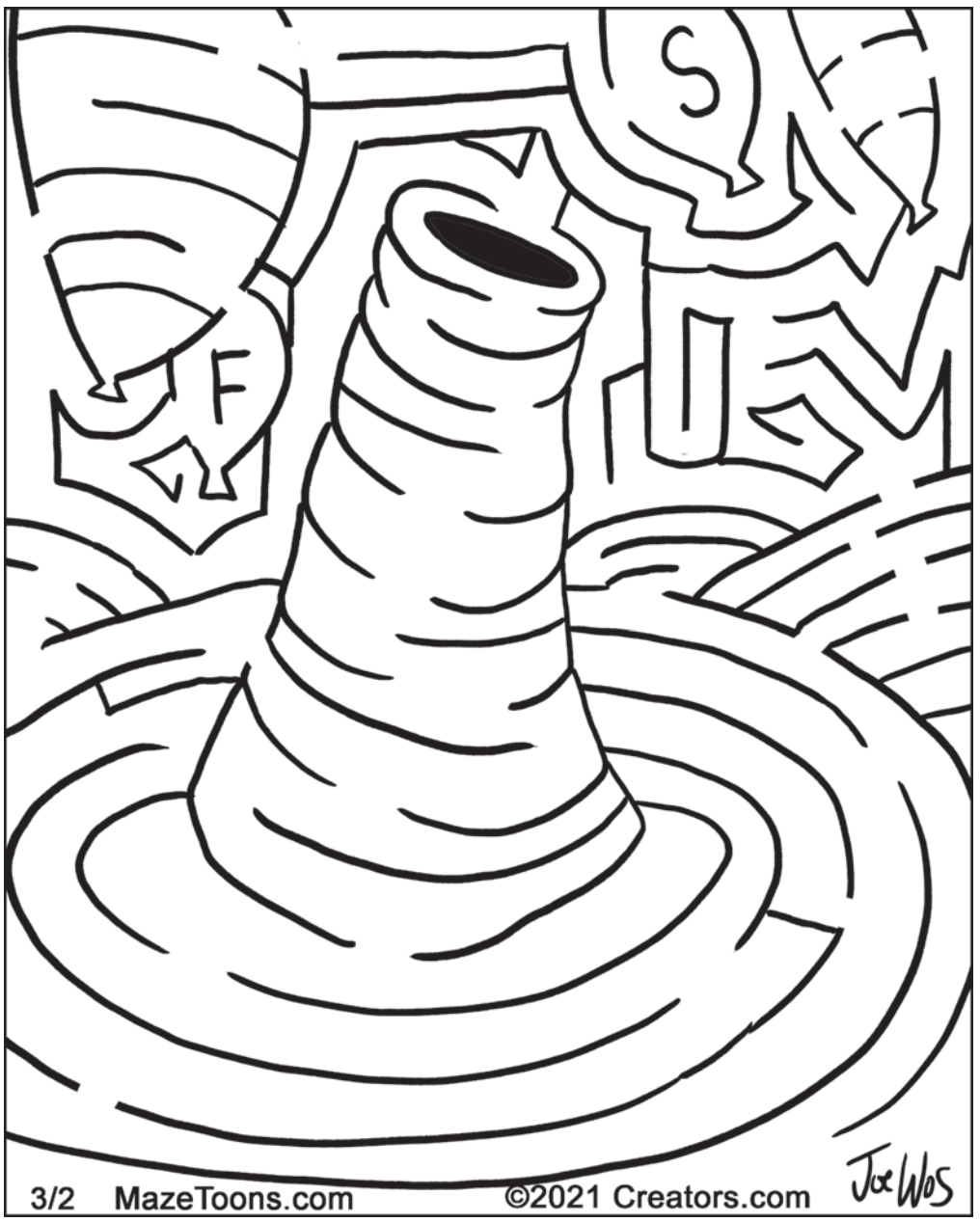
Binary Puzzle

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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5040

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Azure	El Greco	Inspired	Rouge
Boyd	Entries	Jars	Ruby
Brown	Ernst	Luminous	Sell
Clothes	Eyes	Manet	Steady
Conder	Focus	Media	Subject
Cyan	Goya	Miro	Tawny
Dali	Hair	Mood	Tint
Degas	Hals	Nolan	Warm
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TESLA

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chargers' ability to charge a Tesla vehicle in 30 to 45 minutes, which they feel would be a great benefit to the drivers who live and work nearby as well as the roughly 950 Tesla owners in Santa Monica, especially those who live multi-unit dwellings and do not have access to an electric vehicle charging station at their residence.

