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Venice Family Clinic kicks off its 42nd annual Art Walk auction





Courtesy images

ART: 'The offering' by Rose Leila Fanner is one of over 200 pieces. Also pictured is a work by Kim McCarty.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Beginning today and running through May 12, the Venice Family Clinic is hosting a virtual auction of more than 200 pieces of art to help fund its vital health services for people in need.

Venice Family Clinic was founded in 1970 as a tiny operation running out of a borrowed dental office, and has since blossomed into an essential community resource that serves over 27,000 patients at 14 sites annually.

In 1979, VFC was at the brink of bankruptcy when community members rallied together to create the first-ever Venice Art Walk fundraiser. Forty-two years later this unique and impactful event is still running and is currently in its second virtual iteration due to the pandemic.

"It's kind of incredible to put a work of art in your home and know that you supported the Clinic and supported an artist and supported your community," said Erin Harnisch, VFC director of events. "It's really a beautiful story that goes along with a piece of art that feeds your soul."

While initially centered around the Venice art community, the Art Walk has grown to include many nationally and internationally recognized contemporary artists.

This year's auction features

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Rotary Donation





Courtesy photos

BOOKS: In partnership with Rotary LA5, the Rotary Club of Santa Monica recently installed a free Little Library in front of the Boys and Girls Club.

Local leaders highlight American Rescue Plan

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

President Joe Biden has signed the American Rescue Plan and local leaders said Tuesday they are excited to use the funds to spur economic recovery efforts throughout the Westside and assist the many families who have been affected by the pandemic.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich joined Rep. Ted Lieu and his fellow co-chairs of the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee this week for a virtual news conference where they spoke on how the $18.5 billion plan will be allocated to cities like Santa Monica.

In earlier rounds of stimulus packages, cities with smaller populations were left out of the funding formula. This included Santa Monica even though it's economy is driven by tourism, which was driven to a halt by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is largely why the city has lobbied for federal funding to be based on revenue loss rather than population alone.

And while the $29.3 million in relief will not fill the projected $224 million in revenue losses, city officials said the funds are gladly welcomed and much-needed.

"This American rescue plan is transformative," Lieu said, "and it's really helping American families and businesses across our country.

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CDC says many Americans can now go outside without a mask

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eased its guidelines Tuesday on the wearing of masks outdoors, saying fully vaccinated Americans don't need to cover their faces anymore unless they are in a big crowd of strangers.

And those who are unvaccinated can go outside without masks in some situations, too.

The new guidance represents another carefully calibrated step on the road back to normal from the coronavirus outbreak that has killed over 570,000 people in U.S.

For most of the past year, the CDC had been advising Americans

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF PREPARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica is reviewing and preparing:

2020 Urban Water Management Plan

The Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) is updated every five years and must be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources on or before July 1, 2021.

The City of Santa Monica invites the public's feedback during UWMP review and preparation. A public hearing to present the findings from the 2020 UWMP to Santa Monica City Council is scheduled for June 8, 2021. A copy of the Draft UWMP will be made available on the Water Resources Division website in advance of the City Council meeting at: www.santamonica.gov/UWMP

For comments, questions, and inquiries, please e-mail: water.resources@santamonica.gov

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0048 (Conditional Use Permit)
420 Broadway
APPLICANT: Target Corporation
PROPERTY OWNER: 420 Broadway, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant (Target) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (21ENT-0048) to allow for the general sale of alcohol for off-site consumption (Type 21 ABC license) in conjunction with the operation of an existing 23,811 square foot general retail store within the Transit Adjacent (TA) District of the Downtown Community Plan area. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.040(B), a Conditional Use Permit is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on-site or off-site consumption.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/qjqqpfdb or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (US) (PIN: 7289539 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by pre-registering on the link provided on the posted online agenda no later than 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item.

Address your letters to: Ivan Lai, Assistant Planner
Re: 21ENT-0048

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ivan Lai by e-mail at ivan.lai@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

Largest firefighting plane may be sold for COVID-19 response

PATTY NIEBERG
Associated Press/Report for America

As Western states prepare for this year's wildfire season, the world's largest firefighting plane has been grounded and could be converted to help fight against another crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic.

After investing tens of millions into upgrading the Global SuperTanker and its technology, the revenue coming mostly from contracts with the U.S. government and California did not produce enough profit for the company to continue the funding the tanker, said Roger Miller, managing director at Alterna Capital Partners LLC, the investment company that owns the plane.

Alterna's decision to ground the SuperTanker was made on April 19, according to the firm, which had funded the plane's operations and upgrades since 2016. Since the announcement, the Connecticut-based firm has received several offers to buy the SuperTanker and turn it into a freight carrier aircraft, Miller said.

"The COVID crisis has led to a huge boom in the aircraft freighter market flying around PPE, flying around vaccines, just all the stuff that you can't afford to put on a ship and wait 45 days to get," Miller said.

The investment firm is open to potential investors who want to continue using the SuperTanker for wildfire response, but if freight companies present a more attractive offer, the firm will sell it to them, Miller said.

In order for the SuperTanker to be ready for the 2021 wildfire season, the plane would have to undergo a federal certification process by June, said Dan Reese, president of Global SuperTanker Services.

As the company weighs its options, two Washington state legislators sent a letter Tuesday to U.S. Congress members in Western states, urging them to find a solution to continue the SuperTanker's operations, which they described as the "biggest and one of the best weapons in battling the catastrophic fires."

"Our time is limited, through this week," they wrote. "A willing buyer, a group of investors or government loan guarantees is needed to step up and help protect our livelihoods, economy, and environment against this devastating enemy."

During the 2020 season, there were 58,950 wildfires that burned over 15,816 square miles, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Idaho.

The Global SuperTanker is one of several Very Large Airtankers used to fight wildfires from above by dropping fire retardant and water. Water is dropped on the fires, and fire retardant is commonly dropped next to or around the fires as an extra line of defense. Once the retardant dries, it denies oxygen to the vegetation to prevent the spread of fire.

But some fire experts, like Andy Stahl, executive director at Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, are skeptical about the use of tankers and retardants for wildfire response because of the dangers that aerial firefighting poses, the specific environmental factors needed to operate the tanker and the overall expense of retardants.

Stahl said that fire retardant is "used not at all or only incredibly rarely" in the Midwest or on the East Coast. Fire retardant, he said, is a Western state phenomena because there are more federal lands and the U.S. Forest Service has the money to spend on retardants, which Stahl says is "more expensive than dropping Perrier out of airplanes."

