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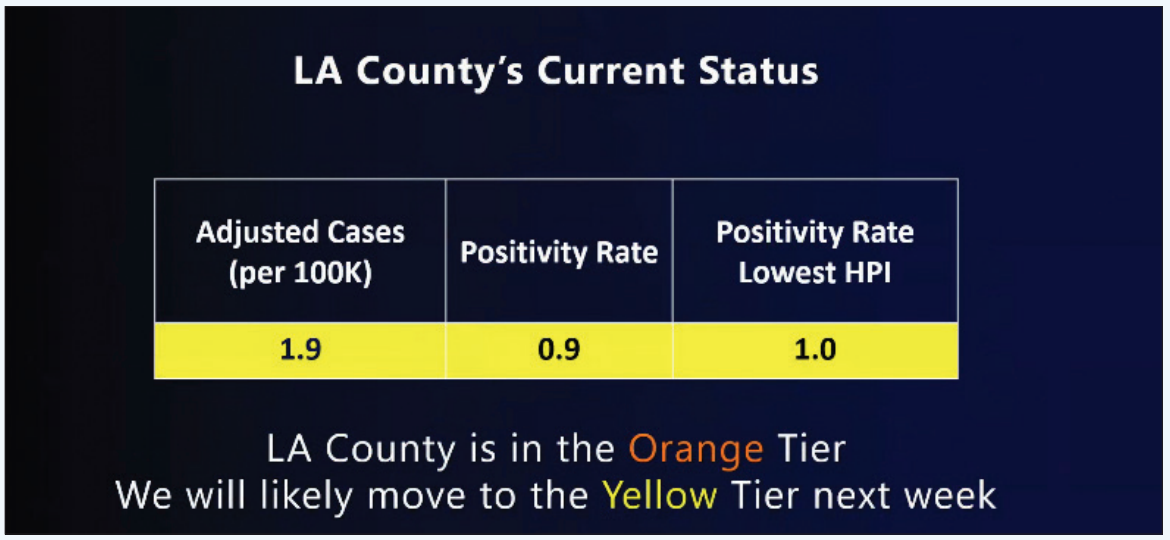
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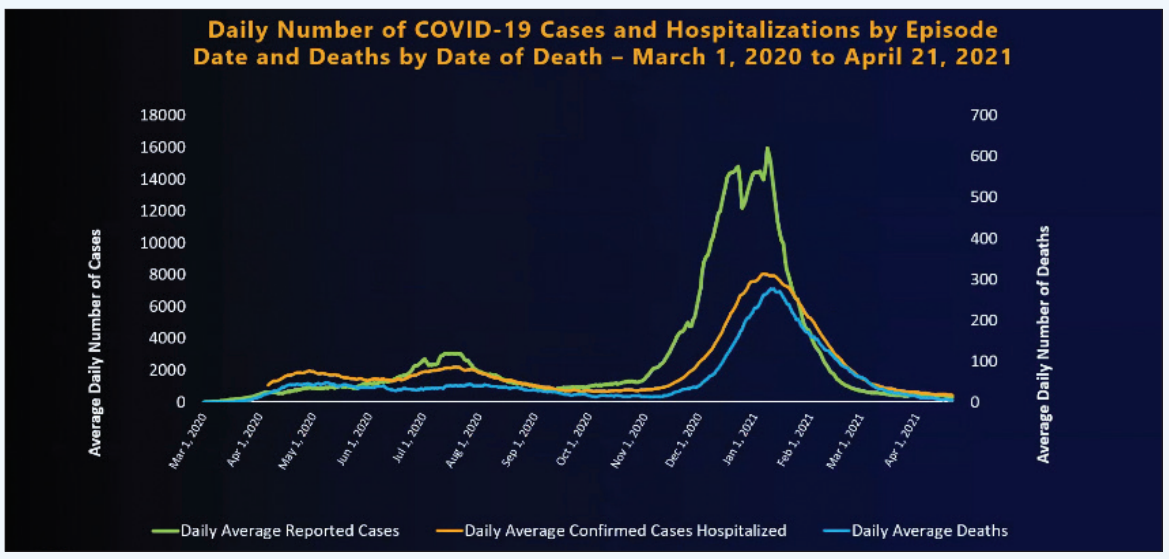
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Santa Monica hosting vaccine clinic as county moves to Yellow Tier





