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Breaking the cycle of chronic 911 calls

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When the Santa Monica Fire Department was founded in 1889 it was not created with the homelessness crisis in mind. Nor the ongoing explosion of methamphetamine use, nor the breakdown of the mental health care system or the skyrocketing rates of elder abuse and neglect.

Yet today, 133 years later, firefighters often find themselves as the primary responders to unhoused, substance dependent, mentally ill and elderly individuals who are experiencing a moment of crisis. Unfortunately, there is little they can do beyond transporting the individual to the emergency room, which typically does not resolve the underlying issue leading to the call.

In 2019, SMFD conducted a study on the costs of repeat callers with findings alarming enough to shock a firefighter.

In just 22 months one 35-year-old homeless man racked up $272,665 in costs from fire department responses, ambulance transports and

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emergency room visits for 62 calls to 911. Another 50-year-old homeless man generated $182,947 for 24 calls over the same time period, and a 54-year-old homeless woman cost $112,429 through 17 calls.

Unhoused individuals are not the only high utilizers of the 911 system. There are also many housed elderly residents who consistently call for health issues or assistance standing up after a fall.

While the Fire Department will always respond to individuals in need of assistance, traditional interventions are often unable to solve the problem that triggered the call.

Enter the Community Response Unit, or as it is more commonly referred to, the CRU. This specialized unit is a pilot program of the Santa Monica Fire Department designed to break cycles of 911 calls by creating a new response model for vulnerable populations.

The CRU is different from a traditional fire engine in several ways.

Firstly, its priority is not to address the crisis as quickly as possible and rush back into service for the next call, but rather to remain on scene as long as necessary to understand the subject's underlying problems and identify the most appropriate resources to address them. By intervening in low acuity calls with elderly or homeless individuals, the CRU can free up other engines to respond to emergency incidents.

Secondly, CRU staff members are able to connect people to services other than the emergency room. Having received training from the Department of Mental Health, they are the only SMFD personnel authorized to bring subjects to mental health urgent care. CRU staff also keep bus and metro cards on their engine and direct individuals to other appropriate facilities for services such as the Venice Family Clinic, The People Concern, or WISE & Healthy Aging.

The last key difference is that members of the CRU keep tabs on their subjects long after their calls end. They check in with psychiatric care facilities, collaborate with the Police Department's Homeless Liaison Program (HLP), follow up with service providers to see if people were able to get housed and even file adult protective service reports in instances of elder abuse or neglect. Outcomes from these collaborations are tracked and analyzed to evaluate the effectiveness of the CRU and better inform their efforts to break cycles of 911 calls.

The CRU was inspired by other alternative emergency response programs like the Homelessness Education and Response Team in Long Beach that connects homeless 911 callers to resources and the Los Angeles Fire Department's Advanced Provider Response Unit, which has special clearance to treat and resolve medical issues on scene or to transport individuals directly to mental health urgent care, in both scenarios avoiding costly emergency room visits.

While the CRU shares similarities with these programs, it is a unique model.

"Our program is specifically designed for the needs of Santa Monica, it's kind of like a Swiss army knife. We took a look at all of the issues and problems that we were trying to solve from a 911 fire based EMS perspective and developed the program around that," said Fire Captain Patrick Nulty, who helped design the program with an emphasis on assisting unhoused and elderly individuals.



Clara Harter

MEDICS: The Community Response Unit handles calls from individuals who have specialized needs beyond a traditional ambulance.

In the six months that the pilot unit has been in service it has recorded 263 responses, made contact with 166 people experiencing homelessness, provided 123 referrals to services and transported nine individuals to Exodus Recovery, which is a psychiatric health facility.

Impressively, all of this has been accomplished by just one firefighter paramedic, Aurora Paaluhi, and one firefighter EMT, Karis Schneider, who together staff the unit for 40 hours a week and are now training a new pair of firefighters to take over the unit.

Even more telling than the numbers are the stories that Paaluhi and Schneider have from their time on the CRU.

For example, they recently responded to a call for a chronically homeless female on the Santa Monica Pier, who was naked, in a state of mental health crisis, on drugs and chasing passersby with a stick.

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The first engine company that arrived on scene was unable to approach her as she kept running away. Schneider was able to handle things differently.

She followed the woman from around 20 feet back and kept asking non-threatening questions, offering to provide help, telling the woman she was worried about her and saying she was not there to hurt her. Eventually these de-escalation techniques allowed Schneider to build trust with the woman who calmed down and agreed to be transported to Exodus psychiatric urgent care, where she was referred to long-term inpatient care.

"Part of the program is having one person approach someone, which is different than like four people in a badge and uniform," said Schneider. "She got long term psychiatric help and hasn't called 911 since… it (the call) was pretty sad; she was trying to fight me away with a stick, because she had been raped so many times."

The CRU also worked with The People Concern's C3 outreach teams and SMPD's HLP teams to get a 31-year-old mentally ill man with a maggot-infested wound to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center on a 72 psychiatric hour hold. After healing in the hospital, the individual was able to get housed and off the streets.

In another success story, the CRU responded to a 32-year-old homeless man who had called 911 for body pain, was transported to the emergency room and then called five more times in a 48 hour period after being discharged. Recognizing that medical urgent care was not addressing his primary problem, the CRU brought him to Exodus psychiatric urgent care and he has not called 911 in Santa Monica since.

The CRU's approach is also making inroads in the population of elderly repeat residential callers. The team recently experienced a breakthrough with an elderly disabled woman who called 911 43 times in 16 months, largely for assistance standing up.

The individual had a caretaker and family members who helped look after her, so the cause of the repeat calls was puzzling. Eventually the CRU deduced that the individual was unwilling to make changes to her apartment to assist her mobility such as replacing her bed with a hospital bed and her recliner with a chair she could move herself in and out of. After talking to WISE & Healthy Aging, Human Services as well as the other firefighters responding to her calls, Schneider and Paaluhi decided to file an adult protective services report.

This report lit a fire underneath her family who realized they needed to take more serious steps to intervene and assist this individual, even if she was resistant to the changes. The CRU also connected her to multiple senior services groups, which has further helped reduce her reliance on the 911 system.

"That was one of our cases where we were able to really get to the bottom of it and it took three months of continuously following up and going on her calls multiple times ourselves let alone all of the engine companies that were communicating back and forth with us about what information they got and then finally speaking directly to the son," said Paaluhi.

While many of the CRU firefighters' success stories are slow burns like this, the unit is an equally powerful tool in emergency situations.

On March 21, the CRU was part of a team of emergency responders that rescued a man who was threatening to jump from the California Incline pedestrian bridge by the PCH.

"A true success of that outcome was the extremely close partnership between SMPD's HLP team, Crisis Negotiation Team and the CRU. They were able to formulate a plan that allowed for a seamless transition to patient care, medical assessment and ultimately a CRU transport to the psychiatric urgent care center," said Nulty.

The CRU is something that Nulty and his fellow firefighters have been pressing the City to fund for years. Council initially declined to fund the pilot program in 2019, but as the homelessness crisis and its associated costs have only continued to rise, in July 2021 Council agreed to give SMFD $500,000 to launch a bare bones unit.