In 2020, the federal government and state agencies dropped over 56 million gallons of retardant, which costs on average $3.10 per gallon, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

"The retardant contracts are very profitable for a small group of very influential firefighting companies and for the bureaucracy that uses them. The retardant is a wonderful way of showing the concerned public that were really trying hard to protect their homes," Stahl said.

But Michael DeGrosky, chief of the Protection Bureau at Montana's Department Of Natural Resources and Conservation, said there is a time and place for effective retardant use.

"Like all tools, you need to use the right tool in the right situation," DeGrosky said. "My personal experience is that retardant is most effective on initial attack. It can be used very effectively when you're trying to guide a fire and draw it away from homes and property."

Other Very Large Airtankers can carry up to 8,000 gallons of fire retardant, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

The Global SuperTanker can dump up to 19,200 gallons of water or flame retardant in six seconds and fly as low as 200 feet above the ground to do its work. It can be refilled in just 13 minutes.

Domestically, the SuperTanker has been used mostly in California and in Oregon in 2018. Washington and Montana fire officials said the SuperTanker has not been used in their states, so the elimination of it will not affect their fire response this season.

"There's always the possibility that by having it unavailable in California or Oregon where it's typically operated, you know, that may put other pressures on the system. Aircraft we rely on might be committed there, but we don't see any direct impact," DeGrosky said of Montana's wildfire response.

Officials from Montana and Washington said they would ensure access to additional planes and helicopters through their state fire department's and regional and national contracts for other aircrafts for the upcoming season.

The SuperTanker has also been deployed in Israel in 2016 and in Chile in 2017. The company declined to say how much the SuperTanker costs per day.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 259 CALLS ON APRIL 26

Drunk Driving Investigation 1000blk Euclid St 12:01 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:36 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 2600blk Kansas Ave 1:52 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 100blk Wilshire Blvd 3:19 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Colorado Ave 6:46 a.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 6:55 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 7:27 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 7:48 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Marine St 8:05 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1400blk Ocean Ave 8:15 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1400blk 2nd St 8:27 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800blk Marine St 8:59 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2800blk Main St 9:16 a.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 2000blk Main St 9:16 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk 3rd St 9:30 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk Pier Ave 9:31 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 500blk Ocean Ave 9:44 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1100blk Harvard St 9:50 a.m.
Drinking In Public 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:56 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk 3rd St 10:12 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1900blk 22nd St 10:18 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800blk San Vicente Blvd 10:26 a.m.
Loitering 300blk Civic Center Dr 10:38 a.m.
Information Received Report 1000blk 20th St 10:46 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Sexual Assault 900blk Montana Ave 10:49 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 11:13 a.m.
Overdose 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:21 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2400blk Pico Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 600blk 15th St 11:29 a.m.
Medical Emergency 400blk Santa Monica Pier 11:32 a.m.
Medical Emergency 400blk Santa Monica Pier 11:33 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1200blk 4th St 11:35 a.m.
Burglary Report 100blk San Vicente Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700blk Main St 12:02 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 12:21 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000blk 19th St 12:22 p.m.
Family Disturbance 900blk 4th St 12:33 p.m.
Public Intoxication 400blk Santa Monica Pier 12:36 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1600blk 9th St 12:40 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Main St / Ashland Ave 12:57 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 600blk Ocean Ave 12:57 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk 9th St 1:01 p.m.
Burglary Now 1400blk 6th St 1:03 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:17 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 700blk Arizona Ave 1:18 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2400blk Kansas Ave 1:20 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1600blk Appian Way 1:21 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1300blk 4th St 1:25 p.m.
Fraud Report 3200blk Airport Ave 1:25 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 400blk 12th St 1:40 p.m.
Loud Music 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:42 p.m.
Found Property 200blk Bicknell Ave 1:43 p.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 1000blk 11th St 1:54 p.m.
Sexual Assault 900blk Montana Ave 1:57 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1400blk 6th St 2:01 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800blk 2nd St 2:02 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1700blk 11th St 2:09 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1700blk Franklin St 2:10 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600blk Ozone St 2:10 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 3200blk Airport Ave 2:11 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 700blk California Ave 2:15 p.m.
Fight 4th St / Arizona Ave 2:24 p.m.
Keep The Peace 1200blk 10th St 2:28 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:31 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:39 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1800blk 34th St 2:59 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400blk 2nd St 3:04 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 2400blk Kansas Ave 3:16 p.m.
Injured Person 2600blk 28th St 3:30 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:33 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1300blk 15th St 3:48 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk 20th St 3:48 p.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 700blk Ocean Ave 3:49 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 16th St 4:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 300blk Bicknell Ave 4:42 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 300blk Bicknell Ave 4:43 p.m.
Loitering 1000blk Pine St 4:50 p.m.
Encampment 500blk Colorado Ave 4:57 p.m.
Person Down 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:30 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300blk Santa Monica Pl 5:32 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 4th St 5:34 p.m.
Loitering 1000blk Pine St 5:34 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 800blk Bay St 5:43 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400blk 6th St 5:48 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1300blk 9th St 6:19 p.m.
General Parking Problem 20th St / Virginia Ave 6:29 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1900blk Main St 6:35 p.m.
Construction Noise 1100blk Idaho Ave 6:42 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:56 p.m.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON APRIL 26

EMS 900blk 20th St 12:11 a.m.
EMS 800blk Ashland Ave 1:13 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Main St 1:46 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 14th St 4:32 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:04 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Euclid St 6:17 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1900blk Pico Blvd 7:52 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 2nd St 9:21 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 10:26 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 10:51 a.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 10:56 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 11:05 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:21 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 5th St 11:53 a.m.
EMS 2800blk 3rd St 11:54 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Maple St 12:04 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Berkeley St 12:33 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Ocean Ave 12:41 p.m.
EMS 900blk 24th St 1:12 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:28 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Main St 1:33 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000blk Ocean Ave 1:39 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 1:54 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 9th St 2:19 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 14th St 2:54 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 2:57 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:17 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 800blk 12th St 3:19 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Washington Ave 3:22 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:50 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Broadway 4:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 300blk Bicknell Ave 4:43 p.m.
EMS 100blk Marguerita Ave 5:29 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:30 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:43 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 7:31 p.m.
EMS 2200blk California Ave 8:18 p.m.
EMS 900blk 21st St 8:29 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Broadway 8:39 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1300blk Berkeley St 9:26 p.m.
EMS 3100blk 4th St 9:39 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 10:04 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 19th St 10:30 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2667 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA MAKING MINOR CHANGES, CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO INTERIM ZONING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE 2636 (CCS) AND EXTENDED AND AMENDED BY EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE 2658 FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE BC (PROMENADE) DISTRICT AND THOSE PORTIONS OF THE BC (2ND AND 4TH STREET) DISTRICT BOUNDED BY SECOND STREET TO THE WEST, BROADWAY TO THE SOUTH, 4TH STREET TO THE EAST, AND WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TO THE NORTH

