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Silvia Said named 2022 Youth of the Year

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Samohi junior Silvia Said has been named this year's Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica (BGCSM) Youth of the Year for her commitment to the Club and the Santa Monica community, earning a total of $4,000 in scholarships that she hopes to use at USC, en route to her eventual career goal of joining the FBI.

Each year, the nonprofit organization names a high schooler as its Youth of the Year; the winner is the member who best exemplifies the BGCSM's "four core qualities": preparedness to be successful in 21st century education and career pathways; social and emotional competencies (such as adaptability, resilience, emotional regulation, interpersonal communication skills, confidence and self-efficacy); a desire for and commitment to practicing healthy habits, such as healthy eating and regular physical activity, financial responsibility and empowerment; and commitment to community and service leadership.



Courtesy photo

SILVIA SAID

Said was chosen from among five candidates who spoke during the virtual ceremony on Thursday,

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Street medicine curriculum trains new generation of health care providers

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SMDP Staff Writer

Diabetes treatment is diabetes treatment, but delivering treatment to a diabetes patient in a hospital setting is entirely different from delivering treatment to a homeless diabetes patient on the street, who also has a mental health condition and substance use disorder. While the former is a standard scenario doctors are prepared for, the latter requires a specialized expertise that very few doctors are trained in.

The Venice Family Clinic's (VFC) new street medicine curriculum seeks to change that. By drawing on the knowledge of Dr. Coley M. King, VFC's director of homeless health care services, and of other leading



Venice Family Clinic

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CARE: A local doctor is training others to treat homeless patients.

Samohi removes honors/ AP English labels in effort toward equity

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Freshmen and sophomores at Santa Monica High School will no longer be divided into "honors" and "regular" English classes beginning in the 2022-23 school year, a move that department personnel say will increase equity and positive outcomes for all students.

"What we're doing is, we're saying this is a new paradigm," Samohi English teacher Sarah Rodriguez said during the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education meeting on March 10. "This is not about labeling students [or] labeling classes. It's about saying all of our students are capable, and we're going to meet them where they are."

The shift in programming inspired strong feelings both for and against the move, inciting a wave of opposition from several parents who spoke at last week's hearing, as well as support from several students and parents who self-identified as people of color.

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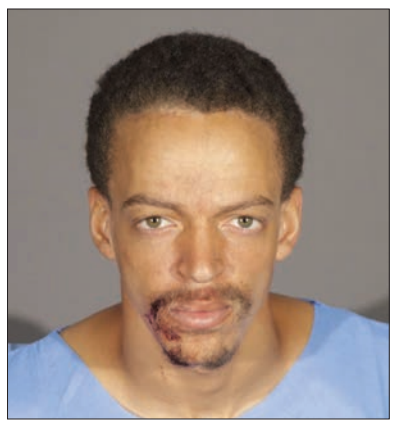
Homeless man arrested for attempted murder of homeless victim

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A homeless man has been arrested for stabbing another homeless man on Monday morning.

According to a statement provided by SMPD, 29-year-old Michael Montgomery was arrested on March 7 following a fight that left the victim seriously injured.

SMPD said they were called to the Salvation Army (1533 4th Street) at about 1:15 a.m. to investigate an assault with a deadly weapon. Witnesses said Montgomery stabbed, beat and dragged the victim during the altercation. He then tried to leave the area but was seen by several individuals who provided his location to SMPD.



Courtesy photo

SUSPECT: Michael Montgomery has been arrested for stabbing a homeless man near the Downtown Salvation Army.

Officers arrested Montgomery at 4th and Colorado. They found a pocket knife in his possession and he was booked for attempted murder and kidnapping. The victim remains in critical but stable condition.

Anyone with any additional information pertaining to this incident is strongly encouraged to contact Detective George Burciaga at (310) 458-8932 or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8426.

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Los Angeles sues 3 companies over toxic PCBs in waterways

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

The city of Los Angeles is suing Monsanto and two other companies for past and future costs of dealing with contamination of waterways by long-banned chemicals called polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, the city attorney announced Monday.

Long-lasting PCBs were used in numerous products and applications for decades and are linked to a wide range of negative health impacts including cancer, City Attorney Mike Feuer said in a news conference outside City Hall.

The lawsuit was filed March 4 in Los Angeles County Superior Court and names Monsanto Co., and two others, Solutia Inc., and Pharmacia LLC, that resulted from a series of corporate acquisitions and consolidations that spun off the original Monsanto's businesses, according to Feuer's office.

The lawsuit seeks compensation for past costs incurred by the city in cleaning up PCB contamination and an abatement fund for future costs. Feuer would not specify a dollar amount.

"The city has expended millions and millions of dollars so far and is going to continue to expend millions and millions of dollars to remediate this issue," he said.

PCBs were used for decades in industrial and electrical equipment, hydraulic fluids, fireproofing, paper products, ink and paint. They were banned in the United States in 1979 under the Toxic Substances Control Act but remain the subject of extensive litigation.

Monsanto manufactured 99% of the PCBs used or sold in the U.S. between 1929 and 1977, according to the city attorney's lawsuit.

Feuer said that despite the ban, stormwater and wastewater systems continue to drain PCBs into Los Angeles Harbor, Santa Monica Bay, lakes and other waterways as well as soils associated with those areas.

"We've had to dredge soil from locations, for example," he said.

Eating fish or swimming can cause exposure to PCBs, Feuer said, but he did not quantify how much exposure would raise health risks.

"It is time for Monsanto to clean up and pay up," he said.

Monsanto is now a subsidiary of Bayer AG. Pharmacia is a subsidiary of Pfizer Inc. and Solutia is a subsidiary of Eastman Chemical Co. The Associated Press sent emails requesting comment from all the parent companies on the lawsuit's claims.

Bayer said in a statement that it was reviewing the lawsuit and believe it is without merit.

"Monsanto voluntarily ceased its lawful manufacturing of PCBs more than 40 years ago, and never manufactured, used, or disposed of PCBs into Los Angeles' waters, and therefore should not be held liable for the contamination alleged by the city," the statement said.

"Where it has been determined that those cleanups are necessary, federal, and state authorities employ an effective system to identify dischargers and allocate clean-up responsibilities," Bayer added. "Litigation of the sort brought by the city risks undermining these efforts."

Pfizer spokesperson Pamela Eisele said in an email that the alleged activity at issue predated Pfizer's acquisition of Pharmacia, and noted that Pfizer is not a named defendant.

"Pursuant to the Separation Agreement between Monsanto and Pharmacia, Monsanto is required to indemnify Pharmacia for any liabilities primarily related to Monsanto's legacy Agriculture or Chemicals Businesses," Eisele wrote.

Eastman did not immediately respond.

