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Negin Singh resigns as Pier Executive Director, Jim Harris to temporarily take helm

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SMDP Staff Writer

Negin Singh recently announced her resignation as Executive Director of the Pier Corporation, and current Deputy Director Jim Harris will step in as interim director in June.

Singh assumed the role three and a half years ago to help reimagine the Twilight Concert Series and said that the current needs of the pier no longer align with her skillset in arts and culture event planning. She looks forward to beginning a new chapter working for a technology start-up centered around small businesses.

"This decision came at the right time for me and my family and where I see my future going and where I think the pier's future is going," said Singh. "I think the pier's challenges are mostly going to be operational in nature, versus why I first came into this work, which is really focused on the programming, culture making and art making."

Prior to the pandemic, the pier accommodated up to 13 million visitors a year. Moving forward there will be significant challenges in making sure the 111-year-old structure can safely support crowds again.



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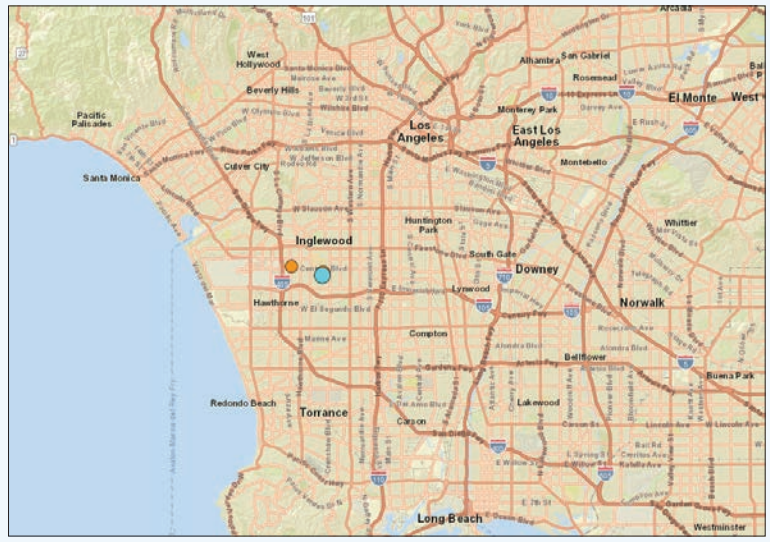
PIER: Negin Singh joined the Pier about three years ago.

One long standing priority, according to Singh, is renovating the aging Pier bridge. This construction has been a topic of conversation for the last twenty years and is currently scheduled to be completed for 2027, just in time for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

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4.0 magnitude earthquake strikes in Los Angeles area



Associated Press

QUAKE: A 4.0 magnitude earthquake gave the Los Angeles area a jolt before dawn Monday. The 4:44 a.m. quake was centered in the Inglewood area east of Los Angeles International Airport, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It also was relatively deep, at 12 miles. The USGS said light shaking was reported across the greater metropolitan area and no significant damage was expected. "Would have been felt by most people awake in LA," veteran seismologist Lucy Jones tweeted. A magnitude 3.3 tremor was the largest of several foreshocks, and a series of small aftershocks followed. "The aftershocks are normal," Jones said.

Maskless mass of tourists prompt city officials restrict pier access

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The Santa Monica Pier and Pacific Park fully reopened Friday. But crowds of tourists and local residents prompted police to limit access Sunday night, and local officials said they are prepared to do so again if necessary.

With coronavirus cases on the decline, vaccinations increasing and temperatures warming, Santa Monica has seen a number of tourists and travelers find their way back to the beach and popular shopping areas around town. Even with the relaxed regulations, it's been many weeks since visitors were able to enjoy a ride on the iconic Ferris wheel or Pacific Park roller coaster; however, the park reopened rides just in time for the holiday weekend after receiving approval from the state and county.

After a year of business closures and travel restrictions devastating the local economy, an uptick in foot traffic would appear to be beneficial for the region, but as images of hundreds of mostly maskless people poured onto social media this weekend, city leaders made the call to limit access to the Pier Sunday evening.

"The City manager or designee made the decision to restrict access and/or close the Pier for Covid-19 public health reasons," Santa Monica Police Lt. Rudy Flores said Monday, so officers closed off the entrance to the Santa Monica Pier, near Ocean Avenue, and the stairs near Bubba Gump Shrimp Company.

"In terms of this weekend, we were prepared and had measures in place to restrict access whenever necessary to support physical distancing," City spokesperson Constance Farrell said. "We followed through on preparations with access restricted at approximately 6 p.m. last night, Sunday, April 4."

Because of spring break and holidays like Easter and Passover, which normally call for a celebration with family and loved ones, authorities across southern California warned travelers that their actions could spur a new surge in COVID-19 cases if they aren't responsible in their adventures throughout Southern California during the weekend.

Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said during a briefing last week "What we're seeing now is more travel than we saw throughout the pandemic, including the Christmas and New Year's holidays."

County Health Director Barbara Ferrer said in a separate briefing Monday the state has not seen the same kind of spike in coronavirus cases as the rest of the country. But that doesn't mean it's time to let your guard down.

"We will continue to monitor occupancy to support a safe experience for all," Farrell added in a statement Monday that detailed how COVID-19 Health Ambassadors and Code Enforcement continue to be out in public spaces, including the Pier. "The City of Santa Monica has measures in place to prioritize public health and safety, including temporarily restricting access to the Santa Monica Pier at any time that physical distancing cannot be maintained due to occupancy."

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Corporations gave over $50M to voting restriction backers

BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

When executives from Coca-Cola and Delta Air Lines spoke out against Georgia's new voting law as unduly restrictive last week, it seemed to signal a new activism springing from corporate America.

But if leaders of the nation's most prominent companies are going to reject lawmakers who support restrictive voting measures, they will have to abruptly reverse course.

State legislators across the country who have pushed for new voting restrictions, and also seized on former President Donald Trump's baseless claims of election fraud, have reaped more than $50 million in corporate donations in recent years, according to a new report by Public Citizen, a Washington-based government watchdog group.

Telecom giant AT&T was the most prolific, donating over $800,000 since 2015 to authors of proposed restrictions, cosponsors of such measures, or those who voted in favor of the bills, the report found. Other top donors during the same period include Comcast, Philip Morris USA, UnitedHealth Group, Walmart, Verizon, General Motors and Pfizer.

The money may not have been given with voting laws in mind, but it nonetheless helped cement Republican control in statehouses where many of the prohibitive measures are now moving forward.

Whether companies continue to give to these lawmakers will test how far risk-averse corporate leaders are willing to go in their increasingly forceful criticism of the restrictive efforts, which voting rights groups have excoriated as an attack on democracy.

"It really is corporate America, as a whole, that is funding these politicians," said Mike Tanglis, one of the authors of the report. "It seems many are trying to hide under a rock and hope that this issue passes."

More than 120 companies detailed in the report previously said they would rethink their donations to members of Congress who, acting on the same falsehoods as the state lawmakers, objected to the certification of President Joe Biden's win following the deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters.