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2667 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

This Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance ("IZO") makes the following minor changes, corrections, and clarifications to the interim zoning regulations established by prior Emergency IZOs 2636 and 2658:

- Corrects the IZO to allow two land uses in the BC district that were inadvertently omitted from the land use table in the prior Emergency IZOs, namely, fortunetellling, and commercial entertainment and recreation large-scale facilities, while not allowing any individual fitness center tenant space exceeding 100 linear feet of ground street frontage without the approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

- Conforms the IZO to other amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to permit ADUs and JADUs in the BC district.

- Conforms the IZO to a subsequent ordinance to prohibit certain fast-food restaurants in establishments with frontage on the Third Street Promenade.

The Emergency IZO was effective as of the date of its adoption and will remain in effect through December 31, 2022, unless further extended.

The full text of the above Emergency IZO is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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Suspect in deadly LA shooting rampage shot, killed by police

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Los Angeles police fatally shot a man early Tuesday suspected of going on a violent rampage in the city's downtown, shooting several people — killing two of them, including a newlywed — seemingly at random before leading police on an hours-long chase that ended in a standoff on a freeway overpass.

The suspect, only described as a man in his late 40s or early 50s, was pronounced dead on the overpass in Orange County, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.

"This appears to be random acts of violence," police Lt. Raul Jovel told reporters in Fullerton, where the man was shot. "We have no idea what precipitated this."

The man had been driving a white Jeep Cherokee and refused pleas from police and a family member to surrender, authorities said. Shots were fired at police during the standoff, and one officer returned fire, killing the man.

The shooting rampage adds to LA's recent rise in violent crime. The number of people shot in the city has increased 73% this year, compared with the same time period in 2020. The police killing Tuesday marks the second time LAPD officers have fatally shot a person in four days.

Detectives are investigating whether the shootings were hate crimes, the Los Angeles Times reported. The victims included two Asian men and a Latino man. Hate crimes, particularly against Asians, have risen dramatically nationwide.

"We are very mindful of the potentiality for that, and leaning into that very actively," LAPD Chief Michel Moore said.

The drive-by shooting began around 12:55 a.m. near the University of Southern California when the suspect pulled alongside a victim's vehicle and fired multiple rounds at him, Moore said later during a police commission meeting. The victim suffered a bullet graze wound to his head; he is expected to survive.

Moore said a dashboard camera inside the victim's vehicle captured part of the shooting and the Jeep's license plate, which helped officers circulate a description of the car.

About 10 minutes later, another shooting occurred less than a mile away. The suspect drove alongside another man's vehicle — this time in a Starbucks drive-thru — and backed into it, causing a slight crash. The suspect then fired into the vehicle, killing a newlywed who was driving with his wife, Moore said. Police believe there was a "verbal exchange" between the couple and the gunman, but Moore did not know what had been said.

Neither victim was a USC student, the university said.

The second deadly shooting occurred around 1:25 a.m., about 3 miles (4.83 kilometers) away from the second scene. A man was driving when the gunman pulled up next to him and began firing through the window.

A fourth incident was reported shortly after the homicide, Moore said, when the suspect fired at a vehicle in an intersection.

Officers spotted the suspect's Jeep and began a long pursuit, which included the suspect firing at a white Tesla while driving. The driver was not injured.

The chase covered several freeways in Los Angeles and Orange counties. Police used spike strips to disable the Jeep on an overpass in Fullerton around 3:30 a.m., when a standoff with LAPD SWAT officers began.

SWAT pinned the Jeep in and attempted negotiations aimed at having the suspect surrender, Moore said. The suspect began firing at the officers through the vehicle's front windshield, and an officer returned fire. The man shot at police a second time, the chief said, prompting the officer to return fire again.

The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene, and a handgun believed to be linked to the earlier shootings was found, Moore said.

Police are investigating what led to the spate of violence and if the man is connected to any other crimes.

"We'll be going back to the suspect's home, talking to family members, trying to figure out what led to these acts of violence," Jovel said.

On Saturday, LAPD officers shot and killed 34-year-old Richard Solitro, who had gotten into a car crash with police. Solitro got out of his vehicle and, holding his hand behind his back, began counting down "3 ... 2 ... 1" as he started to bring his hand out, police said.

At least one officer fired, fatally striking him. Police did not find a weapon. Solitro had been previously shot by police in Rhode Island in 2018.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica Extends Local Emergency to June 15

The City of Santa Monica's thirty-fifth emergency supplement extends the City's local emergency orders, with certain specified exceptions, to June 15, 2021. The supplement comes as Santa Monica continues to make progress with reopening and COVID-19 vaccine eligibility has expanded to everyone 16 years and older.

"With more than 62% of Santa Monicans receiving their first COVID-19 vaccine dose and 85% of our population 65 years and older vaccinated, we continue to make significant strides toward recovery," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg. "Our local emergency expiration of June 15 aligns with the State of California's timeline for lifting restrictions."

The Thirty-Fifth supplement does not extend certain provisions of prior emergency orders, including:

Impositions of late payment penalties for unpaid or delinquent Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) charges and Fire Prevention Inspection charges will resume May 1, 2021.

Issuing permits for street performers on the Santa Monica Pier, Third Street Promenade, and Transit Mall will resume May 1, 2021 with social distancing and infection control measures in place. Previously issued performance permits that were suspended from October through December 2020 will be valid from May 1 through December 31, 2021.

For the latest information, please visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus, or call the City at 311.

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LONG BEACH

SpaceX in deal for facility in Port of Long Beach

SpaceX is in a deal to use a marine terminal in the Port of Long Beach for West Coast rocket recovery operations.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners approved a new sublease agreement with Elon Musk's space launch company on Monday.

SpaceX will take over a wharf that was vacated in February 2020 by Sea Launch, a company that sailed a self-propelled ocean-going launch platform and a command ship to the equator for satellite launches. Sea Launch kept the vessels at Long Beach between launches.