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Housing advocates seek funding to repeal California law

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Associated Press

California lawmakers are trying again to get rid of the nation's only law that lets voters veto public housing projects, a provision added to the state constitution in 1950 to keep Black families out of white neighborhoods.

Most everyone in the Capitol agrees the provision should be repealed, both for its racist roots and because it makes it much harder to build affordable housing in a state where the median price for a single-family home is nearly $800,000.

But the latest repeal attempt has hit a snag — not because of organized opposition, but for lack of financial support. It costs a lot to change the California Constitution, and supporters have not found anyone willing to pay for it.

While the state Legislature can pass and repeal laws, it can't change the constitution unless voters also approve it. Putting a proposal on the ballot is pointless unless it is accompanied by a statewide campaign aimed at persuading people to vote for it. Those campaigns can cost $20 million or more because California has some of the nation's most expensive media markets.

"It's not the type of ballot measure that automatically draws in money," said state Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco who is backing the repeal along with fellow Democratic Sen. Ben Allen. "The polling is not rock solid. It's a winnable campaign. We can win. But it will require strong funding."

Support in the Legislature is not a problem, as a proposed repeal passed the state Senate 37-0 earlier this year. But public support is another matter, and carries a big risk.

In 2020, with support for racial justice causes soaring in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, backers spent more than $22 million on a campaign to change the California Constitution so public universities could consider a person's race when deciding who to admit. They failed, with 57% of voters voting "no" despite opponents spending only $1.7 million.

Once a campaign fails, it often takes years for supporters to muster enough support to try again. The last time supporters tried to repeal California's affordable housing law was nearly three decades ago, in 1993, when it failed with only 40% voting in favor.

Supporters were prepared to put the proposal on the 2020 ballot, believing a presidential election year would increase turnout of younger voters and give it a better chance of passing. But they abandoned the effort because they could not secure funding for a sufficient campaign, Wiener said.

Lawmakers have to decide by June 30 whether to put it on the ballot this year or wait until 2024.

California's law requiring voters to approve publicly funded affordable housing projects came after a 1949 federal law that outlawed segregation in public housing projects. In 1950, a local housing authority in Eureka — 230 miles (370 kilometers) north of San Francisco — sought federal money to build low-income housing.

Some residents tried to stop the project, but city leaders refused. So the residents put an amendment to the constitution on the ballot saying the government had to get voter approval before using public money to build affordable housing. The California Real Estate Association paid for the campaign, and it passed.

California is now the only state that has this law, and it applies only to public funding for affordable housing, which is disproportionately used by people of color.

"It's racist, classist," Wiener said. "I think it's shocking to a lot of people that this is in our actual constitution."

The provision has had a major impact on the state's development as California missed out on much of the federal government's abundant public housing spending in the 1950s and 1960s, according to Cynthia Castillo, a policy advocate for the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

"It has tied our hands in exploring solutions to the affordable housing crisis and homeless crisis in a sense by taking public housing off the table," Castillo said.

There are some ways around the law. State lawmakers tweaked the definition of "low-rent housing project" to mean any development where more than 49% of the units are set aside for people with low incomes. Anything less than that doesn't require an election.

In some progressive cities, local leaders ask voters for broad authority to build a set number of affordable housing throughout the city. In 2020, San Francisco voters gave city leaders permission to construct 10,000 affordable housing units. But that type of voter support doesn't exist everywhere.

One potential source of funding for the campaign to repeal the law is the California Real Estate Association, now known as the California Association of Realtors. The group was largely responsible for getting the law passed in 1950. Now, it strongly supports repeal, a stance it has maintained for decades, according to Sanjay Wagle, the association's chief lobbyist.

Wagle said the association has an obligation to help repeal the law. But he said it can't afford to do it alone. Most people like having a say in what's built near their homes. He said polling suggests people change their minds once they learn about the issue — but that would require a sophisticated, expensive campaign.

"Most people think, 'Oh yeah, I like the idea of voting on any project. That's going to take it away form me.' They're not thinking about the broader implications," he said. "You have to overcome that by really going into the weeds of this, which is difficult, or would be very costly."

Wagle said it would take multiple groups to fund a successful campaign, something he doesn't think would be difficult to find because "there is a lot of money on the progressive side in California."

But that hasn't happened yet. Wiener said he thinks the funding will come eventually, which is why he's pushing to put it on the ballot soon.

"There are a lot of groups that want to engage," he said. "And I think once we give them confidence that it's real, they can do that."

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 253 CALLS ON MARCH 6

Drunk Driving Investigation 800blk 3rd St 12:06 a.m.
Trespassing 400blk Pico Blvd 12:08 a.m.
Unknown Trouble 3rd St / Hill St 12:38 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 1:07 a.m.
Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 1:13 a.m.
Unknown Trouble 1100blk 17th St 1:29 a.m.
Prowler There Now 1100blk 17th St 1:42 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300blk Centinela Ave 2:09 a.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 4th St 3:19 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Broadway 3:30 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:55 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 4:10 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 5:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 6:32 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Broadway 7:08 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300blk 2nd St 7:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk 14th St 8:03 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 300blk San Vicente Blvd 8:30 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:31 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk The Beach 8:39 a.m.
Trespassing 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:40 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1000blk 11th St 9:48 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk Harvard St 9:55 a.m.
Domestic Violence Report 2300blk Oak St 10:19 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk Marine St 10:36 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:48 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred Appian Way / Seaside Ter 10:48 a.m.
Trespassing 2500blk Main St 11:09 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:30 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 11:53 a.m.
Identity Theft 1200blk Franklin St 12:09 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 3100blk Urban Ave 12:34 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2500blk Main St 12:45 p.m.
Trespassing 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 1:37 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 4th St 1:42 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2400blk Pico Blvd 1:58 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Broadway 2:28 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 200blk Broadway 2:32 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk Ocean Ave 2:36 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:48 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 600blk Kensington Rd 2:53 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 2:53 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2800blk Barnard Way 3:01 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk Ocean Ave 3:38 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1300blk 16th St 3:48 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:56 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1100blk 22nd St 4:08 p.m.
Battery Now 800blk Broadway 4:11 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Main St 4:22 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1500blk Harvard St 4:23 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1600blk Appian Way 5:09 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900blk 20th St 5:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:21 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 7th St / Washington Ave 5:33 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Main St / Pier Ave 5:37 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Ocean Ave 6:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800blk Broadway 6:17 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 2nd St 6:20 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900blk 20th St 6:23 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk 2nd St 6:28 p.m.
Person Down 1600blk The Beach 6:58 p.m.
Lewd Activity Ocean Ave / Broadway 7:18 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1100blk Montana Ave 7:46 p.m.
Burglary Report 2900blk 31st St 8:02 p.m.
Person With A Gun 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:05 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk 2nd St 8:25 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk 2nd St 9:18 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 9th St 9:57 p.m.
Person With A Gun 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:40 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk 7th St 10:42 p.m.
Unknown Trouble 1300blk 23rd St 10:52 p.m.
Encampment 600Blk Kensington Rd 11:17 PM



DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 38 CALLS ON MARCH 6

Odor Investigation 1100blk 7th St 12:54 a.m.
EMS 700blk 17th St 1:04 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 1:07 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 200blk Broadway 1:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Physical Rescue 1300blk Centinela Ave 2:07 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 4:41 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 20th St 7:51 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1000blk Hill St 8:40 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 8:41 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 8:47 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 7th St 9:02 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 9:06 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 6th St 9:35 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 34th St 10:11 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Euclid St 10:20 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Palisades Ave 10:24 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 11:21 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Montana Ave 11:45 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 1:35 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 1:53 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 2:10 p.m.
EMS 900blk Franklin St 3:07 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 5th St 4:03 p.m.
EMS 700blk Wilshire Blvd 4:26 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 18th St 4:36 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Highland Ave 4:37 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:39 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:23 p.m.
EMS 24th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:42 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1000blk 2nd St 5:46 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 7th St 5:46 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 16th St 7:06 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:55 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:08 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 14th St 10:15 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 2nd St 10:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 5th St 11:03 p.m.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

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March 3.

"I do want to stress that every single one of these candidates are exceptional youth that are on a very strong path to success in their lives in so many ways," BGCSM CEO Emily Ausbrook said. "They all brought so many unique talents, skills and experience to the table and I know that the judges had a really hard time deciding. I really want the candidates to know that because that is 100 percent true."

Said spoke to her experience as an immigrant and the way her eight years of involvement with the Club helped her get to where she is today.

"As an immigrant, I feel as though I've always been told I'll never get through school or I'll never be able to speak English because I'll always have a heavy accent," she said. "I'm proud to say I've broken the stereotypes, and I hope to break many more."

Said completed more than 100 service hours volunteering at the Santa Monica Public Library before she began high school. She also completed the high-intensity 12-week South Bay Regional Explorers Academy, becoming an official Explorer for the Santa Monica Police Department. She is also involved in Samohi Theatre and Color Guard. According to the BGCSM, "She is now one of our top Leaders in Training as well as a member of our Keystone Club at Main Branch."

One accomplishment Said highlighted was the work she did to help protect others during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"After recognizing how badly COVID had affected my family, I decided to complete a sewing mentorship where I learned how to sew masks by hand, which were then provided to the homeless population in my community in order to help keep them safe," she said.

Each candidate received a $1,000 higher-education scholarship from Board President Tom Larmore. Said received a $3,000 higher education scholarship and runner-up Jayson Bautista received an additional $1,000 scholarship.

Bautista, a sophomore at University High School is a member of the Mar Vista Gardens branch of the BGCSM. He said his dream is to become a pilot for the Air Force following high school.

Bautista said growing up in the Mar Vista Gardens housing project, he witnessed kids his age joining gangs, smoking and drinking, but having his parents send him to the club was "the best decision that I ever made."

"I am forever indebted … to the Club," Bautista said. "They have taught me new things and new ways to learn. The only way I can repay [that is by] paving a new path for the next generation to come. And I know I can do this."

Bautista also advocated for adults to take children's mental health seriously, calling it an "ongoing problem" for many kids.

"Mental health is something that adults don't seem to realize we [need to] keep in mind," Bautista said. "I know with kids in the Boys and Girls Club, kids can come and find happiness and find a way to escape this problem."

The other candidates were Jazmin Vasquez, Nathan Castanza and Joshua Torres.

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Public transit gets $3.7B to woo riders, adopt green fleets

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Associated Press

As cities seek to fully reopen, public transit systems straining to win back riders after being crushed by the COVID-19 pandemic are getting a big funding boost to stay afloat and invest in new fleets of electric buses.

The Biden administration said Monday it was awarding $2.2 billion in coronavirus relief money from the American Rescue Plan to 35 financially strapped transit agencies in 18 states. The money would be used to prop up day-to-day operations, including staffing and payroll as well as cleaning and sanitization to limit the spread of illness in public transportation. A federal mask mandate for public transit remains in effect until at least March 18.

Another $1.5 billion in grants will be made available under President Joe Biden's infrastructure law — a total of $7.5 billion over five years — for transit agencies to purchase low- or no-emission buses made by U.S. workers and to build bus facilities. That's more than double the combined amount from the previous year.

The cash infusion comes as mask requirements and other COVID-19 restrictions are fading in much of the U.S. With many workers beginning a return to offices, the administration sees an opportunity to promote zero-emission transit as families reestablish new commuting routes to work and school.

Transit agencies as well are seeking ways to boost ridership. Many, from Washington D.C. to Boston and Chicago, have slashed prices or offered free fares to attract suburban commuters and better serve lower-income communities more dependent on public transportation. Others are adjusting bus and subway routes to offer less service during traditional workday rush-hour periods in favor of more trips at other times of the day for people seeking medical care or traveling to sports and entertainment events.

"Our transportation sector has reached a turning point," said Vice President Kamala Harris, who has pushed the need for electric school buses and unveiled Monday's actions at the White House.

"We can clean our air and protect the health of our children," she said. "We can connect all of our communities with affordable, accessible and reliable public transportation. We can address the climate crisis and grow our economy at the same time."

Harris was joined by Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan. They also announced proposed stronger pollution regulations for new tractor-trailer rigs that would clean up smoky diesel engines as well as $17 million in funding for school districts to buy electric zero-emission and low-emission school buses. The emissions can cause respiratory problems in humans.

Buttigieg said public transit is a key component to reducing air pollution, describing it as win-win because it is affordable for commuters and also reduces congestion on the roads. The administration has also been pushing electric vehicles to replace gas-powered cars. Transportation, mostly from car and truck tailpipe emissions, is the biggest U.S. contributor to global warming.

"We're making the largest ever investment in this program for buses and bus facilities, helping to deliver better commutes and cleaner air to American communities," Buttigieg said.

Transit agencies will have until May to apply for the Transportation Department's grants, which will be awarded by fall. About 5% of the money must also be used for workforce training to help transit workers prepare for the technological change.

Transit systems have already begun moving in the direction of electric buses. California has committed to all-electric bus fleets by 2040, as well as New York City and Boston. Washington, D.C., has set a target of 2045.

The effort comes at a challenging time for public transit.

Only about 55% of transit riders nationwide have returned compared with pre-pandemic times, according to the American Public Transportation Association. The biggest losses have been in commuter rail systems serving white-collar suburbanites traveling to downtown workplaces.