This is significantly pared down from the SMFD's 2019 proposal for a $1.8 million program with six dedicated staff members and a data analyst intern. Nulty and his team are hoping that their data backed success stories, the City's financial recovery and the ever growing problem of homelessness will convince City Council to expand the CRU during the next fiscal year.

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DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 337 calls on April 7

Family Disturbance 1400Blk Pearl St 12:06 a.m.
Vandalism 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:36 a.m.
Burglary 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 12:52 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:35 a.m.
Battery 00Blk Arcadia Ter 2:48 a.m.
Grand Theft 1000Blk 9th St 5:23 a.m.
Encampment 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:30 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Main St 5:42 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk Main St 6:07 a.m.
Arson Cloverfield Blvd / 26th St 6:08 a.m.
Arson 2600Blk Expo Line 6:13 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:01 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 7:04 a.m.
Speeding Centinela Ave / Wilshire Blvd 7:12 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1700Blk Montana Ave 7:47 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk 19th St 7:53 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Palisades Park 8:08 a.m.
Person With A Gun 2600Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:10 a.m.
Loitering 200Blk The Beach 8:14 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Hollister Ave 8:16 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 700Blk Ozone St 8:23 a.m.
Battery Now 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:30 a.m.
Battery 400Blk Broadway 8:37 a.m.
Loitering 200Blk Hill St 8:41 a.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Barnard Way 9:14 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk The Beach 9:15 a.m.
Identity Theft Unknown 9:20 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2100Blk La Mesa Dr 9:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 28th St / Ocean Park Blvd 10:00 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 10:18 a.m.
Expired Registration 900Blk Washington Ave 11:01 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 2700Blk Main St 11:21 a.m.
General Parking Problem Main St / Hollister Ave 11:35 a.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk The Beach 11:41 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2000Blk Ocean Ave 11:45 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Main St / Pico Blvd 11:46 a.m.
Burglary 1000Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:08 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 24th St 12:14 p.m.
Burglary 800Blk 6th St 12:33 p.m.
Fraud 200Blk Santa Monica Pl 12:37 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500Blk The Beach 12:41 p.m.
Vandalism5th St / Colorado Ave 12:43 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1100Blk The Beach 12:44 p.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 17th St 12:46 p.m.
Scar Investigation 1300Blk Harvard St 1:00 p.m.
Petty Theft 600Blk San Vicente Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 2600Blk The Beach 1:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 1:13 p.m.
Burglary 2200Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Burglary 1000Blk Hill St 1:28 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved 1900Blk Pico Blvd 1:45 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 1:58 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk 16th St 2:16 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:50 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1000Blk 2nd St 2:52 p.m.
Vandalism100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:55 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk The Beach 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1900Blk Pico Blvd 2:57 p.m.
Auto Burglary 100Blk San Vicente Blvd 2:58 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1900Blk 14th St 3:06 p.m.
Encampment 3300Blk Pico Blvd 3:09 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 11th St 3:10 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300Blk 4th St 3:25 p.m.
Public Intoxication 800Blk Pacific St 3:30 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700Blk 23rd St 3:35 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:57 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000Blk 20th St 4:03 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1800Blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:21 p.m.
Found Property 2400Blk 5th St 4:25 p.m.
Vandalism200Blk Washington Ave 4:40 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk The Beach 4:43 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2900Blk 11th St 5:28 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000Blk 4th St 5:30 p.m.
Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:37 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1000Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:46 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:46 p.m.
Lost Property 1800Blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:52 p.m.
Panic Alarm 600Blk 21st St 6:08 p.m.
Construction Noise 2400Blk Chelsea Pl 6:08 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk Park Dr 6:09 p.m.
Loitering 1500Blk 15th St 6:11 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1000Blk Euclid St 6:14 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:18 p.m.
Burglary 800Blk 4th St 6:46 p.m.
Fight 200Blk Palisades Beach rd 7:03 p.m.
Lost Property 1800Blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:12 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 14th St / Michigan Ave 7:18 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200Blk 4th St 7:21 p.m.
Found Property 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:22 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000Blk Pico Blvd 7:27 p.m.
Fraud Suspect Just Left 1300Blk 2nd St 7:37 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400Blk Ocean Ave 7:48 p.m.
Of Shots Fired 1800Blk 12th St 8:00 p.m.
Person With A Gun 3000Blk Main St 8:05 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:11 p.m.
Burglary 2900Blk 31st St 8:14 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100Blk Hollister Ave 9:04 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:25 p.m.
Encampment 3100Blk Neilson Way 9:27 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2100Blk La Mesa Dr 9:54 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100Blk 23rd St 9:57 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1800Blk Expo Bike Path 9:59 p.m.
Grand Theft 1700Blk 11th St 9:59 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Main St 10:12 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600Blk Pier Ave 10:14 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 20th St / Pico Blvd 10:20 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 700Blk Marguerita Ave 10:29 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 10:43 p.m.
Speeding 9th St / Washington Ave 10:51 p.m.
Vandalism100Blk Santa Monica Pl 10:55 p.m.
Construction Noise 6th St / Ashland Ave 11:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 11:09 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 11:18 p.m.
Lewd Activity 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 11:49 p.m.
Vandalism1800Blk 22nd St 11:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 30 calls on April 7

Carbon Monoxide Alarm 00Blk Gale Pl 2:50 p.m.
EMS 2600Blk Broadway 1:16 a.m.
EMS 100Blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:18 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 4:48 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 5:53 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Cloverfield Blvd / 26th St 5:57 a.m.
EMS 700Blk Ozone St 6:01 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Interstate 10 / 4th St 6:23 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:23 a.m.
EMS 100Blk California Ave 10:37 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 10:44 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:18 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk 7th St 12:19 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 1:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Pico Blvd 1:45 p.m.
Wires Down 2600Blk 24th St 2:05 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Broadway 2:17 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 3:07 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk 20th St 4:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk Colorado Ave 4:51 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk Pier Ave 5:03 p.m.
EMS 600Blk Bay St 5:12 p.m.
Public Assist 900Blk 9th St 7:05 p.m.
EMS 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 7:10 p.m.
Wires Down 4th St / Hill St 7:11 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 18th St 7:19 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:42 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Ocean Ave 9:44 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Pico Blvd 10:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Interstate 10 11:09 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24 AT 6:20 P.M.

Officers responded to a call about a prowler on the 1800 block of Warwick Ave. The reporting party stated she had arrived home and saw a man standing in her home holding a stick in his hand. The victim ran out of the home and contacted her daughter, who the called police. Further, the victim believed her 13 year old grandson may still be in the home with the subject. Due to the nature of the call, Officers made entry into the home in search of the minor and the subject. Officers found the home to be empty and later made contact with a subject nearby. Raymond Harry Purnell was arrested for Residential Burglary.

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Law reduced prison time for man tied to Sacramento shooting

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

A suspect arrested in connection with last weekend's mass shooting outside bars in Sacramento served less than half his 10-year sentence because of voter-approved changes to state law that lessened the punishment for his felony convictions and provided a chance for earlier release.