Hawthorne, California-based SpaceX will take over the 6.5-acre facility on May 1.

SpaceX can land the first stage of its Falcon 9 rockets on sea-going landing pads for reuse and also recovers its Dragon capsules after ocean splashdowns.

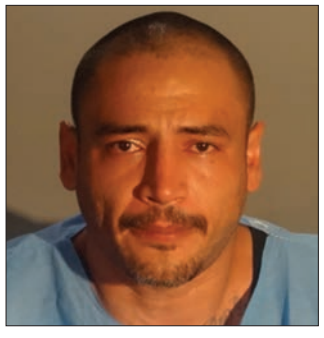
The company had used a site in the neighboring Port of Los Angeles for recovery operations. It also twice backed out of plans to build its Starship rocket in the Port of LA.

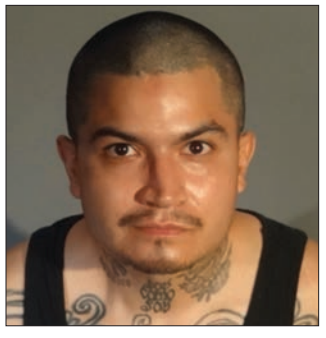
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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 THURSDAY, APRIL 15 4:55 P.M.





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ALVARADO AND OCAMPO

On Crime Impact Team (CIT) Officers initiated a traffic stop on the 1600 block of Lincoln Blvd., regarding a vehicle with expired tags. The driver and one passenger of the vehicle admitted to being on probation and advised that a used hypodermic needle would be found in the center console. A search of the vehicle and the individuals found recently purchased merchandise, along with various EDD cards and social security information for numerous individuals. CIT Officers also found a bag of heroin in the individuals' possession. Sergio Alvarado and Bryant Loza Ocampo were arrested for 484(e)a PC, 484(e)b PC, 484(e)d PC, 530.5(a) PC (all charges pertaining to fraud and identity theft), and 11364.1(a) H&S - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 11350(a) H&S - Possession of a Controlled Substance.

POLICE LOG

FROM PAGE 3

Missing Person 2200blk 30th St 7:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk 4th St 7:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300blk Olympic Dr 7:52 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 700blk Hill St 7:54 p.m.
Forensics Request - Miscellaneous 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:14 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 2nd St 9:00 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1200blk Euclid St 9:13 p.m.
Arson 1300blk Berkeley St 9:24 p.m.
Rape Report 300blk Olympic Dr 11:18 p.m.
Loud Music 600blk Hill St 11:34 p.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Olympic Dr 11:36 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

**BEACH BIKE PATH RAMP CONNECTION TO SANTA MONICA PIER
(LACMTA CALL FOR PROJECTS ID#F9533
A Federally-Funded Project No. CMAQ-5107(045)
Project No. SP2447**

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from qualified engineering firms experienced in the design and development of bicycle facilities and structures to provide civil engineering design services for a Class I bicycle path on a new ramp connecting the Beach Bike Path (also known as the Marvin Braude Bike Trail) and the Santa Monica Pier. This project, the Beach Bike Path Ramp Connection to Santa Monica Pier Project (SP2447), utilizes federal Congestion Air Quality Mitigation (CMAQ) funds and Prop C and Measure M local return funds.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to undertake the project management, conceptual design, alternatives analysis, and preparation of construction drawings (including pedestrian/bicycle traffic control plans) and technical specifications for a bicycle connector ramp between the Beach Bicycle Path" and the Santa Monica Pier.
of the subject project.

RFP questions to be submitted to **via ProcureNow**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 19, 2021.**

Proposers shall upload RFP via ProcureNow, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2021. Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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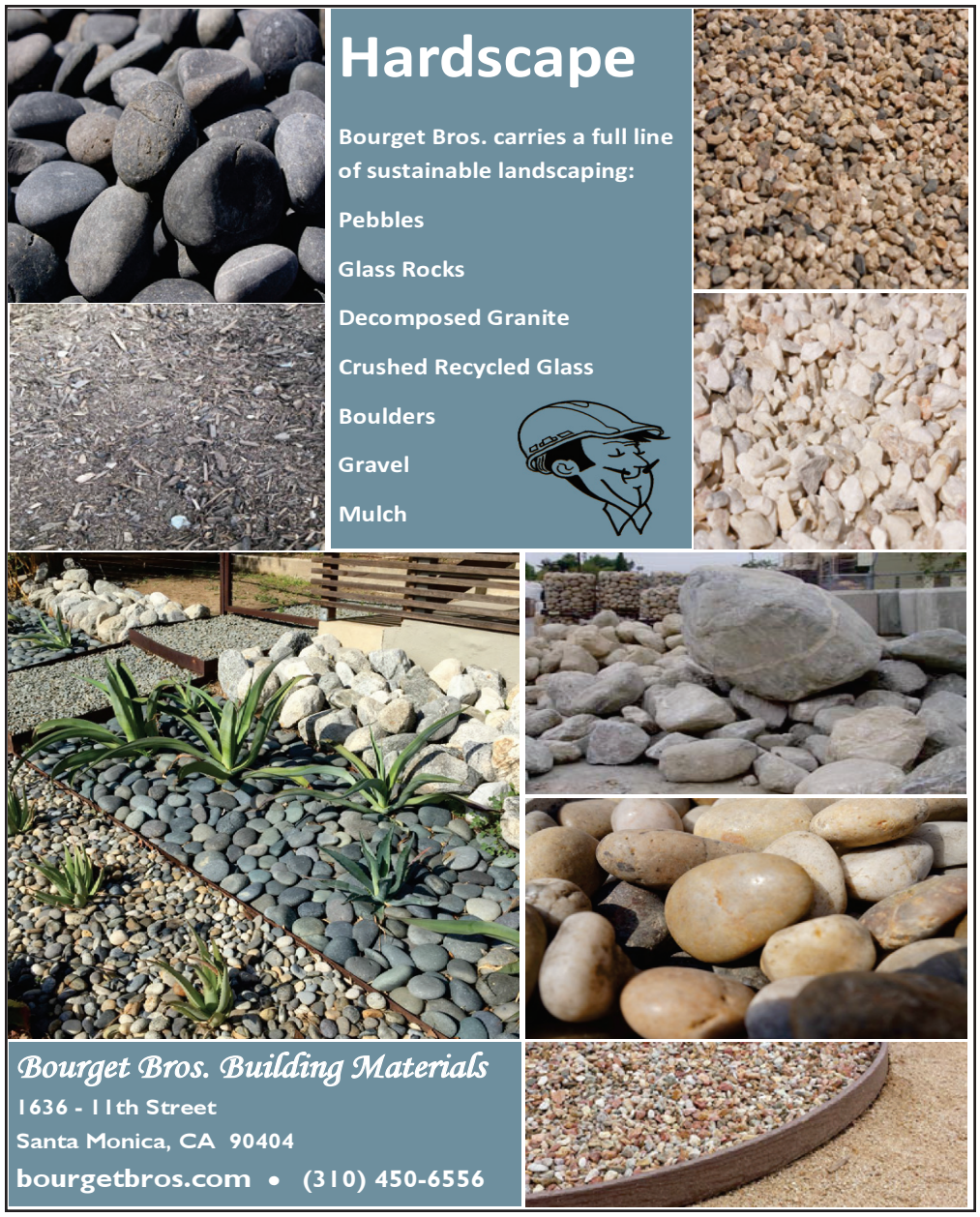
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ART WALK