The tension is most evident now in Georgia, where a far-reaching new voting law has drawn an intense national scrutiny, prompting the criticism from Delta and Coca-Cola. On Friday, MLB announced it would no longer host the 2021 All-Star Game in Atlanta.

Yet it's unclear whether this aggressive new posture will extend to corporate campaign donation practices. And early indicators show there is risk.

Georgia's Republican-controlled House voted to strip Delta of a tax break worth tens of millions of dollars annually for their criticism of the new law, though the action was rendered moot after the GOP Senate failed to take it up before the legislative session adjourned.

What is certain, though, is that withholding corporate donations to state-level candidates, like many companies did at the federal level, would have a far greater impact in statehouses.

"A contribution of $5,000 to a U.S. senator who is raising $30 million is a drop in a bucket. But in some of these state races, a few thousand dollars can buy a lot of ad time," said Tanglis. "If corporate America is going to say that (Trump's) lie is unacceptable on the federal level, what about on the state level?"

Public Citizen analyzed about 245 voting restriction bills proposed before March 1. They culled a list of sponsors and cosponsors, while also analyzing vote roll calls. Then they cross-referenced the data with state-level donation records dating back to 2015, which included money from company political action committees, as well as direct contributions from corporate treasuries.

Among their findings:

— Companies donated at least $50 million to lawmakers who supported voting restrictions, including $22 million in the 2020 campaign cycle.

— At least 81 Fortune 100 companies have given a combined total of $7.7 million to supporters of the restrictions.

— Nearly half of all Fortune 500 companies donated a combined total of $12.8 million to supporters of the restrictions.

— About three-quarters of the companies that changed their donation policies after the U.S. Capitol attack have also given to lawmakers who supported voting rights restrictions.

— More than 60 companies have given at least $100,000 to lawmakers who supported the restrictions.

— Separately, industry groups and trade associations contributed an additional $36 million to the lawmakers, $16 million of which was given during the 2020 cycle.

In response, AT&T said "the right to vote is sacred" but declined to say whether the company would withhold donations to state lawmakers as they did for members of Congress who objected to Biden's win.

"We understand that election laws are complicated, not our company's expertise and ultimately the responsibility of elected officials. But, as a company, we have a responsibility to engage," AT&T CEO John Stankey said in a statement.

Verizon CEO Hans Vestberg said in a statement, "We strongly oppose the passage of any legislation or the adoption of any measure that would make it harder" to vote. But he stopped short of pledging any specific action.

Comcast said in a statement that "efforts to limit or impede access to this vital constitutional right for any citizen are not consistent with our values." The company would not comment on whether it would evaluate its giving to lawmakers who support the measures.

Altria, the parent company of Philip Morris USA, said in a statement that "every eligible voter should be able to exercise their right to vote" and pledged to monitor lawmakers' "alignment with our political contribution guiding principles when making future contribution decisions."

Other companies listed in the report declined to comment or did not respond to inquiries from The Associated Press.

On Monday, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell urged companies to resist what he called a "coordinated campaign by

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 230 CALLS ON APRIL 4

Party Complaint 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:02 a.m.
Speeding Yale St / Broadway 12:33 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Ocean Ave 12:45 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk 23rd St 12:52 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 11th St / Michigan Ave 1:41 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:24 a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:34 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 3:02 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 12th St / California Ave 3:12 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 34th St / Pico Blvd 3:37 a.m.
Burglary 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 3:54 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 1800blk Euclid St 4:52 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 20th St / Interstate 10 5:35 a.m.
Encampment 400blk California Ave 5:39 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 7:10 a.m.
Lewd Activity 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:13 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 3300blk Barnard Way 7:35 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300blk 2nd St 9:25 a.m.
Loitering 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:51 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1100blk Princeton St 9:59 a.m.
Burglary 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 9:59 a.m.
Bike Theft 1800blk 7th St 10:05 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Yale St 10:12 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2800blk Main St 10:16 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:49 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:51 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2000blk 21st St 10:54 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk Ocean Ave 11:16 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Just Occurred 3000blk 2nd St 11:45 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Appian Way 11:55 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1300blk 2nd St 12:05 p.m.
Threats/Investigations 500blk California Ave 12:09 p.m.
Burglary 2000blk Delaware Ave 12:09 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Main St / Marine St 12:43 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:50 p.m.
Loud Music 800blk Broadway 1:22 p.m.
Overdose 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 1:37 p.m.
Hit And Run 2200blk Virginia Ave 1:40 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Loitering 1000blk 23rd St 1:47 p.m.
Found Property 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:56 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:22 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1100blk 15th St 2:26 p.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Montana Ave 2:34 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 700blk Ozone St 2:45 p.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 9th St 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 3:07 p.m.
Loud Music 2300blk Ocean Ave 3:12 p.m.
Found Property 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:14 p.m.
Hit And Run Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 3:24 p.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:33 p.m.
Loud Music 2800blk 2nd St 3:39 p.m.
Petty Theft 300blk Montana Ave 3:41 p.m.
Fight 300blk Colorado Ave 3:41 p.m.
Drinking In Public 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:43 p.m.
Found Property 900blk 2nd St 3:45 p.m.
Found Property 1000blk 14th St 3:52 p.m.
Loud Music 2300blk Ocean Ave 4:20 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 1800blk Ocean Ave 4:23 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 100blk Interstate 10 4:24 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 4:33 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:58 p.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 5:05 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1300blk 9th St 5:06 p.m.
Found Property 1200blk The Beach 5:16 p.m.
Petty Theft 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:46 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 400blk Santa Monica Pier 5:51 p.m.
Burglary 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:52 p.m.
Speeding 14th St / Colorado Ave 6:17 p.m.
Burglary Report 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:17 p.m.
Fight 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:28 p.m.
Encampment 21st St / Pico Blvd 6:29 p.m.
Encampment 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 7:21 p.m.
Encampment 24th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:21 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 00blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:33 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 7:40 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk 21st St 7:43 p.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 7:51 p.m.
Party Complaint 800blk Bay St 8:01 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000blk 4th St 8:11 p.m.
Injured Person Ocean Ave / Seaside Ter 8:15 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk 21st St 8:38 p.m.
Loud Music 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 8:46 p.m.
Person With A Gun 11th St / Broadway 9:01 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:36 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1000blk Bay St 9:47 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:49 p.m.
Party Complaint 300blk Marguerita Ave 9:56 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1300blk Grant St 10:00 p.m.
Party Complaint 1100blk 14th St 10:04 p.m.
Party Complaint 22nd St / San Vicente Blvd 10:09 p.m.
Loud Music 22nd St / San Vicente Blvd 10:09 p.m.
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Loud Music 1500blk 6th St 11:14 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 800blk 25th St 11:18 p.m.
Loud Music 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:21 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:27 p.m.
Speeding 300blk 18th St 11:41 p.m.

Transient held in fatal West Los Angeles vehicle assault

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A transient used a vehicle to assault two other transients, killing one, in the West Los Angeles area, authorities said.

One of the victims struck around 12:05 a.m. Sunday was dragged more than 200 yards (182.8 meters), causing fatal injuries, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

The other victim was taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries that were not life-threatening.