"Based on other similar facilities in urban locations operated by Tesla, the applicant anticipates approximately 100 vehicle charge sessions per day over a period of 16 hours, with the highest usage on weekend days," the Planning Commission report reads. The busiest times will likely utilize 30% of the chargers, and therefore no vehicle stacking is anticipated unless there is full utilization of all 62 chargers during major travel holidays such as Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The City's Planning Commission is expected to discuss the project in further detail at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Since the proposed recharging facility is an exclusively auto-oriented use proposed along a

stretch of Santa Monica Boulevard where auto sales and auto related facilities are

encouraged, staff believes that with the proposed conditions to address the surrounding uses and pedestrian experience, the project meets all required findings and as such the Planning Commission should approve the proposed project, the commission's report concludes.

If approved in the future, the project will be developed in three phases.

"Upon issuance of the subject entitlements, Tesla will operate a temporary charging facility on the western lot while undertaking the remainder of the permitting process for the permanent facility," the report states said. "Upon issuance of building permits, the eastern lot will begin construction... once the eastern lot is developed and operating the western lot will begin construction. The western lot's temporary facility will consist of a truck mounted recharging facility capable of charging eight cars at a time by using a large 'mega charger' battery."

Planning Commission will hold an online meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the project.

For more information, visit https://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/agendas/Planning-Commission/2021/20210303/a20210303.htm

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VACCINE

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have been offered slots.

Elementary schools have plans to begin in-person academics and instruction TK through Grade 5 the week of March 15.

Once County cases reach 7 per 100,000 residents, secondary schools will also be allowed to reopen. On Feb. 24 the Department of Public Health reported that the County was approaching this benchmark with 12.3 cases per 100,000 residents.

"Vaccinating our teachers and staff brings us closer to expanding the reopening of our TK-12 schools as quickly as possible," said Dr. Kelly. "We are all interested in the return of students and staff as soon as it is safe to do so."

The biggest constraint on vaccination rates continues to be the limited supply.

While LAUSD has been guaranteed enough doses by the end of next week to inoculate all elementary school staff, no other district has received a similar government promise.

Currently around 30 percent of doses received by the County are being allocated for education workers.

"This is a critical step in giving our educators, students and their families peace of mind that they and their loved ones will be protected in the classroom," said Supervisor Hilda Solis.

County officials estimate that there are over 546,000 people in the education and childcare sector. These individuals became eligible for the vaccine on Monday alongside approximately 500,000 food and agriculture workers and 116,000 emergency services employees.

The County has built an expansive network of over 400 vaccination sites that have a much greater capacity to offer vaccinations than the state is currently able to supply. According to Health Director Barbara Ferrer there is space for 500,000 appointments this week, but only enough doses to fill 270,000 of them.

Ferrer expressed optimism that the supply issue may improve with the recent approval of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which could begin being administered in L.A. County as early as this week.

"To me, this is a game changer," said Ferrer. "Johnson & Johnson is a one shot vaccine without the ultra cold storage requirements, which means we can vaccinate more people, particularly those most vulnerable such as people experiencing homelessness, who may have a hard time getting a second dose."

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Editor's note

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Editor's Note:

March marks the start of some changes to our columnist schedule. Established columns are moving to twice a month instead of weekly. You'll see Laughing Matters and What's The Point? this week, then Curious City next week. Columns will alternate weeks from here on out. We're making the change to allow columnists more time to research their work and to encourage more diversity in topics by relieving the pressure of writing every week. We're also going to add several new columns to the paper in the coming weeks including regular features focused on local business, Millennial life in Santa Monica and hopefully the arts.

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