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works from several iconic local artists who participated in the original 1979 event — including John Baldessari, Ed Moses and Ed Ruscha — in addition to pieces from over 50 artists who are participating for the first time ever.

"We have a really diverse group of artists this year, which is very exciting," said Harnisch. "We love that we can expose our collectors to new talent as well as have them see some of the great artists they've come to know and love and expect from us over the years."

The event, which traditionally takes place in person, is an important way for the clinic to connect with the surrounding community and build its network of supporters. In order to deepen this year's online experience, the Clinic is hosting a series of virtual talks with important figures in the art world.

Speakers include Lindsay Preston Zappas of Contemporary Art Review Los Angeles and KCRW; Shana Nys Dambrot of LA Weekly; Terry R. Myers, a writer and independent curator; and Dominique Clayton, an arts manager, writer, and gallery founder.

All community members are invited to participate in the event, from casual first-time collectors to the most experienced art connoisseurs.

"If potential buyers are looking through our catalog and they have a question we'd love to give them more information," said Art Walk Curator, Lisa Gelber. "We have a story behind every artwork and every artist, so we're accessible all during the two weeks that the auction is live, either by phone or email."

This year's fundraiser is more important than ever given the increased significance of VFC's free and accessible services during a devastating public health crisis. From expanding food distribution to providing mobile and onsite vaccinations to getting essential care to people experiencing homelessness, the Clinic has consistently stepped in where care was urgently needed.

Gelber said those looking to learn more about the event, the artwork, or the virtual art talks should visit venicefamilyclinic.org/veniceartwalk.

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Courtesy images

FUNDRAISER: Buyers can bid for work like that produced by Miles Regis or Dave McClinton.

PLAN

FROM PAGE 1

It's designed for all of the people to put shots into arms, people back into jobs, children to schools and cash in our pockets."

After others noted how the plan extends federal supplemental unemployment benefits, increases funding for the Paycheck Protection Program, provides funds for housing stabilization and to address homelessness and help schools reopen safely, Lieu said the plan also provided money to cities and counties so that they can build back better. And one of the cities is the beautiful city of Santa Monica.

"For those of you not familiar with Santa Monica, it is an 8.3 square mile city with 90,000 people. And as of January of 2021, we had a projected $224 million shortfall from the pandemic, and had received from the federal government $1.14 million," Himmelrich said immediately after being introduced by Lieu. "Now, let me say something else about Santa Monica, we are a generous city whose taxpayers have voted time and time again to tax themselves for our schools for affordable housing and, basically, to support our community. And thanks to this administration and to President Biden, we received almost $30 million from the American rescue plan; and with this $30 million, we will be able to restore many of the community funds that we lost to do allow us to provide rent relief, including to our own nonprofit chemists and to reopen our businesses to restore community services our schools are reopening."

As she shared how grateful she is, Himmelrich added, "We are a different city today than we were just in January thanks to these funds that have truly allowed us to make a rebound to begin to climb back to where we were before the pandemic."

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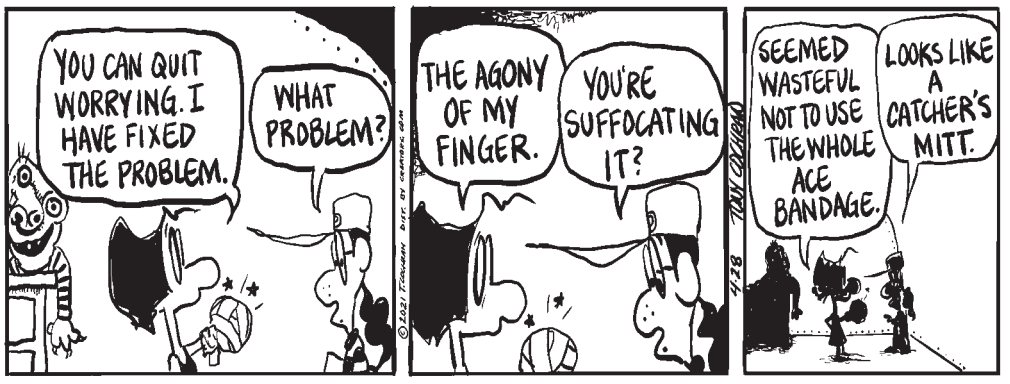
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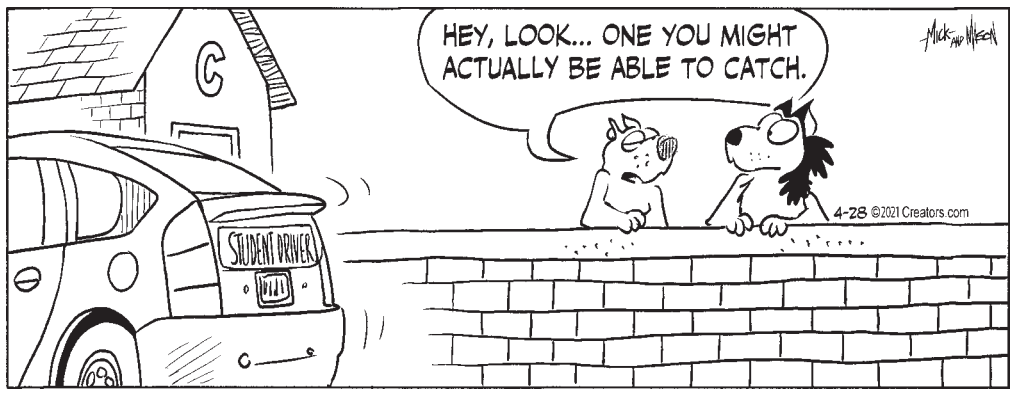
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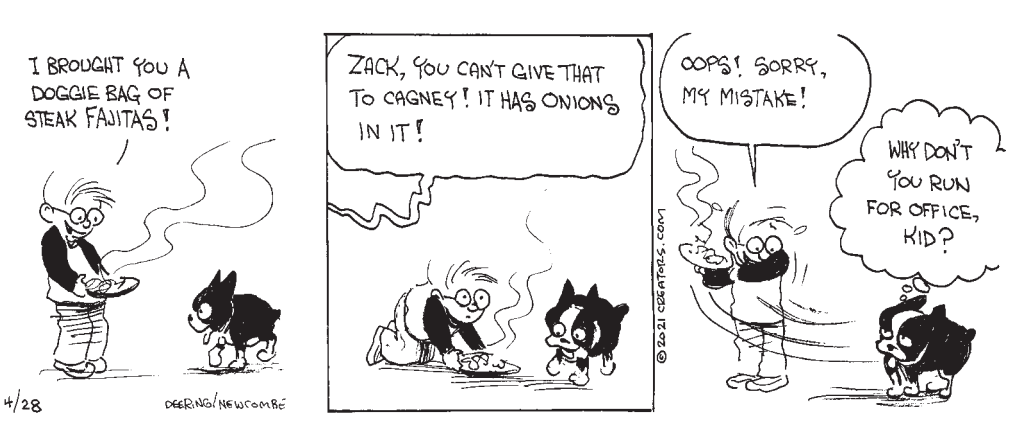
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.4°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Models in better agreement on a clean morning window. New little SSW swell and lingering NW swell mix provide a peaky swell mix - could be kinda fun/playful for the early tide push.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Clean early with a fun blend of peaking SSW swell and modest NW swell mix for spots west of Pt. Dume. Morning tide push the best window of the day. Onshore flow adds texture in the afternoon.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 77.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 59.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/04/28	Wed	10:48 PM	6.38	H
2021/04/29	Thu	05:59 AM	-1.35	L
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2021/05/01	Sat	6:54 PM	2.67	L
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2021/05/02	Sun	09:21 AM	-0.51	L
2021/05/02	Sun	4:54 PM	3.42	H
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2021/05/03	Mon	10:40 AM	-0.32	L