Los Angeles police spotted the suspect in his vehicle a few blocks away and took him into custody after a pursuit.

The department said all three of the men involved in the incident lived at a homeless encampment near the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs campus.

"Investigators learned the suspect and deceased victim were involved in a verbal argument prior to the incident. The suspect then got into his vehicle and deliberately used his vehicle to assault both victims, leaving one of them dead," the statement said.

The 24-year-old suspect was taken to the West Hollywood sheriff's station and booked for investigation of murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

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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 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) officers were dispatched to investigate an Assault and Battery involving an elderly male that occurred in 1100 block of Wilshire Blvd. SMPD Officers met with the victim, a 78-year-old male, who explained to them that he was walking down the street when a subject without any provocation or cause struck him in the face with a closed fist. The victim provided officers a detailed description of the suspect. Utilizing the information provided, officers searched the surrounding area for the suspect and located Paul Anthony Turner, a 28-year-old black male. Turner was identified by the victim and admitted to the assault before ultimately being placed under arrest. On March 31, 2021 the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed one count of 368(b)(1) PC - Elder Abuse and 245(A)(4) PC - Assault to produce Great Bodily Injury. Anyone with additional information pertaining to this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Holloway with the Criminal Investigations Division 310-458-8934 or Santa Monica Department's Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 1:17 a.m.
EMS 600blk 26th St 1:52 a.m.
EMS 2600blk 32nd St 4:39 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Physical Rescue 20th St / Interstate 10 5:35 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 6:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Civic Center Dr 6:31 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 7:10 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 8:12 a.m.
EMS 2600blk 26th St 8:38 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:19 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 1000blk 4th St 10:36 a.m.
EMS 2600blk 31st St 12:13 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:52 p.m.
EMS 100blk Bay St 2:07 p.m.
EMS 6th St / Arizona Ave 2:17 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 2:48 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 9th St 6:13 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 5th St 8:08 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 7th St 11:10 p.m.





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Outdoor Dining May Save The Promenade

I was in Culver City this weekend, trying to get a table at Café Vida, and it was an hour and a half wait – at 2:00 in the afternoon! The restaurant district is hopping down there. Every nice sit-down eatery we went to had at least a 30 minute wait. It's fair to say that people are ready for the return to dining out and enough with the sourdough starters....

It's not just the restaurants in Culver City that are seeing the return to in person dining. A quick drive down Main Street will show those businesses that were able to quickly adapt to the new outdoor dining regulations are making their way back from the brink of disaster that took out so many of their competitors.

Stella Barra Pizza on Main and Bicknell has always been a successful showplace for high-end gourmet pizza (my personal favorite is their mushroom which is a unique twist on what is normally an overly cheesed, bland experience.) Their outdoor seating seems to be consistently packed every night of the week, with longish wait times on the big nights of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It's nice to see that level of sales which will keep the company and its staff operational.

Continuing down Main Street it seems that most of the mainstays like Jinya Ramen, Shoop's Deli and The Galley have all adapted well to the outdoor dining model. It's been a bit chilly at night, so the advent of the heater has been a godsend for those of us who still get cold. AS the summer nights come upon us, hopefully those heaters will be needed less, which will add to the restaurants' bottom lines. Each of those heaters costs about $25 per night to operate, which when you consider the additional costs of the personal protective equipment that is required to support the staff, is eating into the razor thin margins that most restaurants are operating on.

Many of us want the expansion of the outdoor dining to continue because as my friend Jason Brubaker said, "it's got a very European feel to it, and is more enjoyable." I certainly agree with him that the outdoor dining atmosphere makes for a more exciting adventure, I'm also not so happy with being that close to the street to be honest. It's not the fumes of the cars (which are not that bad thanks to the AQMD rules and catalytic converters) but the sounds that annoy me. Part of the anxiety I experience is the cars are passing just a little too close in my book.

I've found that I prefer the outdoor dining at places like Gilbert's, where we're in a set back parking lot that at least feels a bit safer, even though the street traffic sounds are still present. Same goes for the modifications that were made at Rae's (and Teddy's – owned by the same man) which have the benefit of being set off from the street a bit.

Where I really noticed the biggest difference is on the Promenade where the restaurants have escaped the confines of their dining rooms and expanded into the central walkway. This I find to be not only the most European feeling, but also has the added benefit of no automobile traffic. While each restaurant has co-opted swaths of the sidewalk, and even into the central corridor as 1212 has, the benefit is that there is enough walkway for individuals to pass and peruse the meals being served.

I had the joy of strolling down the Promenade this past Sunday as I was doing some night street photography and was pleasantly surprised at the crowded eateries. It's a good sign of the recovery that is in process as we approach the summer crush of warm evenings, and languid afternoons. The Promenade seems in my entirely unscientific analysis to have lost about 15-25% of the retail establishments that would normally be the big draw. I'm hopeful that this expansion by restaurants into the walkway, its more inviting environment, and the joys of summer will be the new big draw the way that the Culver City restaurant district has become for them.

The dining industry can expect to continue to recover, especially if some new, one off, destination restaurants become the replacements for many of the lost retailers. We should encourage the property managers to avoid the big corporate tenants and to take advantage of this unique opportunity to bring back inspired, creative and ultimately attractive new concepts in dining to act as the appetizer to a new financial well-being meal.

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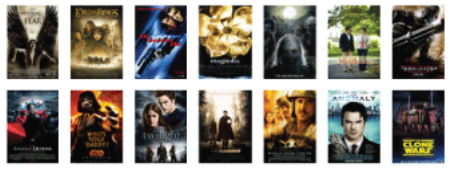
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 1 new death and 366 new cases of COVID-19. The lower number of deaths and cases reflect reporting delays over the weekend. To date, Public Health identified 1,222,447 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 23,276 deaths.

Three months ago, there were 14,200 daily cases. Since then, Los Angeles County has experienced a 97% drop in the number of daily cases, falling to fewer than 400 in late-March. During the same time period, daily hospitalizations fell 92%, from more than 8,000 daily hospitalizations to 650 daily hospitalizations, and the number of daily deaths dropped 96%, from 252 daily deaths to just 9 daily deaths.

The reported COVID-19 death occurred in a person between the ages of 50 and 64 years old.

Testing results are available for more than 6,137,000 individuals with 18% of people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 1.5%.

Late last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance related to travelers who have been fully vaccinated. Effective today, Los Angeles County is updating its travel advisory.

The CDC and Los Angeles County continue to urge that everyone avoid non-essential travel during this time when there are significant hot spots across the country and the world and significant risk from more infectious variants.

Travel is associated with additional risks. Travelers who are fully vaccinated, meaning two weeks have passed after their second dose for Pfizer or Moderna, or after their single dose of Johnson & Johnson are, however, at lower risk and can now travel and will not be required to test or quarantine upon their arrival in Los Angeles County if they do not have any symptoms of illness. Travelers who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine for seven full days after travel if they receive a negative COVID-19 test result taken three to five days after their arrival. If a traveler does not get tested after they arrive in Los Angeles County, they must quarantine for a full 10 days. All travelers, regardless of their vaccination status, must self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after their arrival, and should get tested and isolate if they develop symptoms.