As COVID-19 cases decline, Biden has urged Americans to shed remote work, describing a return to offices as necessary to boost economic growth.

"It's time for America to get back to work and fill our great downtowns again with people," Biden said in his State of the Union address.

Among the recipients of COVID-19 relief funds Monday were big-city transit systems that had been hit hard from revenue losses due to decreased ridership. New York City's transit system, the nation's largest, garnered $769 million to steady its operations, while San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit got $270 million to bolster service and safety protocols.

Others receiving grants were the Washington, D.C., metro system at $120 million as it anticipates a return of federal employees to offices and Houston's public transit at $137 million, which has significantly added rapid transit bus lines.

"These funds are crucial to avoid drastic service cuts and layoffs that would damage the economy and public health," said Nuria Fernandez, head of the Federal Transit Administration, which oversees the grants.

At the start of the pandemic, transit agencies cut payroll and slashed services. That came even as essential workers, who are disproportionately nonwhite and lower income, continued to rely on public transportation to get to work. But three rounds totaling nearly $70 billion in federal COVID-19 emergency assistance, including $30.5 billion that Biden signed into law last year, pulled transit agencies from the brink of financial collapse.

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US gasoline prices rise again on talk of banning Russian oil

DAVID KOENIG
AP Business Writer

Gasoline prices are pushing even farther above $4 a gallon, the highest price that American motorists have faced since July 2008, as calls grow to ban imports of Russian oil.

Prices at the pump were rising long before Russia invaded Ukraine and have spiraled faster since the start of the war. The U.S. national average for a gallon of gasoline has soared 45 cents a gallon in the past week and topped $4.06 on Monday, according to auto club AAA.

"I am looking at the possibility of walking to work," said Asiya Joseph, who had just paid $4.29 a gallon at a BP station in Brooklyn, New York. "This is the first time that I am filling up my tank in like, 10 days."

The price of regular broke $4 a gallon on Sunday for the first time in nearly 14 years and is now up nearly 50% from a year ago.

The price is even higher in Europe, averaging 1.75 euros per liter last week, according to the European Commission, the equivalent of $7.21 per gallon.

GasBuddy, which tracks prices down to the service-station level, said Monday that the U.S. was likely to break its record price of $4.10 a gallon, but that does not account for inflation. In today's terms, the record price would be equal to about $5.24 after accounting for inflation.

"Forget the $4 per gallon mark, the nation will soon set new all-time record highs and we could push closer to a national average of $4.50," said GasBuddy analyst Patrick De Haan. "We've never been in this situation before, with this level of uncertainty. ... Americans will be feeling the pain of the rise in prices for quite some time."

Energy prices are contributing to the worst inflation that Americans have seen in 40 years, far outpacing higher wages. Consumer prices jumped 7.5% in January, compared with a year earlier, and analysts predict a 7.9% increase when the government reports February figures later this week.

Oil prices soared early Monday before retreating. Benchmark U.S. crude surged to $130 a barrel overnight, then moderated to around $119, a 3% gain, in afternoon trading. The international price skyrocketed to $139 before falling back to about $123 a barrel. Major U.S. stock indexes were down more than 2%.

The United States is the world's largest oil producer — ahead of Saudi Arabia and Russia — but it is also the biggest oil consumer, and it can't meet that staggering demand with domestic crude alone.

The U.S. imported 245 million barrels of oil from Russia last year — about 8% of all U.S. oil imports — up from 198 million barrels in 2020. That's less than the U.S. gets from Canada or Mexico but more than it imported last year from Saudi Arabia.

The increasingly violent Russian attack on Ukraine has increased calls to cut off Russia from the money it gets from oil and natural gas exports. Europe is heavily dependent on Russian gas.

President Joe Biden has been reluctant to ban Russian oil, fearing it could further fuel inflation heading into the midterm elections this November.

Many Republicans and a growing number of Democrats in the House and Senate, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., have endorsed banning Russian crude as a way to put more pressure on Russian President Vladimir Putin. The White House hasn't ruled out a ban, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Sunday that the United States and its allies were discussing a ban "while making sure that there is still an appropriate supply of oil" on the world market.

Talk of a ban on Russian oil has led U.S. officials to consider other sources that are currently limited. In what was supposed to be a secret trip, senior U.S. officials traveled to Venezuela over the weekend to discuss the chance of easing oil sanctions on the major crude-exporting country.

Ronnie James, an Uber driver in Brooklyn, wants the government to do something to bring prices down — get oil from Venezuela or tap more from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

"The folks who are every day building the wealth of this nation could use a break," he said.

Associated Press writers Julie Walker in Brooklyn, New York, and Chris Rugaber in Washington contributed.

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 FEB. 27 AT APPROXIMATELY 5 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Euclid for a suspect reportedly lighting a palm tree on fire. Upon arrival officers detained one female fitting the description provided by the reporting party and contacted SM Fire to extinguish the tree that was still on fire. Based on the officers' investigation and statements from multiple witnesses, Elizabeth Varner was booked for Arson and transported to the Santa Monica Jail. Varner was found to be in possession of matches and lighters at the time of her arrest.

City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361**

SUBJECT: **Proposed Extension of Interim Zoning Regulations Extending Timelines for Expiration of Planning Permits Due to Unavoidable Delays Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic and to Further Economic Recovery Efforts**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending interim zoning regulations established by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2688 (CCS) until December 31, 2022.

The interim zoning regulations amend Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.37.070 to codify the extension of timeframes for permits issued pursuant to the City's Zoning Ordinance that were previously established by emergency order due to unavoidable delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The interim zoning regulations also extend eligibility for such timeframe extensions through December 31, 2022 and allow for flexibility in requesting certain additional extensions to permit timeframes to further the City's economic recovery efforts. Specifically, the interim zoning regulations extend by two years deadlines to exercise and continuously pursue the rights granted under planning entitlements, permits, and approvals issued and still active between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2022 and for applications received between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2022. Such projects may also request a first time extension or other extension pursuant to SMMC Section 9.37.090(C)(1) and 9.37.090(C)(2) at any time at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the permit.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), only members of the City Council and City Staff will participate in person at City Hall. Members of the public may participate via telephone. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video. Members of the public may also dial in to listen to the meeting per the phone number that will be published on the meeting agenda.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Written public comment can be submitted via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please call (310) 312-8173 once the caller queue for the agenda item opens. Please note that the caller queue for each agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will close after the first five public comments (from other callers) are heard.

Please see the March 22, 2022 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Permit Extensions IZO

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, please contact Jing Yeo at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Ball of Confusion – That's What The World Is Today

Several years back I wrote that I thought the only thing to bring the world together would be an alien invasion. I made the argument that perhaps the devastating effects of climate change would be enough, but it appears that it wont be. At least not any time soon. I guess we have to reach the point of mass casualties, property destruction and global socioeconomic devastation before we'll consider doing something so pragmatic as cleaning the air and water of the planet.