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22 36 48 59 61
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 116 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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4 28 29 30 60
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 297 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/24
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Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 41 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/26
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Draw Date: 4/26
EVENING: 1 1 9

Draw Date: 4/26
MIDDAY: 8 1 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/26
1st: 05 - California Classic
2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
Race Time: 1:49.84

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 28)

The spotlight swings to your talent for putting people at ease and the many benefits that go with the breezy atmosphere you cultivate. Do not underestimate the power of taking a social risk. A stranger-connection or cold call will be among the year's most lucrative opportunities! A group win will sparkle up a leisurely endeavor. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 22, 1 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). After an interaction, you feel charged, drained or neutral. Whether you decide to keep moving forward with a person has a lot to do with which category you most consistently fall into after being around them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The same person who asks terrific questions and helps you along can also miss your point from time to time and/or be unavailable when you need them. It's why you need lots of people on your team. Keep adding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Embrace your inner juvenile delinquent. And if you don't think such a person exists, all the more reason to discover and celebrate that naive rebel who holds the key to your creative genius.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are still discovering how to best project your talents. Right now, this is not about trying new things out. Rather, it's a process of stripping away the excess to reveal the pure essence of what you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Crude resources and tools will force you to reckon with the soundness of an idea. The concept will have to be very strong to shine through. Indeed, when you have a wonderful idea, it doesn't take much to convey it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The important thing sticks. You may not know why it's important, but the picture that lingers in your mind after the situation has long passed is there for a reason. All will be revealed in time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While it is pleasant to spend time with that cheerful and even-tempered someone, you must admit that the troublemaker in your life has an irreplaceable role. To interact with both people in the same day is heavenly!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a danger of getting too stuffy in your approach. What if you were to take things in a direction quite casual, whimsical and anti-intellectual? In a weird way, the scene can be elevated by the seemingly low brow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not always in an environment that is conducive to influence, so don't expect yourself to just know what's current. Observation and research will freshen your perspective and get you thinking ahead of the curve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships aren't always about the sort of connections that can be fallen into. Often these bonds must be created. Though instinct helps, right now it's a downright intellectual enterprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today holds all the fluid fun and challenge of one of those line drawings where you're not allowed to take your pen off the paper for the entirety of the sketch.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are so many worlds inside this world that it would be impossible to reflect on rules that apply to all. You've a gift for visiting other worlds with openness and yet sticking to your own rules.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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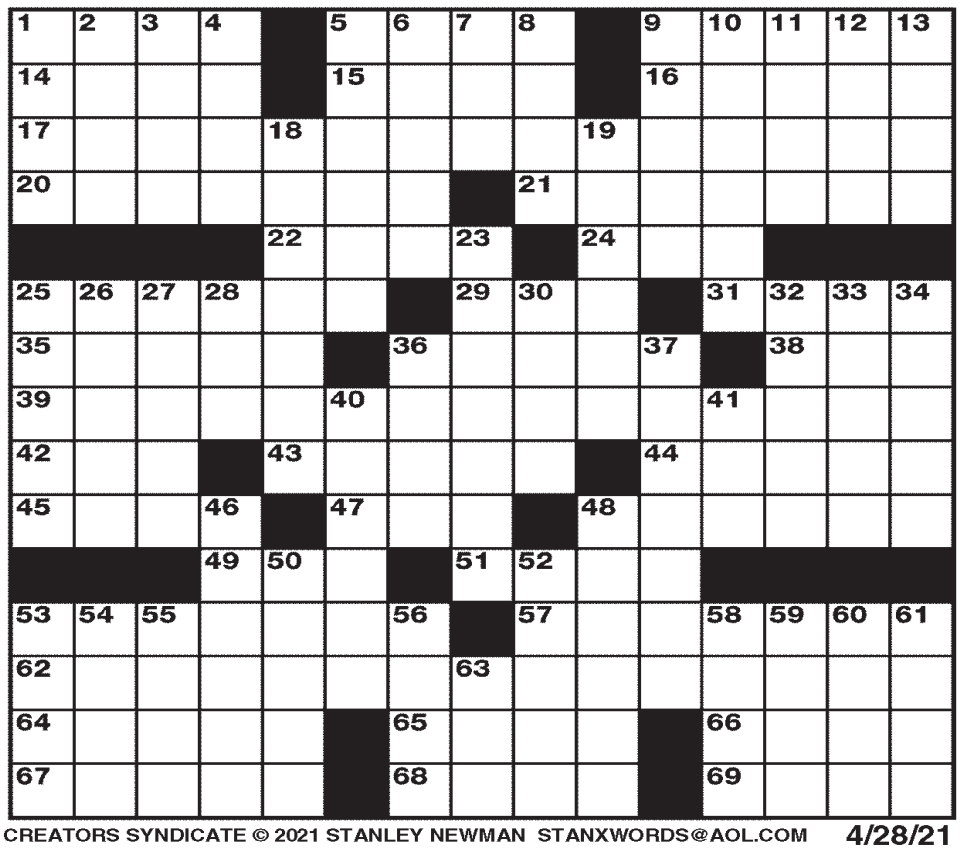
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 British bloke
5 Up to the job
9 Stiffly proper
14 Ill-at-__ (edgy)
15 Cutlet meat
16 Mark in *señor*
17 Skilled at avoiding answering
20 Throwing softly
21 Sensibly thought out
22 Luxuriously furnished
24 Service charge
25 River-crossing structure
29 __ in (agree to participate)
31 Make over, as a kitchen
35 Cruise ship
36 Direct a car
38 Turkey drumstick
39 Tactic to avoid answering
42 __ Antonio, TX
43 Digs for gold, say
44 Glowing with flames
45 Whole bunch
47 Auto rtes.
48 Ends a speech
49 Enjoy a feast
51 Number in a spreadsheet
53 Ties, as a score
57 Period when metalworking began
62 Be a victim of answer avoidance
64 Aladdin's helpful pal
65 Does not exist
66 Something boring
67 Extends across, as a 25 Across
68 Spring months
69 Quench fully