At 12:01 a.m. this morning, changes to the Health Officer Order took effect, reflecting the County's move into the Orange tier. As a result, many business and sector protocols were updated over the weekend, including bars, breweries, wineries, and distilleries, family entertainment centers, gyms, movie theaters, restaurants, retail establishments, grocery stores, and outdoor live events. It is important that businesses follow the safety measures laid out in these protocols. As seen in the past, re-openings and increasing capacity limits often lead to an increase in cases. It is critical businesses take every precaution necessary to protect employees and customers. Public Health inspectors are out and will provide any clarity or technical assistance should businesses need it.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the friends and families who are living through the tragedy of losing a loved one. We are sending our love and prayers during your time of grief," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "I want to commend everyone for the tremendous progress we have seen over the last two months. Cases, hospitalizations and deaths are down to numbers we have not seen since the early days of the pandemic, and we are now officially in the orange tier, meaning more businesses and activities are open. With more variants, increases in cases across the country and much of the world, and lots more intermingling here in L.A. County, we will need to continue following public health safety measures if we want to hold on to our gains. So it makes sense to be clear about what it will take to continue the recovery journey and to remain committed to following the essential safety measures: Wear a mask. Stay 6-feet apart from others while in public. Wash your hands. And please, get vaccinated when you're eligible."

As of March 25, approximately 2,493,301 persons who reside in Los Angeles County (including Long Beach and Pasadena) have been vaccinated with at least 1 dose of vaccine since January 1, 2021. While the majority of the L.A. County population has not yet been vaccinated, the increasing rate of vaccination likely is beginning to reduce infections across the County.

This week, there are 397,430 total doses allocated to the County of LA. The allocation for this week is higher than the 378,000 doses received last week, 54,000 of which were from Johnson & Johnson. This week, the County received 118,100 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson vaccines are distributed among many sites across the county including hospitals, county large capacity sites, City of LA sites, mobile sites, and pharmacies. Unfortunately, Los Angeles County is still not receiving enough doses. Sites across the county currently have the ability to administer nearly 700,000 doses. Public Health expects allocations to the county to increase in the coming weeks.

COVID-19 vaccine eligibility expanded to all residents 50 through 64 years old in addition to all other eligible groups. On April 15, vaccines become available to any resident in Los Angeles County who is 16 and older. Public Health remains focused on improving administration of doses in hard hit communities and are prioritizing allocations of doses to providers vaccinating residents in these communities. In total, of the 566 vaccinations sites across the county this week, 266 are located in hard hit communities. Mobile vaccine teams are deploying to hard hit communities, with a priority of vaccinating residents 65 and older. There are 107 mobile vaccination teams scheduled to administer vaccinations this week at senior housing sites, senior centers, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations.

As of April 2, 1,827 schools are providing on-campus services for high needs students. This includes over 110,000 students and over 38,000 staff. As of today, 44 public school districts and 334 private and charter schools are open in Los Angeles County. Another 20 districts and 118 private and charter schools are scheduled to open between now and April 26, including LAUSD. More than 1,500 school site visits have been conducted across L.A. County. Under the current Health Officer Order, schools and school districts are permitted to reopen whenever they are prepared to be fully compliant with L.A. County and State directives, and Public Health

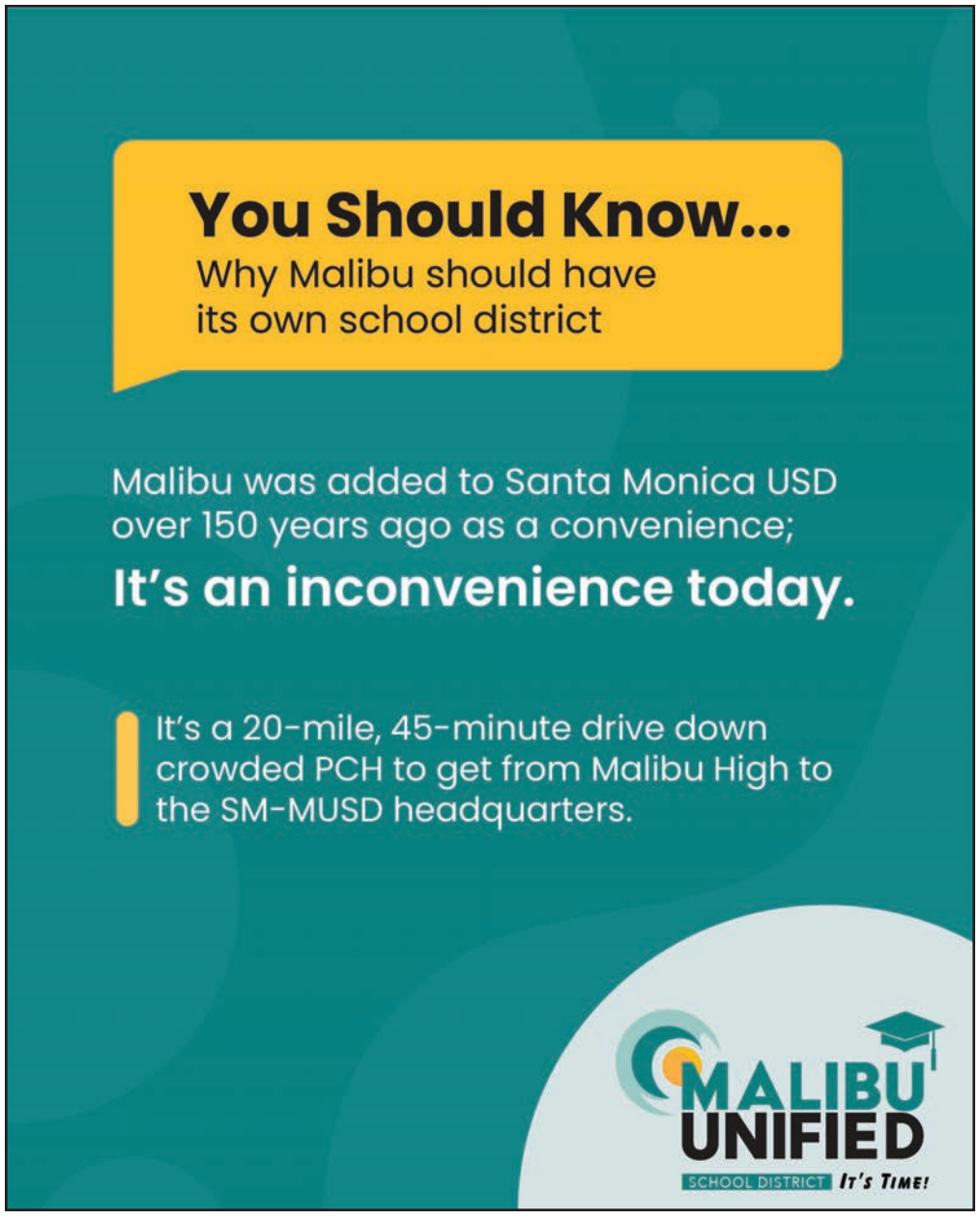
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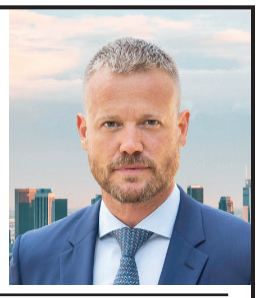

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Police chief: Kneeling on Floyd's neck violated policy

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Associated Press

The Minneapolis police chief testified Monday that now-fired Officer Derek Chauvin violated departmental policy — and went against "our principles and the values that we have" — in pressing his knee on George Floyd's neck and keeping him down after Floyd had stopped resisting and was in distress.