Courtesy image

YELLOW: Declining case counts are allowing officials to increase capacity at bars and restaurants.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

L.A. County is on track to enter the yellow tier next week allowing bars to open indoors at 25 percent capacity and movie theaters, restaurants, and gyms to expand indoor capacity to 50 percent.

Under the yellow tier, live performances will be allowed indoors, with capacity restrictions depending on the size of the venue. Offices will be allowed to reopen indoors, although remote work is encouraged to continue wherever possible. Capacity limits will also increase at amusement parks, museums, zoos, aquariums, hotels, and private gatherings.

Assuming case counts and testing positivity rates trends remain on track, the County will release new health officer orders next Wednesday detailing protocols for these reopenings, which will take effect on Thursday May 6.

Vaccinations are helping the cause and on Tuesday May 4, the City of Santa Monica is hosting a pop-up vaccination site at the Broad Stage parking lot (1310 11th Street).

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Council will study summer street closures



Brennon Dixson

MAIN STREET: The expansion of outdoor dining has proven popular.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Main Street may be closed to automobile and bus traffic this summer if Council were to approve a proposed pilot program that could boost economic recovery efforts.

Council directed staff to return with a pilot program during its meeting Tuesday that would close the most restaurant-dense areas of Main Street to everything except foot traffic.

The recent changes to Main

SEE **CLOSING** PAGE 4

Delivery bots get green light to serve city

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Robot deliveries will be seen throughout town as soon as next month after Council voted to increase the operation area of delivery robots citywide.

"If you remember, last summer, a company called COCO started operating remote-controlled, delivery robots for goods and food delivery services in the city. At the time, and still today, the City did not have a regulatory structure or a specific permit for these types of delivery services — be they autonomous remote-controlled," Senior Transportation Planner Kyle Kozar said, noting the lack of knowledge led Council to place a moratorium on autonomous delivery robots last October.



Brennon Dixson

FOOD: COCO is a delivery company.

However, Council directed staff to allow remote control delivery robots to operate as part of the Zero Emission Delivery Zone pilot program, which launched in January of this year, to test and

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom

A discussion will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

1132-1142 Princeton Street, Landmark Designation Application 20ENT-0265 and 20ENT-0266, Zoning: R2 (Low Density Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 20ENT-0265 and 20ENT-0266 for the properties located at 1132-1142 Princeton Street to determine whether the multi-family residential building, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark and, if so designated, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research, and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A). **Applicant:** Chattel, Inc. **Owner:** 1138 Princeton LLC.

2401 22nd Street, Landmark Designation Application 20ENT-0309, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 20ENT-0309 for the property located at 2401 22nd Street to determine whether the residential property, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark or Structure of Merit and, if designated as a Landmark, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider whether, based on written materials and public testimony presented, the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A), or criteria for Structure of Merit designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.080. **Applicant:** Santa Monica Conservancy. **Owner:** William Robertson.

1527 17th Street, Certificate of Appropriateness 21ENT-0054, Zoning: R2 (Low-Density Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application (21ENT-0054) for design approval of a proposed two-story addition and subterranean parking to the rear and rehabilitation of the existing Craftsman-style single-unit residence, a designated Landmark. **Applicant:** Howard Laks Architects. **Owner:** Sue Parsons.

DATE/TIME: MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Landmarks Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The public may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/pkfpdgfz or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 5349343 #).

HOW TO COMMENT: The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Comments may be sent via email to planningcomment@smgov.net. Written information received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Landmarks Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Written information received after 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting for a total of three minutes.

QUESTIONS regarding the projects may be addressed to Stephanie Reich, AIA, LEED AP, Design and Historic Preservation Planner at stephanie.reich@smgov.net.