DOWN
1 *"__ la vie!"*
2 Angelic ring
3 With no warranty
4 Invigorates, with "up"
5 Broad urban street
6 Icy arctic hazards
7 Get the __ of the land
8 Israeli airline
9 Theater platform
10 Much smaller
11 Actor Baldwin
12 Brainstorm
13 Farmer's place, in a kids' song
18 *Mayflower* passenger
19 Tone down
23 "Flaming" confusion
25 Bestow good upon
26 Business competitor
27 Silly
28 __ Moines, IA
30 Veggies in pods
32 Music legend Presley
33 Big name in farm machinery
34 Fairy tale monsters
36 Drop in the mail
37 Home-selling pro
40 Selling point
41 ET's vehicle
46 Entered a building
48 Gem weights
50 Campfire residue
52 Sounding like a toy piano
53 Much of an omelet
54 Successful running mate, for short
55 Sicilian volcano
56 Stiffly proper
58 Silent assents
59 Mystical glow
60 Small pesky fly
61 Competitive advantage
63 Nation s. of Canada



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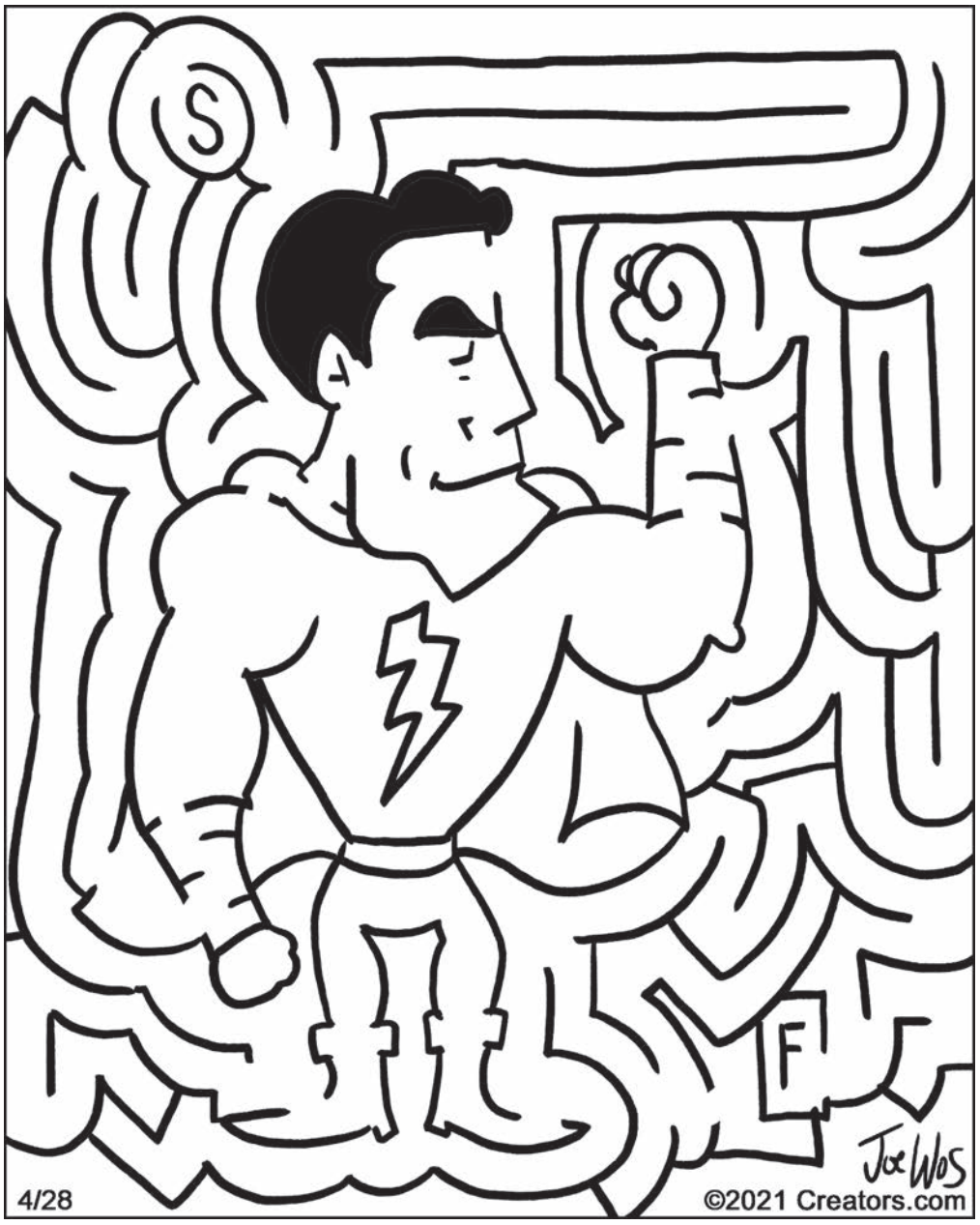
Binary Puzzle

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Ten pin bowling

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Carry	Foul	Point	Target
Championships	Friends	Power	Thumb
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Dirk	Indoor	Solo	Winner

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to wear masks outdoors if they are within 6 feet of one another.