Smiley Allen Martin was freed in February after serving time for punching a girlfriend, dragging her from her home by her hair and whipping her with a belt, according to court and prison records.

Those count as nonviolent offenses under California law, which considers only about two dozen crimes to be violent felonies — such as murder, rape, arson and kidnapping.

Martin, 27, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and possession of a machine gun. He is among the 12 people wounded during Sunday's shooting, which killed six others.

Police have said the violence was a shootout between rival gangs in which at least five people fired weapons, including Martin's brother, Dandrae Martin, who also was arrested. No one has yet been charged with homicide in the shooting.

Smiley Martin typically would have remained behind bars until at least May after serving a minimum of half his time for his previous arrest in 2017, but prison officials evidently used a very expansive approach to applying lockup time credits to his sentence, said Gregory Totten, chief executive officer of the California District Attorneys Association and a former Ventura County district attorney.

"They've been given very broad authority to early release folks and to give them additional credit and all kinds of considerations for purposes of reducing the length of sentence that somebody serves," Totten said.

Corrections officials did not dispute that Martin was among thousands of inmates who received additional credits that sped up their releases under state law. But the officials said their policy prohibits disclosing what prison time credits Martin received.

They cited credits through Proposition 57, the 2016 ballot measure that aimed to give most of the state's felons a chance of earlier release. Credits were also broadly authorized in California to lower the prison population during the pandemic.

Proposition 57 credits include good behavior while behind bars, though corrections officials declined to release Martin's disciplinary report. Good conduct credit is supposed to be reserved for inmates who follow all the rules and complete their assigned duties.

The state "has implemented various credit-earning opportunities to incentivize good behavior and program participation for incarcerated individuals, including those created in furtherance of Proposition 57— which was overwhelmingly approved by voters," state corrections spokesperson Vicky Waters said in a statement.

Supporters of the credits, including former Gov. Jerry Brown, who pushed for Proposition 57, have said it's important to give inmates a second chance. The opportunity for earlier release encourages inmates to participate in education and other rehabilitative programs and helps to reduce mass incarceration.

"The most recent reforms in California are seeking to change a culture that has been churning out recidivism problems for generations," said Will Matthews, spokesperson for the Californians for Safety and Justice group, which backed the changes. "The question we need to be asking ourselves is, how are we engaging in behavior change?"

Under Proposition 57, credits are granted for completing rehabilitative or educational programs, self-help and volunteer public service activities, earning a high school diploma or higher education degree and performing a heroic act. Officials added credits during the coronavirus pandemic, including 12 weeks of credit that applied to most inmates.

Martin was denied parole in May 2021 under California's process for nonviolent offenders to get earlier parole, after a letter was sent from the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Prosecutors said they objected to his parole based on his lengthy criminal record and asserted that Martin "clearly has little regard for human life and the law."

Six months after he turned 18, Martin was caught in January 2013 with an assault rifle and two fully loaded 25-bullet magazines, prosecutors said. Months later, he pushed aside a Walmart clerk to steal computers worth $2,800, they said. In 2016, he was arrested as a parolee at large. And less than six months after that was the assault that sent him back to prison.

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It's not clear if Martin has an attorney who can comment on his behalf.

Martin pleaded no contest and was sent to prison on charges of corporal injury and assault likely to cause great bodily injury in January 2018 under a plea deal in which prosecutors dismissed charges of kidnapping — considered a violent felony — and intimidating a witness or victim.

The sentencing judge awarded Martin 508 days of credits for time he spent in Sacramento County jail before his conviction, based on a California law that allows judges to double the actual time in jail, which in Martin's case was 254 days.

Martin also had "a variety of additional post-sentencing credits," which corrections department spokesperson Dana Simas said were awarded for time served while awaiting transfer to state prison from county jail.

Before Proposition 57, he would have qualified for 20% "good time" credits — meaning he could reduce his time served by one-fifth — but corrections officials used their authority under the ballot measure to bump those to 50%. Pending regulations opposed by most of the state's district attorneys would further increase good time credits to two-thirds of a sentence for such repeat offenders.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, a progressive Democrat who formerly led the state Senate, was among those upset when he learned of Martin's record.

"If people have a history of committing violent acts, and they have not shown a propensity or willingness to change, I don't think they should be out on the streets," he said at an event where officials requested more than $3 billion from the state to expand crime prevention programs.

Republican state Sen. Jim Nielsen, who once headed the state parole board, said "good time" credits are generally awarded automatically, without inmates having to do anything to earn them.

"It gives them enormous opportunity to free up beds," said Nielsen, an opponent of earlier releases.

The state has relied on such efforts, particularly its powers under Proposition 57, to keep the prison population below the level required by a panel of federal judges who ruled that inmate crowding had led to unconstitutionally poor conditions.

Martin was released to the supervision of the Sacramento County Probation Department in February. County probation officials wouldn't provide the terms, saying their records are not public documents.

Without discussing Martin's case, Karen Pank, executive director of the Chief Probation Officers of California association, said generally someone coming out of prison under the state's Post Release Community Supervision program with an extensive and violent criminal history would likely have been treated on a "high-risk" caseload.

That would subject the person to more intensive supervision, including a requirement to check in with a probation officer more frequently and in person, although individualized determinations on risks and needs would be made and treatment and services would continue to be offered.

Hours before Sunday's shootout, Martin posted a live Facebook video of himself brandishing a handgun, a law enforcement officials told The Associated Press. The official was not authorized to public discuss details of the shooting investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pank said if there is evidence of a felon in possession of a firearm, that can be grounds for a violation, which may result in time in jail. However, it's unlikely anyone from law enforcement could have acted in time even if they had seen the video.

"The big if is would they have known about it," said Totten. But in this case, "it didn't matter — it was so close to the time" of the shooting.

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Man arrested for shooting into apartment



SMDP Photo

POLICE: No injuries were reported despite a suspect shooting into an apartment.

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

A man was arrested Thursday night after firing a gun into a residential building.

Officers were called to the area of Michigan and 12th Street at about 8 p.m. on Thursday after witnesses saw a man exit his apartment and fire a gun into a neighboring unit.

SMPD's Crisis Negotiation Team responded alongside SWAT officers and streets were closed in the immediate area.

After about two hours of negotiation, the suspect surrendered and was taken into custody. No injuries were reported at the time of the initial shot.

Santa Monica resident Bryan William Larkin, 43-year was booked for 21510(b) PC – possession of a switchblade knife (found on his person when taken into custody) and 246 PC – Discharging a firearm into an Inhabited Dwelling.

Will Smith gets 10-year Oscars ban over Chris Rock slap

ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

The motion picture academy on Friday banned Will Smith from attending the Oscars or any other academy event for 10 years following his slap of Chris Rock at the Academy Awards.

The move comes after a meeting of the academy's Board of Governors to discuss a response to Smith's actions.

"The 94th Oscars were meant to be a celebration of the many individuals in our community who did incredible work this past year; however, those moments were overshadowed by the unacceptable and harmful behavior we saw Mr. Smith exhibit on stage," the academy said in a statement.