Continuing to kneel on Floyd's neck once he was handcuffed behind his back and lying on his stomach was "in no way, shape or form" part of department policy or training, "and it is certainly not part of our ethics or our values," Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said on Day Six of Chauvin's murder trial.

Arradondo, the city's first Black chief, fired Chauvin and three other officers the day after Floyd's death last May, and in June called it "murder."

While police have long been accused of closing ranks to protect fellow members of the force charged with wrongdoing — the "blue wall of silence," as it's known — some of the most experienced officers in the Minneapolis department have taken the stand to openly condemn Chauvin's treatment of Floyd.

As jurors watched in rapt attention and scribbled notes, Arradondo testified not only that Chauvin, a 19-year veteran of the force, should have let Floyd up sooner, but that the pressure on Floyd's neck did not appear to be light to moderate, as called for under the department's neck-restraint policy; that Chauvin failed in his duty to render first aid before the ambulance arrived; and that he violated policy requiring officers to de-escalate tense situations with no or minimal force if they can.

"That action is not de-escalation," the police chief said. "And when we talk about the framework of our sanctity of life and when we talk about our principles and the values that we have, that action goes contrary to what we are talking about."

Arradondo's testimony came after the emergency room doctor who pronounced Floyd dead said he theorized at the time that Floyd's heart most likely stopped because of a lack of oxygen.

Dr. Bradford Langenfeld, who was a senior resident on duty that night at Hennepin County Medical Center and tried to resuscitate Floyd, took the stand as prosecutors sought to establish that it was Chauvin's knee on the Black man's neck that killed him.

Langenfeld said Floyd's heart had stopped by the time he arrived at the hospital. The doctor said that he was not told of any efforts at the scene by bystanders or police to resuscitate Floyd but that paramedics told him they had tried for about 30 minutes and that he tried for another 30 minutes.

Under questioning by prosecutors, Langenfeld said that based on the information he had, it was "more likely than the other possibilities" that Floyd's cardiac arrest — the stopping of his heart — was caused by asphyxia, or insufficient oxygen.

Chauvin, 45, is charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death May 25. The white officer is accused of pressing his knee into the 46-year-old man's neck for 9 minutes, 29 seconds, outside a corner market where Floyd had been arrested on suspicion of trying to pass a counterfeit $20 bill for a pack of cigarettes.

Floyd's treatment by police was captured on widely seen bystander video that sparked protests around the U.S. that descended into violence in some cases.

The defense has argued that Chauvin did what he was trained to do and that Floyd's use of illegal drugs and his underlying health conditions caused his death.

Nelson, Chauvin's attorney, asked Langenfeld whether some drugs can cause hypoxia, or insufficient oxygen. The doctor acknowledged that fentanyl and methamphetamine, both of which were found in Floyd's body, can do so.

The county medical examiner's office ultimately classified Floyd's death a homicide — a death caused by someone else.

The report said Floyd died of "cardiopulmonary arrest, complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression." A summary report listed fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use under "other significant conditions" but not under "cause of death."

Prosecutor Steve Schleicher noted that while some people may become more dangerous under the influence of drugs or alcohol, some may actually be "more vulnerable." Arradondo agreed and acknowledged that this must also be taken into consideration when officers decide to use force.

Before he was pinned to the ground, a frantic Floyd struggled with police who were trying to put him in a squad car, saying he was claustrophobic.

Arradondo said officers are trained in basic first aid, including chest compressions, and department policy requires them to request medical assistance and provide necessary aid as soon as possible before paramedics arrive.

"We absolutely have a duty to render that," he said.

Officers kept restraining Floyd — with Chauvin kneeling on his neck, another kneeling on Floyd's back and a third holding his feet — until the ambulance got there, even after he became unresponsive, according to testimony and video footage.

The officers also rebuffed offers of help from an off-duty Minneapolis firefighter who wanted to administer aid or tell officers how to do it.

Langenfeld testified that for people who go into cardiac arrest, there is an approximately 10% to 15% decrease in survival for every minute that CPR is not administered.

Nelson noted on cross-examination that department policies direct officers to do what is reasonable in a given situation. He asked whether officers need to take the actions of a crowd into account, and Arradondo agreed. Nelson has suggested that onlookers — many of whom were shouting at Chauvin — might have affected officers' response.

Nelson also questioned whether Chauvin's knee was on Floyd's neck, playing a few

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Vaccine skepticism runs deep among white evangelicals in US

DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, America's largest evangelical denomination, posted a photo on Facebook last week of him getting the COVID-19 vaccine. It drew more than 1,100 comments — many of them voicing admiration for the Rev. J.D. Greear, and many others assailing him.

Some of the critics wondered if worshippers would now need "vaccine passports" to enter The Summit Church in Durham, North Carolina, where Greear is pastor. Others depicted the vaccines as satanic or unsafe, or suggested Greear was complicit in government propaganda.

The divided reaction highlighted a phenomenon that has become increasingly apparent in recent polls and surveys: Vaccine skepticism is more widespread among white evangelicals than almost any other major bloc of Americans.

In a March poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, 40% of white evangelical Protestants said they likely won't get vaccinated, compared with 25% of all Americans, 28% of white mainline Protestants and 27% of nonwhite Protestants.

The findings have aroused concern even within evangelical circles. The National Association of Evangelicals, which represents more than 45,000 local churches, is part of a new coalition that will host events, work with media outlets and distribute various public messages to build trust among wary evangelicals.

"The pathway to ending the pandemic runs through the evangelical church," said Curtis Chang, a former pastor and missionary who founded ChristiansAndTheVaccine.com, the cornerstone of the new initiative, With white evangelicals comprising an estimated 20% of the U.S. population, resistance to vaccination by half of them would seriously hamper efforts to achieve herd immunity, Chang contends.

Many evangelical leaders have spoken in support of vaccinations, ranging from Dallas megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress to the Rev. Russell Moore, head of the Southern Baptists' public policy arm.

Jeffress believes a majority of his congregation at First Baptist Dallas welcome the vaccines, while some have doubts about their safety or worry they have links to abortion. Jeffress is among numerous religious leaders who say the leading vaccines are acceptable given their remote, indirect links to lines of cells developed from aborted fetuses.

Moore expressed hope that SBC pastors would provide "wise counsel" to their congregations if members raise questions about vaccinations.