Of course I also thought during the past two years, that a global pandemic might be enough to bring us into the realization that we are really all one species and/or race. But no. It only served to further divide us into the Pro-Science and Anti-Science camps. The conspiracy theorists and the 'pro-truth' cabals.

Now along comes Mr. Putin and his assault on Ukraine.

Will the specter of global thermonuclear war be enough? Maybe. But I doubt it.

The images coming out of Ukraine are beyond disturbing. The loss of life, and the infrastructure being destroyed is profoundly distressing. What's it all for? I have no idea.

I've tried to discern the reason for the aggression of the Russian President, and it's not clear. Is it all really just historical grudges? Maybe. Could he be doing this as part of a much longer game to destabilize the world order? Perhaps as a gambit to foster unrest in America so that Mr. Trump is restored to power? Possibly. I know that his actions will be used by the Republicans to further divide us as a nation.

The political consultants are likely constructing their arguments already about how Biden either was too ineffectual and perceived as weak and that's why Putin did what he did. He "KNEW" that Biden wouldn't stop him, but if we had Trump in power, this never would have happened. The other side is that Biden is in cahoots with Putin and he's doing this as part of a cover-up for his son's corruption in Ukraine,and it's all part of a vast conspiracy to protect Biden and the Clintons, while embarrassing Trump.

If we actually get into a ground war it will be used to "prove" that Biden is an incompetent President by the Republicans who just starts war to stay in power (completely forgetting the Iraq War started by W – which was somehow justified in their minds by the absent weapons of mass destruction). Alternatively, it would be used to show that Biden is just a "warmonger like all Democrats are, who start wars that the Republicans then have to pull us out of, and yes, that's why Mr. Trump should be put back in power – because he'd stop it, and Putin will respect him".

I could go on I'm sure, but the point is that everything is used as a talking point to "prove" someone's side. And what is said this week in justification and anger, is frequently forgotten and the reasoning ignored when in time it becomes valuable to take the other side. I've seen this lately in a person I follow who was sure that the COVID-19 was just the flu, no big deal and all part of a pretext to take greater control of our minds. They have now flipped their theories, and are "sure" it was a product of Moderna, in order to sell the vaccination to the governments and to increase their profits as part of a global world order manipulation.

Frankly, I'm getting pretty tired of all of it.

The idea of buying 10 acres in some remote place where I have no internet, and I have food dropped off once a month is looking and sounding better and better. I stepped away from the obsessive consumption of the political theater about two years into the Trump administration, and reduced my care level to "paying attention for 20 minutes a day." When the administration changed, I dropped down to an even lower level of care. I'm at the "reading the headlines daily, maybe the first couple of paragraphs then I'm out" stage.

Will humanity pull together and solve the world's problems? Maybe. Will the youth of the world figure out how to get along in ways that my generation hasn't? looks like it at times. Technology is proceeding to fix the trashed oceans, clean the CO2 from the air and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels so there's hope there. Politically, Putin is almost in his 70s, he's an old KGB USSR relic, albeit a powerful one. His greatest threat may lie from within. Those oligarchs like their money and their yachts. Their kids like being spoiled. Russian history is full of plot twists, and I for one don't know what chess moves are being played behind the scenes right now.

And it's likely, I never will. We may only see the end result.

Let's hope it's a good one for all of us.

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HOMELESS

FROM PAGE 1

street medicine practitioners, the unique curriculum strives to build a new generation of skilled, adaptable and compassionate homeless healthcare providers.

These practitioners will be able to deliver tests, diagnoses and some treatments directly on the streets to unhoused patients experiencing a broad range of health challenges—like diabetes for example—or trauma injuries, dental problems, infections, mental illnesses, sexually transmitted diseases and many other maladies.

Homelessness is a deadly condition. According to data from the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner, the average age of death for people who are experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County is 48 for women and 51 for men. Unfortunately, the vast majority of unhoused individuals have very limited access to health care outside of the 911 system.

"The important key benefit (of practicing street medicine) is that you actually see the patient and the key detriment if you don't do that is you will never see the patient, the patient will never see you and they will not receive proper primary care. They'll end up in an emergency room and then they'll repeat that pattern of emergency room visits," said King.

According to King, there are numerous reasons why homeless individuals are often unable to receive treatment in a traditional clinical setting, with lack of insurance or money only being the tip of the iceberg.

Many unhoused individuals have neither the transportation or the ability to keep their possessions unattended for the time necessary to visit a doctor. Additionally, many unhoused individuals suffer from mental health and substance use issues that make them disorganized and unable to stay on top of doctors visits or treatment plans. Lastly, people experiencing homelessness may feel unwelcome in a clinical setting due to their hygiene condition, the stigma around homelessness or their distrust of authority figures.

Venice Family Clinic's street medicine curriculum, which was created with financial support from the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, takes all of these factors into consideration. It contains extensive training on how to best approach unhoused individuals and get them to a place where they are comfortable accepting treatment.

"We try to teach these techniques of approaching people in a very non-threatening way, including physical language, body posturing to try to be very calm and non-threatening to give people a chance to get to know us, understanding this may take months. This may take up to a year or two years to really fully engage and gain trust in our patients," said King.

While some patients are willing to accept treatment immediately, many unhoused individuals require repeated engagement over a period of time. King said this starts small, with a smile and if possible a brief conversation, recognizing that unhoused individuals have been through serious trauma and are primed to be suspicious of others.

"We consider ourselves trauma informed and we were built that way long before the term being trauma informed was coined. We were built around seeing patients and understanding their needs and their situation," said King. "So simply just being nice to people and understanding the horrible luck they've been through and trying to be calm and nice with that helps welcome them in."

Many unhoused patients receive treatment directly on the street over the course of their engagement with the Venice Family Clinic. Some patients will build up a rapport with VFC's street medicine providers and then be willing and able to come into one of VFC's healthcare facilities for follow-up care.

An additional challenge that comes with street medicine, and something the curriculum focuses on, is that many homeless individuals are tri-morbid — meaning they are simultaneously experiencing a mental health issue, a physical health issue and a substance use issue, all of which typically negatively reinforce each other.

For example an unhoused individual may use meth to cope with the trauma of living on the street, which can cause a series of health complications including high blood pressure, insomnia, skin scores and brain damage. It may also exacerbate pre-existing mental health conditions such as anxiety or psychosis or cause an individual to develop new mental illnesses, which coupled with physical pain leads the individual to intensify their drug use.