"Today, I hope, is a day when we can take another step back to the normalcy of before," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said. "Over the past year, we have spent a lot of time telling Americans what you can't do. Today, I am going to tell you some of the things you can do, if you are fully vaccinated."

The change comes as more than half of U.S. adults — or about 140 million people — have received at least one dose of vaccine, and more than a third have been fully vaccinated.

Walensky said the decision was driven by rising vaccination numbers; declines in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths; and research showing that less than 10% of documented instances of transmission of the virus happened outdoors.

Dr. Mike Saag, an infectious disease expert at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, welcomed the change.

"It's the return of freedom," Saag said. "It's the return of us being able to do normal activities again. We're not there yet, but we're on the exit ramp. And that's a beautiful thing."

Some experts portrayed the relaxed guidance as a reward and a motivator for more people to get vaccinated — a message President Joe Biden sounded, too.

"The bottom line is clear: If you're vaccinated, you can do more things, more safely, both outdoors as well as indoors," Biden said. "So for those who haven't gotten their vaccinations yet, especially if you're younger or thinking you don't need it, this is another great reason to go get vaccinated now."

The CDC, which has been cautious in its guidance during the crisis, essentially endorsed what many Americans have already been doing over the past several weeks.

The CDC says that whether they are fully vaccinated or not, people do not have to wear masks outdoors when they walk, bike or run alone or with members of their household. They can also go maskless in small outdoor gatherings with fully vaccinated people.

But unvaccinated people — defined as those who have yet to receive both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the one-shot Johnson & Johnson formula — should wear masks at small outdoor gatherings that include other unvaccinated people, the CDC says. They also should keep their faces covered when dining at outdoor restaurants with friends from multiple households.

And everyone, fully vaccinated or not, should keep wearing masks at crowded outdoor events such as concerts or sporting events, the CDC says.

The agency continues to recommend masks at indoor public places, such as hair salons, restaurants, shopping centers, gyms, museums and movie theaters, saying that is still the safer course even for vaccinated people.

"Right now it's very hard to tease apart who is vaccinated," Walensky explained.

She said the CDC guidance should be a model for states in setting their mask-wearing requirements.

The advice to the unvaccinated applies to adults and children alike, according to the CDC. None of the COVID-19 vaccines in use in the U.S. is authorized for children under 16.

"The biggest thing that it helps us is our mental health," said Tim Stephens, a 52-year-old software salesman in Birmingham, Alabama, who suffered a bout of COVID-19 and has since gotten vaccinated.

"To be able to feel like we're turning the corner and can confidently go out and experience life and do a lot of the things that we did before COVID became an acronym in our world. It's one more step in the process of moving beyond this."

In Oxford, Nebraska, population 800, hardly anyone wears a mask, and the school district dropped its mask mandate last month. Superintendent Bryce Jorgensen said maybe 10 of the 370 students are still covering their faces.

"What goes on in other states is what goes on in other states," Jorgensen said. "You just can't compare Chicago to Oxford, Nebraska. Things are just different."

Dr. Babak Javid, a physician-scientist at the University of California, San Francisco, said the new CDC guidance is sensible.

"In the vast majority of outdoor scenarios, transmission risk is low," Javid said.

Javid has favored outdoor mask-wearing requirements because he believes they increase indoor mask-wearing, but he said Americans can understand the relative risks and make good decisions.

He added: "I'm looking forward to mask-free existence."

"The timing is right because we now have a fair amount of data about the scenarios where transmission occurs," said Mercedes Carnethon, a professor and vice chair of preventive medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

What's more, she said, "the additional freedoms may serve as a motivator" for people to get vaccinated.

AP medical writer Carla K. Johnson in Washington state contributed to this report.



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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2663 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)**

AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING AND EXTENDING INTERIM ZONING REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2663 (CCS) TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT NON-RESIDENTIAL USES CITYWIDE AND SINGLE-UNIT DWELLINGS IN COMMERCIAL ZONES TO PRESERVE POTENTIAL HOUSING SITES IN PREPARATION OF THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2668 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Subject to specified exceptions, this Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance ("IZO") prohibits all Non-Residential Use Classifications, as listed in Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC") Section 9.51.030, in all districts in the City. The specified exceptions are: (1) parcels located in the BC (Promenade) District, the BC (2nd & 4th Streets) District, and the Industrial Conservation District that have boundaries located entirely within 500 feet of the I-10 freeway; (2) schools, as defined in SMMC Section 9.51.030(A)(11), including expansions and additions to schools and facilities operated by schools; (3) projects consisting of a change in use of an existing structure or an attached addition to an existing structure, or a free-standing addition on a parcel with an existing structure that is no larger than the floor area of the existing structure; and (4) uses not located within an existing structure that are listed as a permitted use in the District in which the proposed temporary use is located, are of limited duration, and will not permanently alter the character or physical facilities of the site where they occur.

The Emergency IZO also prohibits single-unit dwellings, as defined by SMMC Section 9.51.020(A)(1)(a), in all Nonresidential Districts in the City.

The Emergency IZO does not apply to any of the following: (1) The erection, construction, enlargement, demolition, moving, conversion of, and excavation and grading for any building or structure, or establishment of use, for which a valid planning entitlement or permit or building permit, including plan check, was issued prior to January 12, 2021 and which does not subsequently expire; (2) Any application for a planning entitlement or permit or building permit, including plan check, filed on or before January 12, 2021; (3) parcels located on Santa Monica Boulevard between Lincoln and 20th Street that are currently in use as automobile dealerships or for services ancillary to automobile dealerships; and (4) parcels subject to pending development agreements.

The Emergency IZO was effective as of the date of its adoption and will remain in effect through January 15, 2022, unless otherwise repealed or extended.

The full text of the above Emergency IZO is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



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