Smith pre-emptively resigned from the academy last week during the run-up to the meeting and said he would accept any punishment the academy handed down.

"I accept and respect the Academy's decision," Smith said in a statement.

The academy also apologized for its handling of the situation and allowing Smith to stay and accept his best actor award for "King Richard."

"During our telecast, we did not adequately address the situation in the room. For this, we are sorry," the academy said. "This was an opportunity for us to set an example for our guests, viewers and our Academy family around the world, and we fell short — unprepared for the unprecedented. "

In a statement in the days following the Oscars, the academy said Smith was asked to leave the ceremony but refused.

But it's not clear how the message was delivered to Smith or what form it took, and several media outlets reported that he was never formally told to leave the Dolby Theatre. The Los Angeles Times reported in a story Thursday that Oscars producer Will Packer told Smith: "Officially, we don't want you to leave. We want you to stay."

The ban means Smith will not be presenting one of the major awards at next year's Oscars, as is tradition for the best actor winner.

The academy in its Friday statement also expressed "deep gratitude to Mr. Rock for maintaining his composure under extraordinary circumstances."

The academy's statement did not address whether Smith could be nominated for Oscars during his 10-year ban. Nor did it take any action to revoke Smith's Academy Award.

The academy has not revoked Oscars from expelled members Harvey Weinstein or Roman Polanski.

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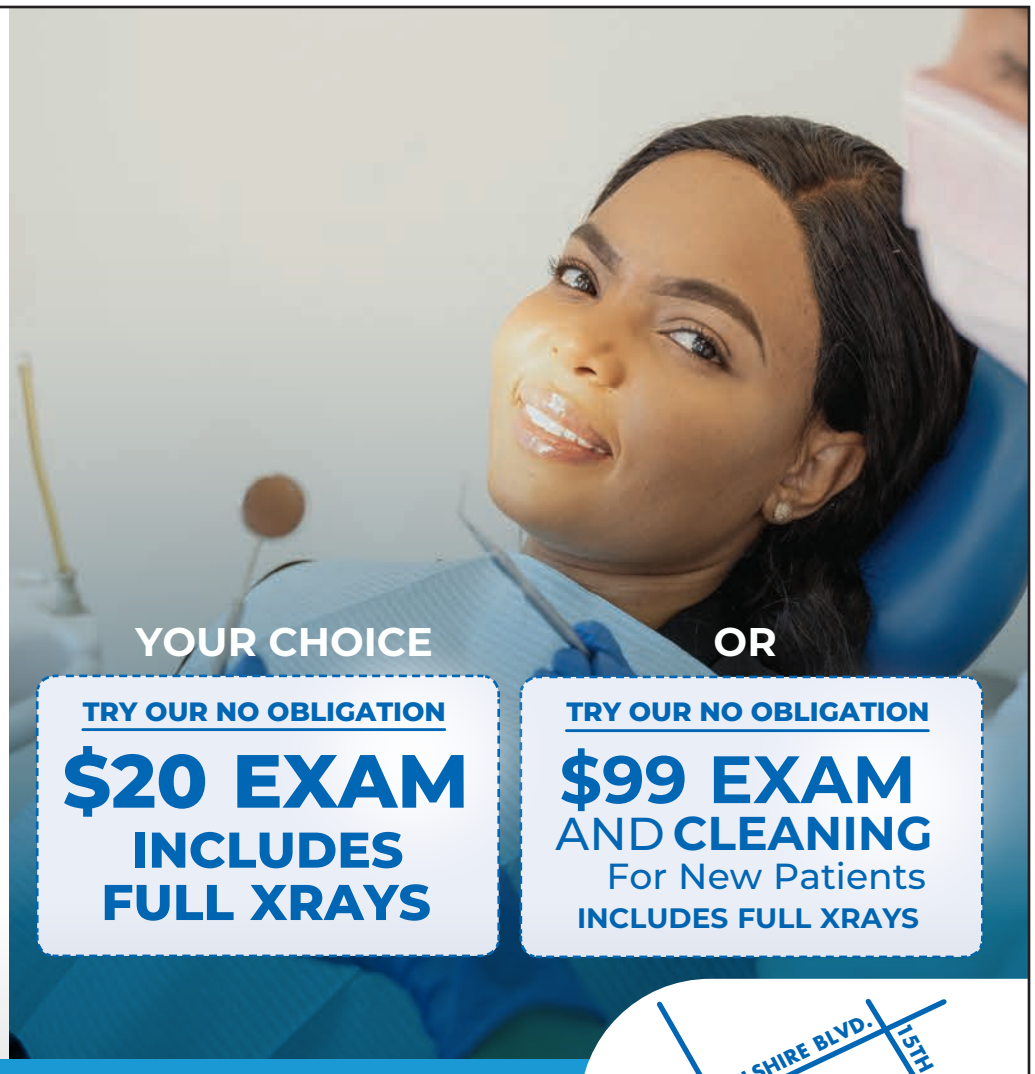
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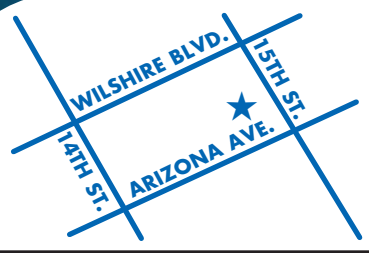


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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Public Health Expands Access to "Test to Treat" Program

Because the efficacy of therapeutics requires rapid access to starting treatment, Public Health is expanding access to therapeutics across L.A. County by launching the Public Health "Test to Treat" Tele-health Services and adding additional "Test to Treat" locations.

Two oral COVID-19 oral therapeutics (Paxlovid and Molnupiravir) are available in LA County which have been found effective against Omicron subvariants BA.1 and BA.2. These therapeutics are for use in children and adults who weigh at least 88 pounds, test positive for COVID-19, have mild to moderate symptoms, and are at high risk for progressing to severe disease. These two therapeutics must be started within five days of a patient experiencing symptoms.

Residents currently have the option of accessing these medications by going to one of 58 Test to Treat sites in the county, one of the 26 DHS-Fulgent Testing sites, or one of three Public Health vaccination sites (Market Street Center in Santa Clarita, Obregon Park in East Los Angeles, and Ted Watkins Memorial Park in South Los Angeles).

The federal government "Test to Treat'' program currently includes 20 CVS Minute Clinics and 11 Walgreens locations in L.A. County that allow patients to walk in to get tested, evaluated, and treated on the same visit at the same location. States and local jurisdictions have also been identifying other clinical sites that can offer similar services.

Residents can find current "Test to Treat" locations in LA County at: ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines.

Beginning this week, residents having difficulty accessing medications or a "Test to Treat" location have several additional options.

Individuals can contact Public Health Call Center seven days a week from 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. at (833) 540-0473. Call center staff will answer questions and connect patients to services as needed. Patients who are looking for testing or treatment will be referred to a site, and patients who already have a positive test result but are looking for access to evaluation and treatment will either be referred to a nearby Test to Treat center or connected to the Public Health telehealth services. Telehealth services are available seven days a week to screen patients for eligibility and determine which medication, if any, would be appropriate for the patients. Medications are then shipped to the patient's home overnight or the patient is referred to a nearby Test to Treat site to ensure timely access.