"These vaccines are cause for evangelicals to celebrate and give thanks to God," he said via email. "I am confident that pastors and lay members alike want churches full again and vaccines will help all of us get there sooner rather than later."

Other evangelical pastors have been hesitant to take a public stance.

Aaron Harris, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Junction City, Kansas, hasn't discussed the vaccine from the pulpit or decided whether he'll be vaccinated.

"We don't believe that this is a scriptural issue; it is a personal issue," said Harris, who estimates that 50% of the congregation's older adults have been vaccinated, while fewer younger members plan to do so.

"We shouldn't live in fear of the virus because we do have a faith in eternity. However, just because we aren't in fear of it, where is the line of what we ought to do?" he asked. "I'm not going to lay down in front of a bunch of alligators to show my faith in that way."

Some Christians say they prefer to leave their fate in God's hands, rather than be vaccinated.

"We are going to go through times of trials and all kinds of awful things, but we still know where we are going at the end," said Ron Holloway, 75, of Forsyth, Missouri. "And heaven is so much better than here on earth. Why would we fight leaving here?"

John Elkins, pastor at Sovereign Grace Fellowship in Brazoria, Texas, about 50 miles south of Houston, said only one person in his SBC congregation of about 50 has been vaccinated.

"We're in a very libertarian area. There's a lot of hesitancy to anything that feels like it's coming from the federal government," said Elkins, who is also forgoing the vaccine, at least for now, along with his wife.

Elkins, whose father was a professor of gynecology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, said his congregants' doubts are not theologically based.

"It's skepticism about effectiveness," he said. "People are concerned it was rushed out too quickly."

Phillip Bethancourt, another Southern Baptist pastor in Texas, has encouraged his congregation at Central Church in College Station to get the vaccine and believes most will. The church hosted a vaccine drive for staff and volunteers at other churches; 217 people got their first doses March 22.

"Even people who might be skeptical from a medical standpoint can understand it from a missional standpoint," he said. "If it helps more people be able to serve at their church again, so more children can learn about Jesus, that's a good thing."

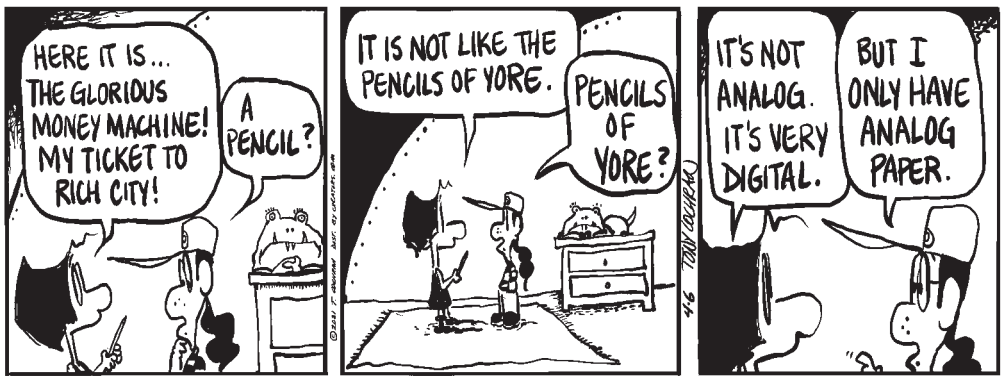
Bethancourt, a former vice president of the SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, has spoken with congregants who spurn the vaccine and say they're unafraid of dying if that's God's will.