A trained street medicine provider could realize that a patient is tri-morbid and respond appropriately. For example, they may deliver a shot of anti-psychotic medicine directly on the street, which allows the patient to become more calm and organized, receive treatment for their physical health challenges, and consequently rely less on drug use for pain management.

In the long-run the goal of street medicine providers is to get their patients to a state where they are able to accept housing resources and work with homeless service providers. In many instances, providing sorely needed health care on the streets is the first step towards getting homeless individuals into a condition where they can maintain housing and, if possible, reenter the workforce.

"I feel like I've seen so much success with following this model of engaging them in the street with medicine, with mental health care, with case management and getting to know them and getting them thought ready and contemplating making change in their life and moving into housing," said King.

There are already several cohorts of resident doctors from universities including UCLA, USC and Charles Drew, who are receiving training in the street medicine curriculum. It is the hope of King and of the Venice Family Clinic that these young doctors will become the next generation of homeless health care providers and continue to develop and advance the practice of street medicine over the course of their careers.

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TREATMENT: Providing care to homeless patients has unique challenges.

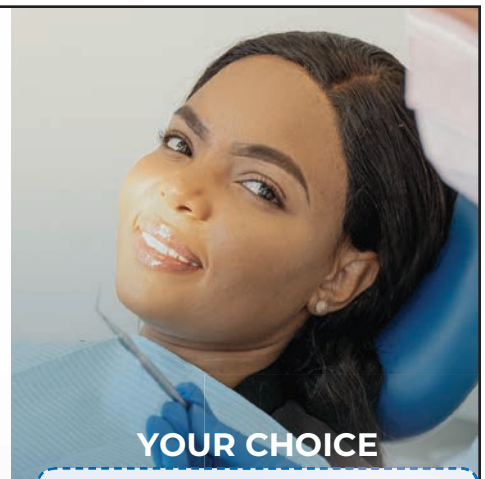
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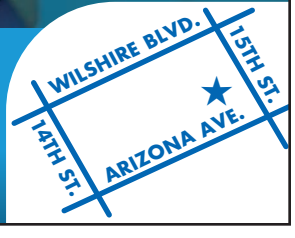
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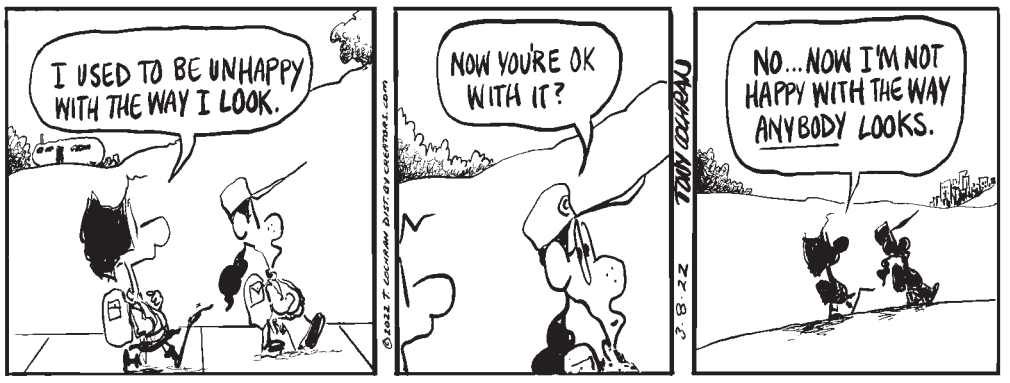
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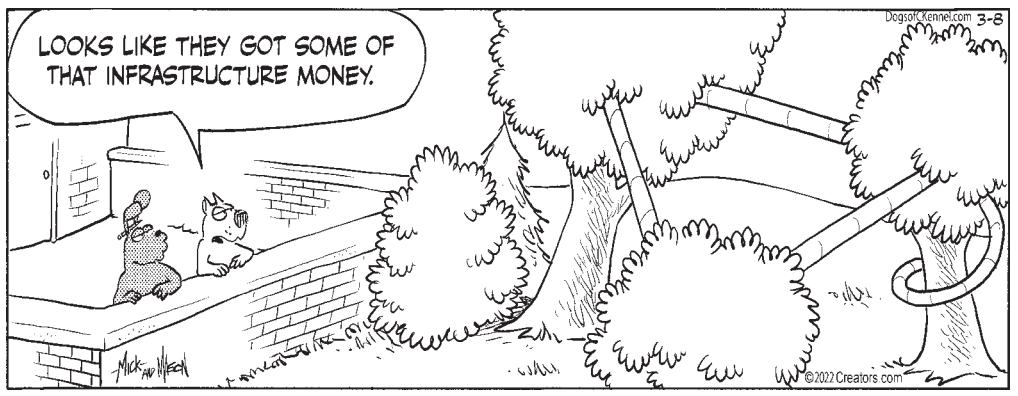
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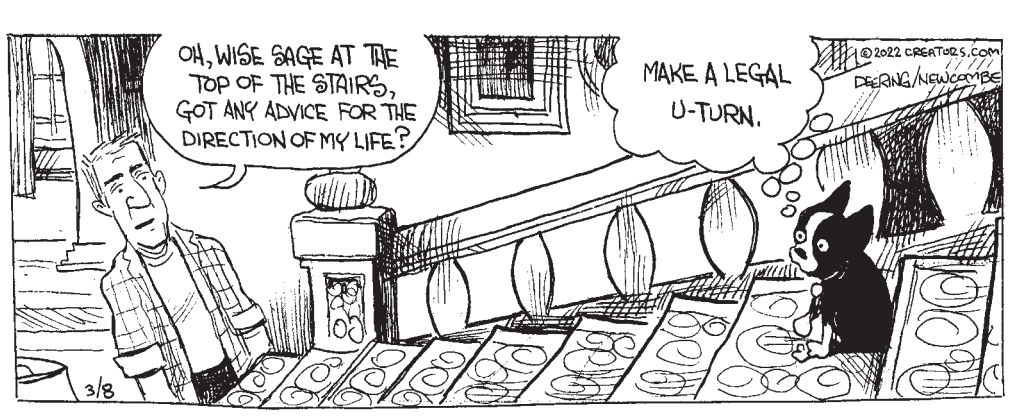
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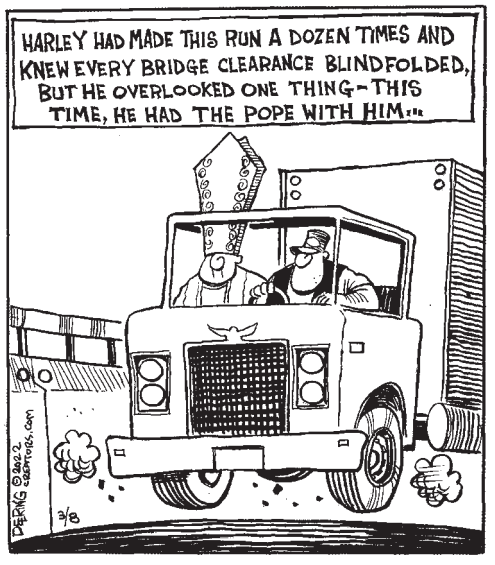
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"HIS MORNING BREATH IS NO JOKE."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.6°

TUESDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee
NW swell mix continues to trend down through the day.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 0.5-1ft Shin to knee
Trace NW swell.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. West wind around 5 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not where you want to be. It's neither cause for alarm nor punishment. Rather, it's an opportunity for compassion and trying again. Ultimately, you'll follow your curiosity to financial gain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may feel like you've done your best and you've done your worst, and you don't know the difference. This is evidence of your total immersion in the action of the moment. Trust that and leave judgment for another day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). We want to change, we change. We don't want to change, we change. Instead of resisting the very nature of this lifetime, you'll put your energy into guiding the spirit of change in your preferred direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Small wonders can be as impactful as big ones. Today's mini marvel will be a sweetness to behold, but even better is the fact that you're able to see it. It takes a well-tuned eye and an open heart to pick up on things like this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may pretend to be imparting secret information because it makes what you say seem more important. Everybody likes to think they're in on something exclusive, even if it happens to be, ahem, public knowledge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll act for the intrinsic reward of taking action, then something interesting will happen. The rewards will just keep coming, and at such a volume, you'll have to create a system for organizing them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your inventiveness and intelligence will be admired, though perhaps not in ways you'll be made aware of. In any regard, you can assume you're being well-received and proceed with confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though generally satisfied, there's one area of life you want to improve. You'll get the breakthrough that makes your next moves obvious, easy and affordable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You think you want a relationship for one reason, and it will turn out to serve other unanticipated purposes or solve different problems than you knew you had.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you have become competent in a skillset, you feel you're just at the beginning of what you can do. In this you are correct. You'll soon meet the person to help you get to the next level.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A good system is one you can work well. A stellar system should work well without you. You'll prove your leadership prowess by setting things up to go right when you're away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may be working hard but that doesn't mean you're challenged in the ways that matter to you. Consider taking on even more or perhaps different tasks. An interesting opportunity awaits.

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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

1	6	7	2	9	4	3	5	8
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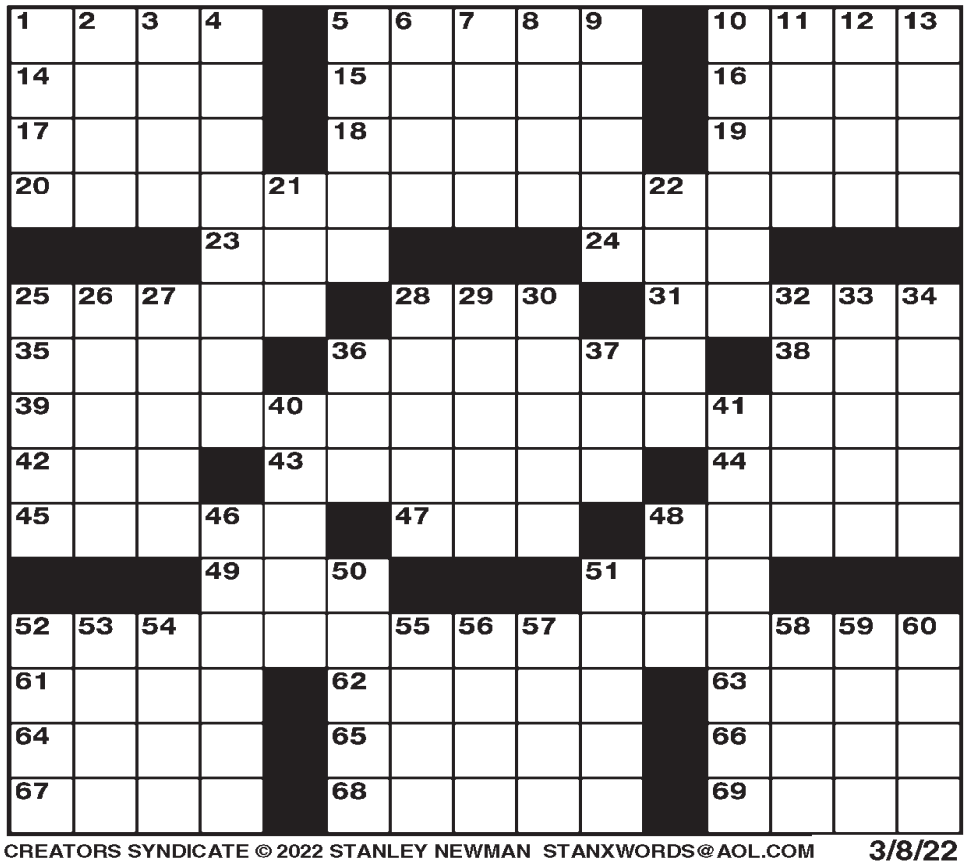
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Newsday Crossword

SIGNS ON THE STREET by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Session in the tub
5 Borders on
10 IRS form experts
14 Uncanny glow
15 Permit to enter
16 Noblewoman's title
17 Sound of scissors
18 Camel's South American cousin
19 Put __ appearance (show up)
20 Words to a pest
23 Tree that sounds like "you"
24 Something extra in an envelope: Abbr.
25 Tilt to one side
28 Poorly behaved
31 Robbery
35 Cheery greeting
36 Fold in a page corner
38 Formal neckwear
39 By any means necessary
42 Teachers' org.
43 Only just
44 Feels unwell
45 Continue until
47 Complete collection
48 Alphabet start
49 Distress signal at sea
51 Class for new immigrants: Abbr.
52 Proceed gingerly
61 High poker pair
62 Racetrack shapes
63 Stretched tightly
64 "You can say __ again!"
65 Variety show
66 Gumbo vegetable
67 Keyboarding mistake
68 What lumber comes from
69 Look intently (at)

DOWN
1 Low choral voice
2 Dad's sister
3 Quartet minus one
4 "Are you finally satisfied?"
5 Grant permission for
6 Strap around a waist
7 Nevada neighbor
8 Clock reading
9 Catch in a trap
10 Settle decisively, as a deal
11 Feeling of hunger
12 Eden guy
13 "Auld Lang __"
21 Wager
22 Start of a speech
25 Sparkled
26 Sheets, pillowcases, etc.
27 Still to come
28 Rude people
29 See eye to eye
30 Handed out cards
32 Moral code
33 Grassy land
34 Brief and to the point
36 Fabric coloring
37 "__ questions?"
40 "Are not!" response
41 Surface to set for supper
46 Invites out for
48 Campfire residue
50 Sound of scorn
51 Double-curve letters
52 Lightbulb measure
53 Sore from overexertion
54 Big jump
55 At any time
56 Donated
57 Arts-and-crafts adhesive
58 Canoeing locale
59 Entice
60 Have the lead role



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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

TUESDAY | MARCH 8

CITY COUNCIL
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. Begins in closed session at 5:30 p.m. View the agenda at https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx. Livestream the meeting at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 9

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

THURSDAY | MARCH 10

ROCK N COMEDY
Carefully Curated Comedy Show at Rock N Pies in Santa Monica on the second Thursday of the every month. 8:30pm doors open and the show starts at 9pm. $10 online $15 at door. Comedians from NBC, Netflix, Amazon Prime, BET and more. Use code PIES for half off tickets while they last. 1120 Wilshire Blvd.