Public Health has also partnered with Healthvana and 26 Department of Health Services-Fulgent testing sites located in under-resourced communities hard-hit by the pandemic. This pilot project allows patients who test positive at one of these sites to receive a test result text from Healthvana, and if symptomatic, the text directs them to contact the Public Health Call Center to report their result. These patients will then be routed to a Public Health telehealth visit for screening.

Patients testing positive at one of the Public Health vaccination sites will also be routed for a telehealth visit with overnight shipment of medications.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Record temperatures hit Santa Monica



The mercury hit 93 at Santa Monica Airport on Friday, likely setting a new high daily temperature record. Although the National Weather Service reported it does not keep official temperature tallies at Santa Monica's weather stations, nearby UCLA and LAX gauges both broke records for April 8.

"We do keep records at UCLA, which would represent inland Santa Monica, and also at LAX Airport, which would represent coastal Santa Monica," an NWS representative wrote in an email on Friday afternoon. "Both those sites broke records today. As of 2 p.m., UCLA reached 94 and LAX 96. The highs there may end up a degree or two higher, but we won't know until 5 p.m. today." Previously, the daily record for April 8 at UCLA was 87 degrees and 88 at LAX, both set in 1989.

EMILY SAWICKI

LOS ANGELES

Power outage strands 11 on Universal Studios Hollywood ride

A power outage at Universal Studios Hollywood left nearly a dozen people stranded on a ride until crews rescued them, Los Angeles authorities said.

Emergency crews were called to the park's Transformers ride around 3:45 p.m. Thursday after 11 people got stuck on the indoor ride, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The riders were freed by 6 p.m., supervising dispatcher Bernard Peters told the Los Angeles Times. No injuries were reported.

In a statement, a spokesperson for Universal Studios Hollywood said the park experienced a "brief power dip which resulted in exiting guests from some attractions," due to a "power interruption" from the utility Southern California Edison.

Power was fully restored, the statement said.

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Musk says Tesla will build vehicle designed to be a robotaxi

Tesla will build a vehicle dedicated for use as a robotaxi, and it will start making three new vehicles next year, CEO Elon Musk told fans at a party celebrating the opening of a Texas factory.

Musk didn't give details of the robotaxi other than to say it will "look quite futuristic." He also said Tesla will start building the Cybertruck pickup at its new factory near Austin, Texas, next year. After that, it will start building a new Roadster and an electric semi, he said.

He made his remarks Thursday night at the "Cyber Rodeo at Giga Texas," an invitation-only party for thousands of guests at Tesla's new billion-dollar-plus factory.

As many as 15,000 people were expected to attend the private event hosted to mark the opening of the new factory in Travis County that also serves as the company's new headquarters following its move from California.

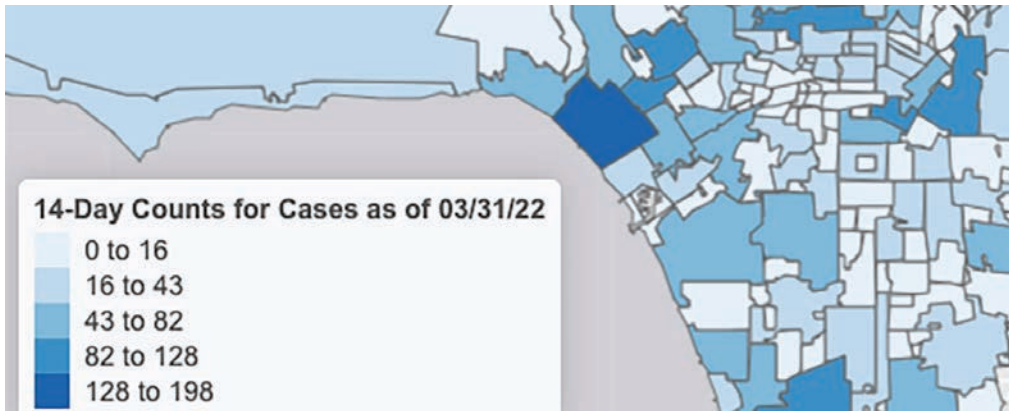
Musk said at the Thursday night event streamed live on YouTube that Tesla was delivering the first Model Y small SUVs built at the new factory, which he said can make a half million of the SUVs per year.

Tesla and Musk have often missed targets to start producing vehicles. In 2019, he promised a fleet of autonomous robotaxis would be on the road the following year, but the company's "Full Self-Driving" software is still being tested by selected Tesla owners on public roads.

The company is the largest maker of electric vehicles in the U.S. and the world.

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‘Get used to it’: Outbreaks give taste of living with virus



Courtesy image

CASES: Santa Monica has seen an increased case count over the past 14 days.

CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writer

The U.S. is getting a first glimpse of what it’s like to experience COVID-19 outbreaks during this new phase of living with the virus, and the roster of the newly infected is studded with stars.

Cabinet members, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Broadway actors and the governors of New Jersey and Connecticut have all tested positive. Outbreaks at Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University are bringing back mask requirements to those campuses as officials seek out quarantine space.

The outbreaks in the Northeast may — or may not — signal what’s to come, experts say. Case counts are no longer reliable because official testing and reporting has been scaled back and more Americans are testing at home.

Across the nation, mask-wearing is at its lowest level since April 2020, said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. For every 100 infections, only seven are recorded in official tallies, according to his modeling group’s latest estimate.

Mokdad expects the high level of U.S. immunity built up from previous infections and vaccinations will protect the nation from a large surge.

“We’re going to have some infections here and there, but it’s not going to shut down the country,” Mokdad said. “Life has to go on. We have to be vaccinated and boosted. We need to protect the vulnerable, but we have to get used to it.”

Large indoor gatherings with masks optional have led to infections, with a high-profile party in Washington, D.C., now seen as a possible super-spreader event. Other infection clusters outside of groups that are regularly tested might go undetected, said Josh Michaud, associate director of global health policy with the Kaiser Family Foundation in Washington.

“It’s harder now than it was before to know what’s happening. The future is a little fuzzier because we don’t have as much information at our fingertips,” Michaud said. “If you’re not an actor in a Broadway play or a politician you might fall through the testing cracks.”

The public health response will vary from community to community based on what’s happening locally, Michaud said.

“We’re fighting smaller fires instead of a raging blaze across the country and those smaller fires can be disruptive,” Michaud said. “It leaves everyone to choose their own adventure when it comes to pandemic response and individual behaviors.”

In Washington D.C., the outbreak has been particularly high profile — striking multiple Cabinet secretaries and Congress members along with Mayor Muriel Bowser and the president of Georgetown University.

At least a dozen of those infections can be traced to the Gridiron Club dinner, an annual fixture of the D.C. social calendar that took place Saturday for the first time in three years. The dinner is an example of a return to near-total normality that’s taking place around the country, leading to a spike in positive tests, but not necessarily a corresponding spike in serious illnesses or hospitalizations.