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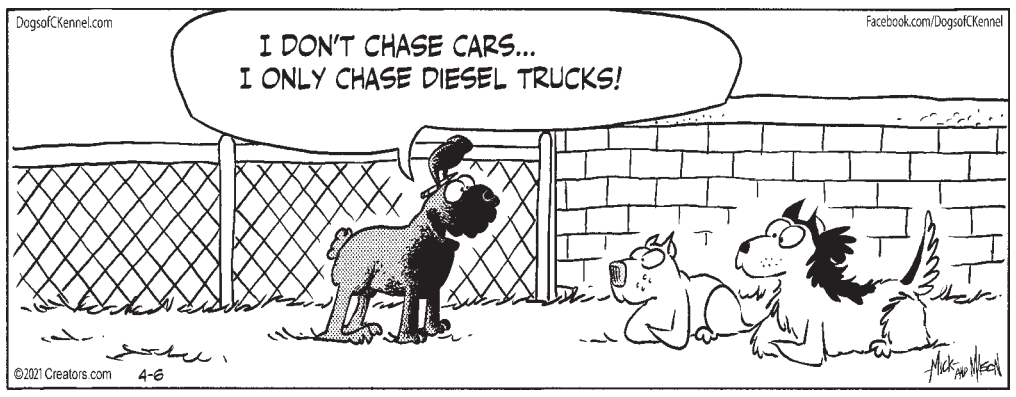
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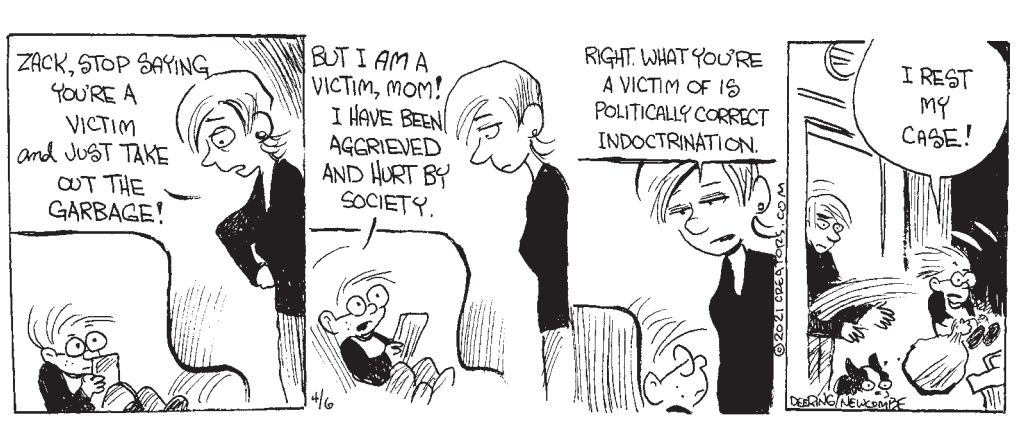
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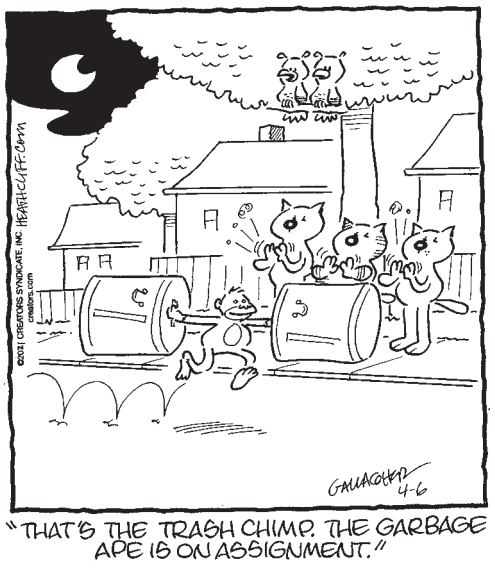
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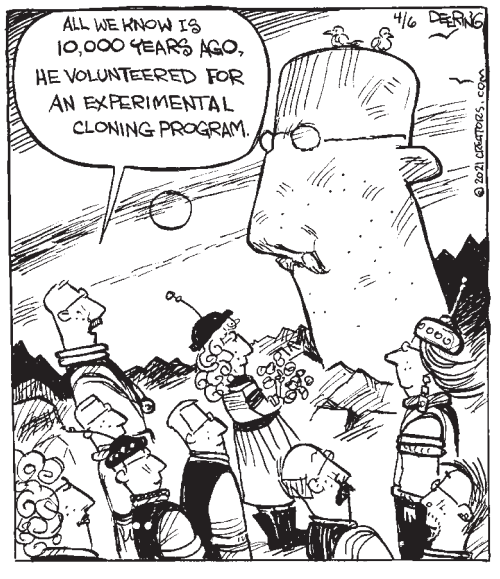
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.2°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
AM offshores and some peaks. WNW swell-mix eases but there will be some added NW windswell mixing in from the blow-through of NW wind Thursday.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
AM wind/conditions could be favorable. Small NW swell mix continues to creep up, blending with reinforcing SSW swell for fairly peaky shape at the exposures west of Pt Dume.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 64.
Tuesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 55.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Many people older than 18 are not adults -- not really. Adulthood includes the acceptance of full responsibility for oneself on all levels. You'll feel the weight of that with pride today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll get to know how someone behaves in a variety of situations. It takes trust to maneuver a transactional relationship. It takes much more trust to navigate relationships that go beyond the transactional.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll learn who you are as you wrap yourself around an interesting problem. As Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini said, "The pearl is the oyster's autobiography."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The world does not regularly cater to any one person's whims, though people do hit streaks of personal good fortune that certainly make it seem that way. Don't let yourself get spoiled by today's bounty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships will present themselves with the same peculiarities as magnets. There's a side that can't be pushed together and another side that can't be pulled apart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Physical healing happens at a microscopic level and in the timing it requires, which is usually slower than we'd like. Emotional healing is the same. It takes however long it takes and can't be rushed by will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You naturally and thoughtlessly gravitate toward a state of equanimity. In fact, effort and thinking can only get in the way of achieving this calm mental composure. Trust what you were born knowing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A person doesn't heal by adapting to a sick environment. You'll create a state of wellness by either going where health is the norm and absorbing the energy there or by creating your own solo bubble of wholesome vibes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fear often dissolves when the unknown becomes known. But it can also be the case that learning more increases trepidation about the subject. Either way, get educated and win.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A situation is far more complicated than you once thought, though after you absorb this new level of information, you'll soon be back to feeling confident and in control of things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some are honest because it's rewarded, and that doesn't make them honest people. Honest people tell the truth regardless of reward, because the truth is inherently valuable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The best plans have solid structure, contingencies and welcome modification, though only if absolutely necessary. That's because a plan that's too flexible isn't really a plan at all, just an acknowledgment of life's options.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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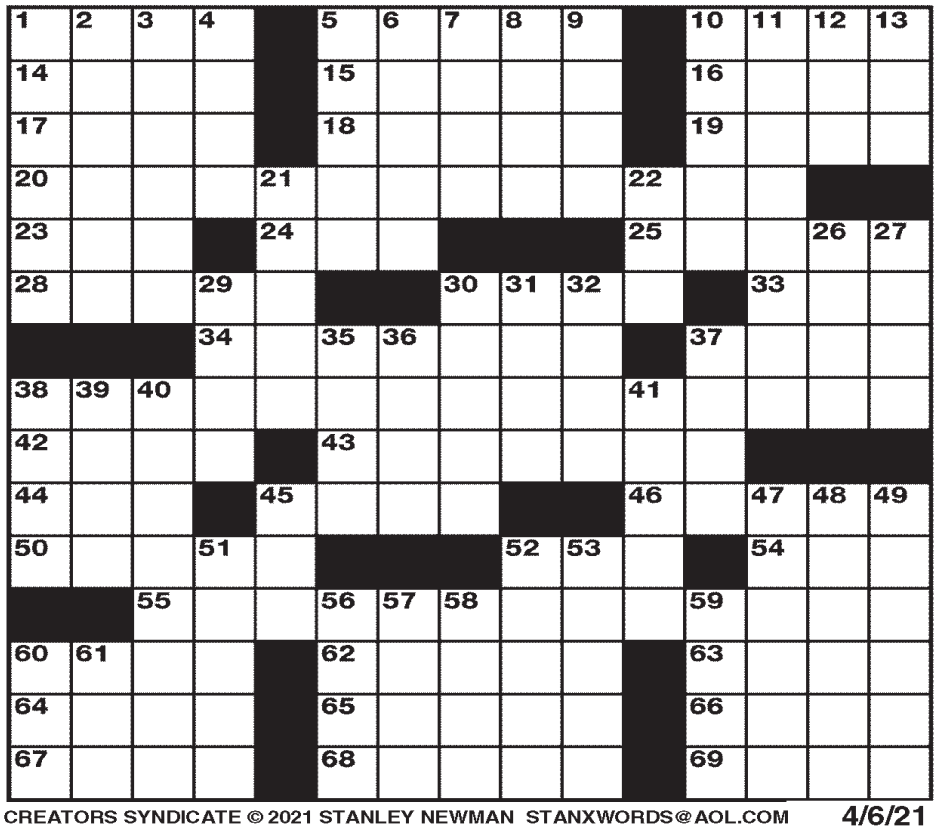
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62 Shy away from
63 Whitish gemstone
64 Tasting like a lemon
65 Busybody
66 Story that might be "tall"
67 "What a surprise!"
68 Scornful look
69 Online crafts site

DOWN
1 Just __ the corner (close by)
2 Motion detector or electric eye
3 Pitch-perfect
4 __ Scotia (Canadian province)
5 Story line surprise
6 Have a quarrel
7 Close friends
8 Perched upon
9 Sneaker or sandal
10 Cordiality
11 Overturns, as a boat
12 Self-esteem
13 "Where __ I go wrong?"
21 High-tech beam
22 Mediocre grade
26 Phrase of denial
27 "Please continue . . ."
29 Have the lead role
30 Cash
31 Without delay, in a memo
32 Amount owed
35 Not much paint or lotion
36 Went by bus, say
37 Former soldiers, for short
38 __-the-minute (current)
39 Not far away
40 Swaying part of a grandfather clock
41 Animal dens
45 Poet's sphere
47 __ the chance (accept eagerly)
48 Yearly records
49 Group of songs sung in sequence
51 Manicurist's __ board
52 Exclusive group
53 Speed-measuring device
56 Sunbeams
57 At a tie score
58 The __ Ranger (Western hero)
59 Big handbag
60 "School of thought" suffix
61 __ sauce (sushi condiment)



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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.