STORYTIME AT CAYTON'S MUSEUM
Join us for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays and, after storytime, enjoy the museum for FREE! Registration is required. Register here: https://bit.ly/SMPLCayton 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 395 Santa Monica Pl Suite 374 Level 3

FRIDAY | MARCH 11

ALICE BEASLEY QUILTS EXHIBITION
The California Heritage Museum is pleased to present a 30 year retrospective by Oakland quilt artist Alice Beasley. Quilt artist Alice Beasley has been making quilts since 1988. Fabric is her chosen medium of expression through which she creates realistic portraits of people and objects. The exhibition will open on Friday, March 11th and conclude on Sunday, June 12th , 2022, open Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 4pm. There will be a MEET THE ARTIST event on Saturday, March 12 from 2 to 5 p.m.

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Santa Monica Conservancy docents share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute visits docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 - 2 p.m. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please note masks are required while indoors. Schedule subject to change, check the website calendar or call 310-458-4904 to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House

SATURDAY | MARCH 12

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

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Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LEON CYCLE SANTA MONICA GRAND OPENING
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DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. Tours are free for members and $10 for the general public. The reservation link is smc.givecloud.co/dwt. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1436 2nd St.

SUNDAY | MARCH 13

ORCHESTRA SANTA MONICA CONCERT
Orchestra Santa Monica is bringing the full symphony orchestra to perform in the heart of Santa Monica. Led by Music Director Roger Kalia, the orchestra will perform Shostakovich's Symphony No. 9 and the Brahms Violin Concerto (soloist Nathan Cole). The concert will open with Seven O'Clock Shout, written by Valerie Coleman to honor front line workers. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Broad Stage, 1310 11th St.

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
2640 Main St.
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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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 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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What's in a name

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AP ENGLISH

FROM PAGE 1

Described as "The Samohi English department's journey of self-reflection and analysis," a new 10-page report presented at the Thursday meeting detailed the rationale for "detracking" ninth and 10th grade English classes in an effort to close the achievement gap at Samohi. After 10th grade, all students will be given the option to choose whether to enter an AP-level English course or select from among other English language arts offerings available at Samohi.

The reasoning for the change was largely due to concerns over the achievement gap between white students and students of color, as well as the gap between students of different socioeconomic backgrounds.

"We are a diverse school with segregated classes — that is the No. 1 problem here," Samohi Principal Antonio Shelton said. "For instance, we have about 26 percent of our kids who are in ninth grade — and those ninth graders are Black and brown in a segregated class. We're in 2022. That's an issue; that's a concern."

The report states that the curriculum in "honors" and "regular" ninth and 10th grade English classes is similar; however, honors track courses tend to cover more material because of additional homework.

"We know that we can meet the needs of all students as we raise the level of instruction for all students," Rodriguez said.

At the same time, Rodriguez explained, Samohi would continue to offer specialized academic instruction for students with special needs. The report detailed several avenues for students to receive additional support outside the new combined English curriculum, known as college preparatory English 9 and college preparatory English 10.

"We are extremely fortunate to have time built into our day to support students and their individual learning needs," the report states. "Each week, teachers have two 50 minute flextime sessions to meet with struggling students one on one, reteach skills as needed to small groups, provide retake/revision opportunities, and help support students in any way they need." The report also mentions weekly office hours, the Samohi Writing Center, a summer English 11AP boot camp and virtual 24-hour tutoring as additional resources for students.

School Board members raised questions about the way student success will be assessed in the new combined English track. Board Member Laurie Lieberman asked if the English Department had a method for determining the efficacy of the change.

Samohi English Department chair Nathan Fulcher replied that while the Department would continue its normal data collection and analysis, it would also look for ways for students to showcase their work through digital portfolios.

"I think most of us, as teachers, do at the end of the course the end-of-year reflections," Fulcher added. "As we take kids through the writing process, we're also constantly having them work on that metacognitive part and working on that self-reflection. So I think it's a combination of all of those things."

Rodriguez and others discussed how some students can be pigeonholed into believing they aren't as smart or capable if they aren't placed into honors classes. This was reinforced by some of the students who called in to the meeting.

"Since my freshman year, I've taken only honors and AP English classes, with the exception of my current class, Chicano and Latinx lit," student Danielle Lopez said at the meeting. "I've been fortunate enough to have counselors and teachers support my enrollment in advanced courses; however, that is often not the case for other students of color, as it is constantly felt that there's a system that's working against us. I have witnessed a widening achievement gap within our students because of the separation of them using this honors system."

Lopez said keeping certain students out of honors courses divides and stigmatizes them.

Despite support from students who called in, the move did not sit well with many parents who called in to the meeting to voice concerns that their honors students would be deprived of the opportunity to take advanced English classes in ninth and 10th grade.

"I think people are going to leave the school if they can't get the enrichment for their children that's appropriate to them and that environment," parent Trevor Foucher said. "So, I think you're going to get less involvement by parents, you're going to get less donations and, ultimately, you're going to end up with a poor education from dropping differentiation and dropping honors classes."

Other parents spoke to encourage the District to focus on raising up the level of students not currently on the honors track, rather than make a move they see as lowering the standard for all kids.

Board Member Maria Leon-Vazquez said that was not the way the move should be interpreted.

"I don't think … people really understand the fact that you're lifting from the bottom and everybody gets lifted," Leon-Vazquez said. "It's not like you lift the bottom and the top falls."

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TRANSIT

FROM PAGE 4

Paul P. Skoutelas, president of the American Public Transportation Association, praised the latest infusion of federal funds as vital to keeping workers connected to their offices. He said the money will allow transit systems "to re-evaluate routes and service plans, address equity issues and place more alternative fuels vehicles on the road to help address our global climate crisis."

AP Auto Writer Tom Krisher in Detroit contributed to this report.

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