Washington, D.C., like much of the rest of the country, has greatly relaxed its COVID stance in recent weeks. Bowser has allowed vaccination and indoor masking mandates to expire, and the city health department stopped reporting daily virus numbers in early March. Attendees at the Gridiron Club dinner, which Bowser did not attend, had to provide proof of vaccination, but otherwise no masking or social distancing protocols were observed.

And other staples of the D.C. social calendar are also back to normal. The city’s annual Cherry Blossom Festival has been going for weeks — with dozens of associated events, including a parade scheduled for Saturday.

Amid that general return to pre-pandemic behavior, there are a few cautionary steps backward. Georgetown University announced it would reintroduce its indoor mask mandate amid rising infection numbers that include university President John DeGioia

Georgetown’s Chief Public Health Officer Ranit Mishori, in announcing the new restrictions, described the infection spike as “significant” — particularly among undergraduates. “Thankfully, with the vast majority of our community up to date on vaccination, we are not seeing cases involving severe illness,” Mishori wrote.

D.C. health chief Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, in comments to reporters this week, has pointed to the ongoing low level of hospitalizations as proof that the vaccinations have successfully limited the severity of the illness.

Virus metrics in Washington have crept up in the past month according to the city health department. The weekly case rate per 100,000 residents climbed from 51 at the beginning of March to 110 at the end of March. But that’s still far below the weekly case rate of 865 per 100,000 residents reported in the second week of January during the omicron variant surge.



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know how to spot a bad situation and avoid it. Some situations are, however, unavoidable. The best you can do is to keep moving forward with as much grace as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you like people, you'll go out of your way to see them smile, alleviate their stress or make them feel comfortable. Doing this for someone you don't know or dislike... that's nobility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Once you see things you can't un-see them. That's why it's good to be careful about where you go and what you click on. Imagine what's behind the doors before you open them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Ideally you eat to live, not live to eat. Your appetite is strong now for more than just food. Make it easy on yourself. Surround yourself with people who have a healthy consumption style. You can catch good habits by osmosis.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Before deciding, consider the perspective of time. If something won't bother you a month from now, don't let it bother you now. If it won't please you a month from now, don't do it, commit to it or purchase it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What is best for everyone? Considering the many opinions expressed, picking the right one seems complex... until you realize most people are speaking out of self-interest. Who really has the group's best interests at heart?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Education can be extremely expensive or completely free. A library or the internet provide access to the greatest minds in history. Taking advantage of this today is extremely advantageous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone needs to be listened to, seen and loved. That said, you're not the only one in the world with ears, eyes and a heart. Give to the degree that feels good to you and know that it's enough.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The emotional currents are varied and strong today. Luckily, they only come one at a time. Stay open and let the emotions flow through you. You won't stay stuck in one for long.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Neatness is not the same as style, but when things are neat, clean and organized it is easier to see your way to choices that will elevate the style.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To believe everything serves a purpose will relax you. Whether this is true matters very little. From the relaxed place you will recognize your next good move and keep going forward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ease is attractive. Strain is unattractive. This rule will be exemplified throughout your day. You'll create ease and people will want to be a part of what you're doing.

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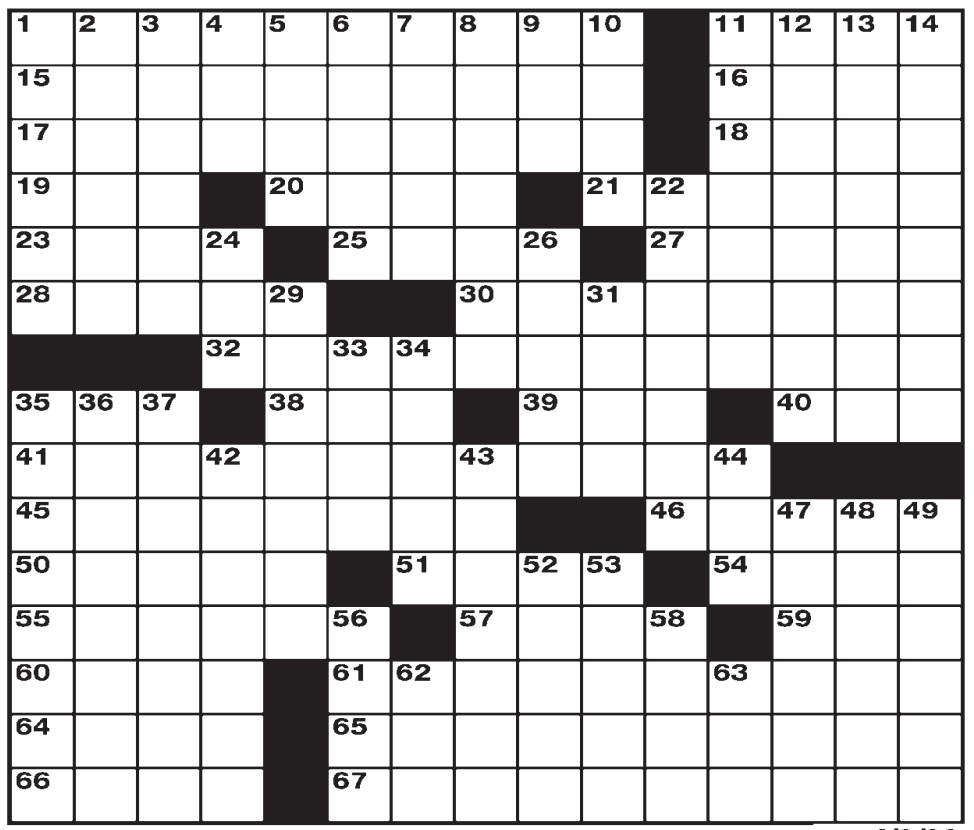
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11 Some PD officers
15 Food fish of the far north
16 "After __" (2005 *Economist* article on the Fed)
17 Lure of little interest
18 Name meaning "born again"
19 __ game
20 Game's "warm"
21 Striking skill
23 Ruffle
25 Hawaiian sushi staple
27 One up
28 One with a suit to press
30 Certain company men
32 Entry in a genetic terms glossary
35 No moniker for an original Methodist
38 Go after
39 Hard-to-imagine interval
40 Since, for short
41 Old-timey chair protector
45 Court surface
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50 Result of a 2006 network merger
51 Understated-sounding shape-shifter
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59 Cleared out
60 They're loud on cabaret stages
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2 "Blood hath been shed __ . . .": *Macbeth*
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8 Insincere behavior
9 Meal morsel
10 Trying traveling
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13 Hand-held devices
14 Disdains
22 Football club with a cannon in its logo
24 Boundary, briefly
26 What grooms often groom
29 Well-manicured, in a way
31 They "support . . . the public good," per the UN Charter
33 Bar __
34 What LAX serves
35 Catcher of what's tossed
36 Put in power
37 Low class of the past
42 Cut marks on
43 Reverent
44 Arborist's anathema
47 Pull in
48 Word from the Latin for "lean"
49 Isabel Allende title
52 Brooklyn congressman who had a plan
53 Embedded firmly
56 Brass, but not bronze
58 Flour material "making its way to the mainland"
62 1½ millennia before *Adaptation*
63 Yarn + stick