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DIRECTOR

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most pressing concern is safely navigating the reopening of businesses and services on the pier, while also ensuring that social distancing and Covid-19 safety measures are in place. This past Sunday large crowds prompted the Santa Monica Police Department to limit access to the pier at 7pm.

"It's really about figuring out how the pier operates in a post and during COVID world, and how we can accommodate as many guests as possible as safely as possible under what I'm sure will be restrictions that will change throughout time, and how we can best serve our tenants in their journeys to economic recovery," said Singh.

In order to meet these challenges the Pier Corporation Board voted to have Jim Harris step in as Interim Executive Director. Harris has 18 years of experience working for the Pier Corporation and has served as interim director in the past.

Singh will shift to working part-time in May while Harris is transitioning into the role, which he will take over officially on June 1.

"I think with COVID the pier's priorities have really changed and I think Jim, who prior to now being the interim director was the head of operations, really knows the pier inside and out and is going to do a really great job," said Singh.

Singh said she was very proud of all that she and her team managed to accomplish during her tenure as Executive Director, which she described as an "incredibly challenging, exciting, and meaningful experience". Her biggest accomplishment was the successful "right siding" of the Twilight Concert Series, which the City Council considered putting on hiatus in 2018 due to the security risk posed by its overwhelmingly large crowds.

Singh also said that she was proud to serve as one of the only women of color in Santa Monica's leadership and help promote diverse and inclusive cultural events such as the City's first Pride celebration.

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VACCINE

FROM PAGE 7

"The sentiment doesn't trouble me on the face of it, but there's inconsistency," he said. "We don't adopt that mentality in other aspects of our life, like not wearing a seat belt."

Chang said that as a former pastor, he understands why some whose congregations are mistrustful of the government and the vaccines muzzle themselves rather than risk backlash if they urge their flock to get vaccinated.

"There's going to be some courage required," he said.

His initiative includes a toolkit for pastors offering suggestions for how to address — within a Christian framework — the various concerns of skeptical evangelicals. They range from the extent of the vaccines' link to abortion to whether they represent "the mark of the beast," an ominous harbinger of the end times prophesized in the New Testament's Book of Revelation.

Partnering in the initiative is the Ad Council, known for iconic public service ad campaigns such as Smokey Bear and "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk."

"We know the important role faith plays in the lives of millions of people throughout the country," Ad Council president Lisa Sherman said, expressing hope that the campaign could boost their confidence in the vaccines.

As the vaccines first became available, there was widespread concern that many Black Americans would be hesitant to take them due to historic, racism-related mistrust of government health initiatives. But recent surveys show Black Protestants are more open to vaccinations than white evangelicals.

"This pandemic has hit our community like a plague — and that's made our job easier," said Bishop Timothy Clarke of First Church of God, a Black evangelical church in Columbus, Ohio. "We've done a tremendous job of educating."

Associated Press writer Heather Hollingsworth in Kansas City, Missouri, contributed to this report.

CORPORATION

FROM PAGE 2

powerful and wealthy people to mislead and bully the American people."

"Our private sector must stop taking cues from the Outrage-Industrial Complex," the Kentucky Republican said in a statement. "Americans do not need or want big business to amplify ... or react to every manufactured controversy with frantic left-wing signaling."

Pressure has been particularly intense in Georgia, where Republican Gov. Brian Kemp recently signed a sweeping new law that bans people from handing out food or water to voters waiting in line and allows the Republican-controlled State Election Board to remove and replace county election officials, among many other provisions.

Two of the top corporate contribution recipients detailed in Public Citizen's report were among the sponsors of the measure.

Since 2015, Republican state Sen. Jeff Mullis has collected more than $869,000 in donation from corporate PACs. Among his top corporate donors were AT&T ($15,900) and UnitedHealth Group ($12,900), according to the report. Mullis is chair of the Georgia Senate's Rules Committee, which plays a key role in determining which bills make it to the floor for a vote.

Republican state Sen. Butch Miller, another sponsor of the bill, has received at least $729,000 in corporate donations since 2015. Among his top corporate givers are UnitedHealth Group ($15,700) and AT&T ($13,600), the report states.

Miller and Mullis did not respond to requests for comment.

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FLOYD

FROM PAGE 6

seconds of bystander video side-by-side with footage from an officer's body camera that Arradondo agreed appeared to show Chauvin's knee on Floyd's shoulder blade.

But prosecutors quickly got Arradondo to note that the clip played by Nelson depicted only the few seconds before Floyd was moved onto a stretcher.

Minneapolis police Inspector Katie Blackwell, commander of the training division at the time of Floyd's death, also took the stand Monday.

She said Chauvin, whom she's known for about 20 years, received annual training in defensive tactics and use of force, and would have been trained to use one or two arms — not his knee — in a neck restraint.

"I don't know what kind of improvised position that is," she said, after being shown a photo of Chauvin with his knee on Floyd's neck.

She said Chauvin also was a field-training officer, receiving additional training so he would know what prospective officers were learning in the academy.

The city moved soon after Floyd's death to ban police chokeholds and neck restraints. Arradondo and Mayor Jacob Frey also made several policy changes, including expanded reporting of use-of-force incidents and attempts to de-escalate situations.

BRIEF

FROM PAGE 5

will continue providing technical assistance or guidance as needed.

Outbreaks at schools are extremely rare in L.A. County. There have been 87 K-12 school affiliated outbreaks since Sept 1, 2020, with only one new outbreak over the last 8 weeks. This is a significant decline from what we saw during the surge, where there were more than 50 outbreaks in the month of December alone. It is important to remember that cases recorded for schools do not necessarily happen in the school setting. In many cases there is information that these people acquired their case from transmission outside of the school setting, such as a community or family setting.

School staff have been eligible to be vaccinated since March 1. Many partners including school districts, schools, providers, unions, and health care providers have worked together to vaccinate these essential workers. School staff can get vaccinated through pharmacies, County or City PODs, LAUSD education specific sites and district-health facility partnerships. To date, 239,090 vaccine doses have been allocated to teachers and staff as of last week in K through 12 public and independent schools. According to weekly surveys sent to school districts from the Los Angeles County Office of Education, every teacher who wanted a vaccine has been offered a vaccine, which is a significant achievement in a little over four weeks.

Public Health, in partnership with Los Angeles County school districts, is supporting the Public Health Ambassador Program for students and parents. This partnership with Los Angeles County school districts actively engages members of school communities in preventing and reducing the spread of COVID-19 by empowering students and parents as essential partners in each school's prevention effort. More than 100 parents have participated in zoom group discussions to date, and promotoras continue providing individual education to hundreds of parents each week, and have shared information with 3,464 parents to date. One hundred and forty-four students across 32 schools continue meeting every week to receive training about the safety measures needed to protect themselves and their families and are currently developing scripts for educational videos that will be used at elementary, middle and high school levels.

For information about who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in L.A. County, how to make an appointment if it is your turn, what verifications you will need to show at your vaccination appointment, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

County Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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