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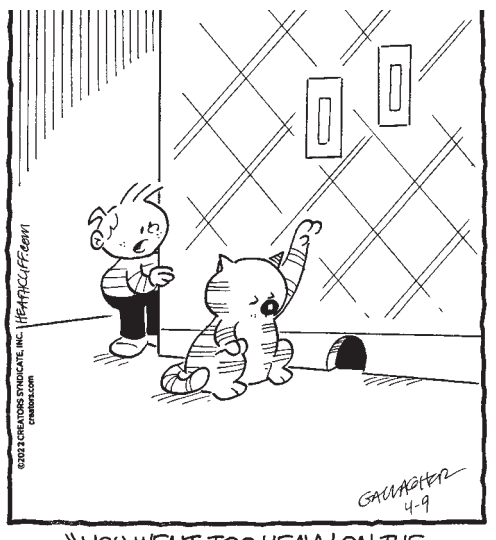
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By JOHN DEERING



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

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Retail therapy

F	L	U	T	E	S	E	L	S	I	A	E	O	I	B
B	S	I	Y	B	E	T	E	B	N	K	G	C	N	A
A	E	L	R	J	T	X	I	I	L	N	A	R	C	B
S	O	E	E	A	A	S	I	K	S	I	C	A	E	Y
K	H	S	S	V	G	M	P	E	G	V	A	F	N	W
E	S	D	E	T	O	Y	S	N	A	E	J	T	S	E
T	V	N	I	R	E	N	R	U	B	S	P	T	E	A
D	D	U	C	H	A	N	G	E	R	O	O	M	R	R
E	R	O	T	S	T	N	E	M	T	R	A	P	E	D
F	O	O	D	C	O	U	R	T	R	T	S	I	L	N
S	E	H	S	I	D	D	E	A	L	T	O	O	L	S
T	G	G	S	A	O	R	C	A	E	E	I	K	I	B
A	G	Y	E	O	Y	A	S	P	S	L	D	N	R	U
H	S	R	R	P	F	E	R	N	S	A	A	U	G	S
R	B	S	E	E	C	I	V	R	E	S	R	J	E	Y

Aisles
Atlas
Axes
Babywear
Bags
Basket
Bike
Bread
Burner
Busy
Cafe
Cage
Carrots
Change room
Craft
Department store
Dishes
Doors
DVDs
Eggs
Ferns
Flute
Food court
Fruit
Gates
Griller
Hats
Herbs
Incense
Jams
Jeans
Junk
Kits
Knives
Noisy
Novels
Pets
Pottery
Radios
Retail
Sale
Service
Shoes
Skis
Ties
Tools
Toys
Tyres

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

SATURDAY | APRIL 9

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR KINDERGARTEN WITH SMPL
Access via YouTube: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists. These short bilingual English/Spanish video segments focus on kindergarten-readiness skills through reading and activities. Track Building Blocks activities your child completes through the virtual platform Beanstack and earn points towards a prize drawing for book packs. Register: smpl.beanstack.org

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

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | APRIL 10

FAMILY FESTIVAL: PERSIA
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades presents a free two-day festival, Family Festival: Persia. Experience the sights and sounds of ancient Iran through music, dance, storytelling, hands-on workshops, and interactive events. Make your own puppet inspired by Persian stories, forge a set of golden wings, or craft jewelry based upon examples from 2,500 years ago. Discover the wonders of this enduring culture in this daylong festival inspired by the Getty Villa exhibition Persia: Ancient Iran and the Classical World. https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/events/ev_3462.html

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

MONDAY | APRIL 11

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Citizenship Classes
Mondays / 12 to 2:30 p.m.
ESL, Multi Level HIGH | Mondays / 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY | APRIL 12

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
The Zoning Administrator issues land use permits that are minor in nature and may adopt specific findings of fact to support the resulting decision, or require specific conditions. 10:30 a.m. https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Zoning-Administrator/

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 13

TOURS OF THE MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE
Special Wednesday date for Spring Break. 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 12pm – 2pm. 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

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
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THURSDAY | APRIL 14

STORYTIME AT CAYTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join organizers for fun stories, songs, and fingerplays and, after storytime, enjoy the museum for free! Registration is required. Register here: https://bit.ly/SMPLCayton.

RENT CONTROL BOARD
Regular meeting of the Rent Control Board. 7 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/Current_Board_Meetings.aspx.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **62.4**

SATURDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:** 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder	SSW swell continues as NW swell mix likely gets a bit of a refresh. Could be some fun peaks to work with for the morning tide drop and wind looks favorable early.
SUNDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 4-5ft Chest to head	May see NW swell mix nudge up a bit further as SSW swell eases. Keeping an eye on wind, looks to stay favorable for the AM tide drop.

WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Monday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 66.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/04/09	Sat	03:31 AM	3.84	H
2022/04/09	Sat	12:08 PM	0.42	L
2022/04/09	Sat	8:00 PM	3.40	H
2022/04/09	Sat	11:57 PM	2.96	L
2022/04/10	Sun	05:12 AM	3.96	H
2022/04/10	Sun	12:52 PM	0.18	L
2022/04/10	Sun	8:00 PM	3.62	H
2022/04/11	Mon	12:46 AM	2.49	L
2022/04/11	Mon	06:17 AM	4.24	H
2022/04/11	Mon	1:25 PM	-0.02	L
2022/04/11	Mon	8:10 PM	3.89	H
2022/04/12	Tue	01:22 AM	1.96	L
2022/04/12	Tue	07:06 AM	4.53	H
2022/04/12	Tue	1:53 PM	-0.14	L
2022/04/12	Tue	8:24 PM	4.21	H
2022/04/13	Wed	01:57 AM	1.39	L
2022/04/13	Wed	07:48 AM	4.75	H
2022/04/13	Wed	2:19 PM	-0.17	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/6
6 42 45 47 64
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 268 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/5
22 43 60 63 64
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 94 M

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Draw Date: 4/6
20 24 40 42 44
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 32 M

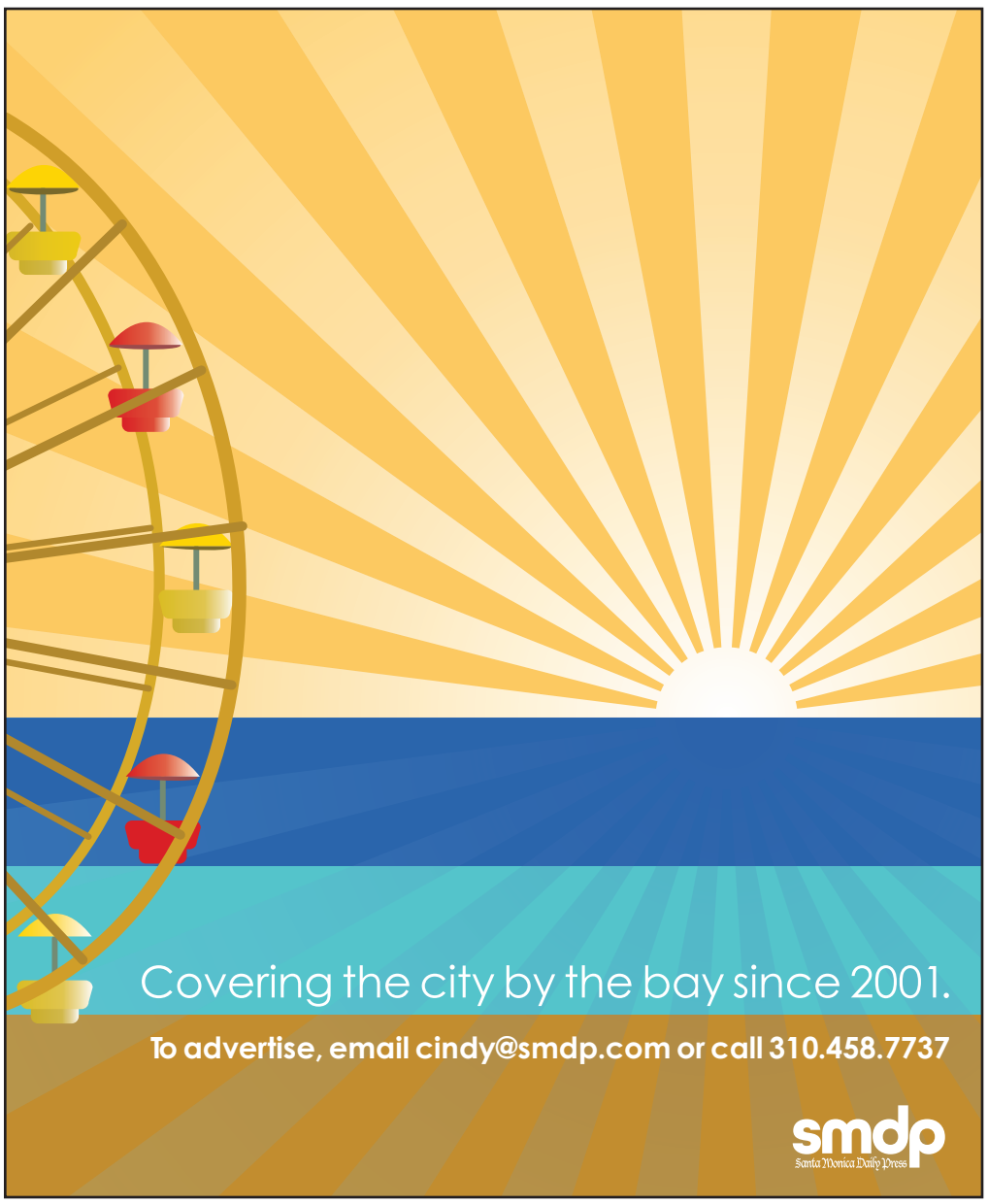
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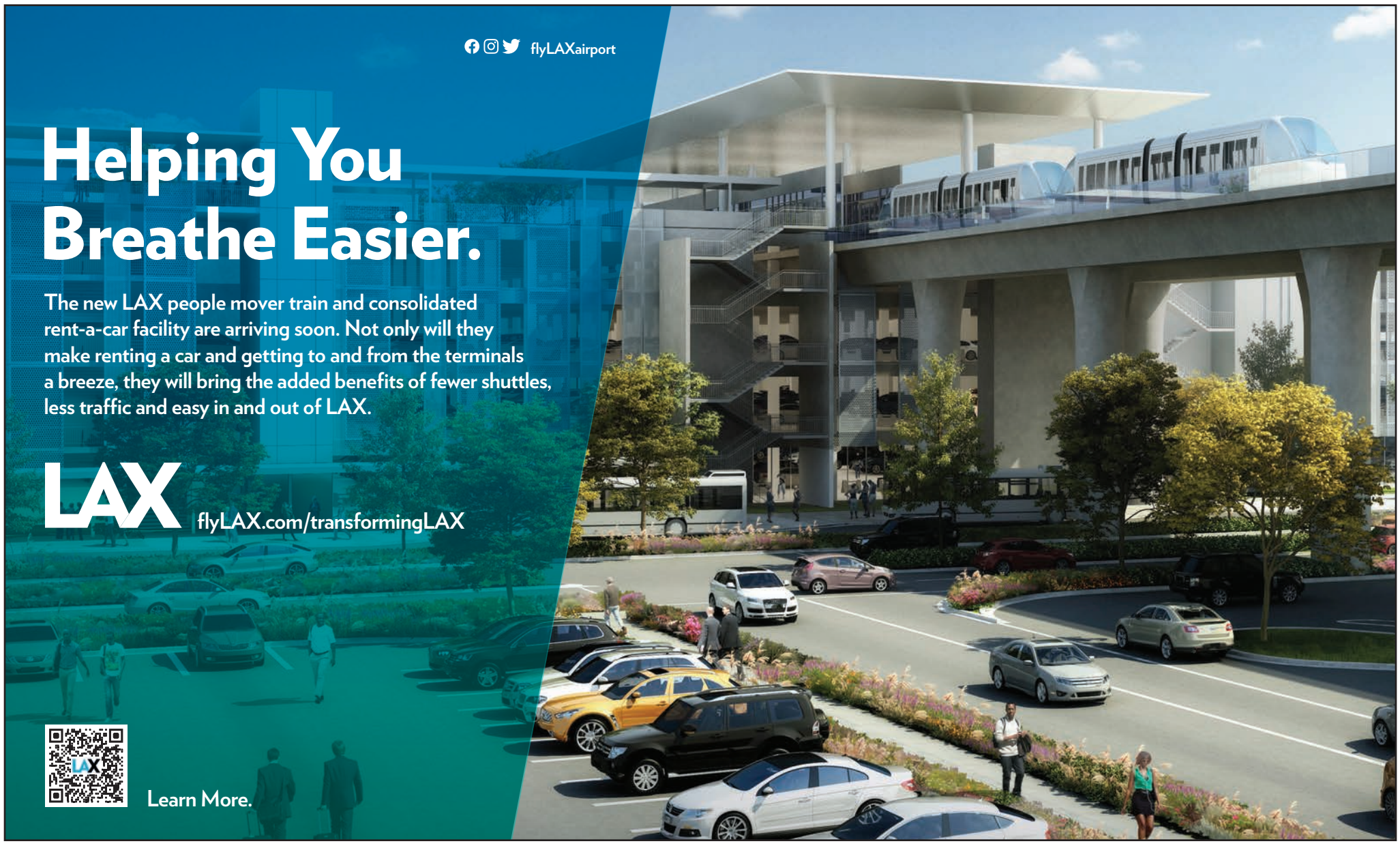
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EVENING: 5 3 2
Draw Date: 4/7
MIDDAY: 7 8 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/7
1st: 06 - Whirl Win
2nd:08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:47.02

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