MORE INFORMATION: For disability-related accommodations, please contact planning@smgov.net or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. 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: Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica sobre una solicitud para remodilar un edifecio que tiene valor historico importante. Para más información: planning@smgov.net



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

A Time of Civil Unrest: Where do we go From Here?

Committee For Racial Justice will have its next workshop on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. on zoom. It is entitled A TIME OF CIVIL UNREST: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? and will have several resource people to help us in small groups as we deal with moving toward change after this year of civil unrest in the wake of George Floyd's murder. The Chauvin trial and all the protests over this past year are helping to move us toward a time of reckoning on race in a way that this country has not experienced before. The conviction of one man will not make all the difference. We will still experience civil unrest because civil rights injustices are still all around us, but the Chauvin trial has contributed to a sea change in awareness in our country of how much has to be changed. CRJ wants to help galvanize the resistance to injustice and racism that has been brought to light.

There will be three speakers who will also be resources for small group discussion: Robert J. Howard III is a dynamic inspirational speaker, restorative justice trainer & practitioner, group facilitator, and conflict mediator. Dr. Roslyn Satchel is a scholar-activist who researches and teaches about communication, ethics, and law. George Brown has been an attorney for over three decades. He retired from active law practice a few years ago.

Sunday, May 2, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. zoom meeting.
Registration is a two - step process. First click on the following link:
https://us02webzoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpd-iprzgvHtzioML14w_G8RmOOW6E-dKA
and then you will be sent another link for entry to the 5/2 meeting.
Come join this important discussion.
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SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN

SAN FRANCISCO

California trucks salmon to Pacific; low river levels blamed

California officials will again truck millions of young salmon raised at fish hatcheries in the state's Central Valley agricultural region to the Pacific Ocean because projected river conditions show that the waterways the fish use to travel downstream will be historically low and warm due to increasing drought.

Officials announced the massive trucking operation on Wednesday, saying the effort is aimed at ensuring "the highest level of survival for the young salmon on their hazardous journey to the Pacific Ocean."

"Trucking young salmon to downstream release sites has proven to be one of the best ways to increase survival to the ocean during dry conditions," Jason Julienne, North Central Region Hatchery Supervisor said in a statement.

California is now in its second year of drought after a winter with little precipitation and it's the state's fourth-driest year on record, especially in the northern two-thirds of the state, according to the California Department of Water Resources.

Illustrating the state's risk of drought, record low reservoir levels led Gov. Gavin Newsom last week to proclaim a regional drought emergency for the Russian River watershed in Sonoma and Mendocino counties.

More than 16.8 million young salmon from four Central Valley hatcheries will be trucked to coastal sites around the San Pablo, San Francisco, Half Moon and Monterey bays.

It will take about 146 truckloads to get the fish transported from

Getting the fish transported means taking about 146 truckloads to the Pacific Ocean from four state hatcheries and federal officials will do the same from one hatchery, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

California's iconic native Chinook Salmon need cold water to survive but dams have blocked their historic retreats to the chilly upper reaches of Northern California's Sacramento River tributaries.

The fishing industry and Central Valley farmers are in a constant struggle over the same river water to sustain their livelihoods, with fish supporters lobbying for higher river water levels and farmers against it so that so they can draw water to irrigate crops.

John McManus, president of the Golden State Salmon Association, which advocates for fishers, told the Chronicle he appreciates the extra effort to save the fall-run chinook amid the drought.

But he said the underlying problem for salmon is that state and federal water officials have allowed too much water to be pulled from rivers and creeks for agricultural irrigation.

"These river conditions are made worse by decisions that put salmon last," he told the San Francisco Chronicle.

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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 MONDAY, APRIL 12 8:57 A.M.

On Homeless Liaison Program Officers responded to a call regarding a nude female walked down the 2600 block of the beach bicycle path. LAPD Officers were also on scene attempting to make contact with the female as she walked toward the water line. An LA County Lifeguard assisted by entering the water and relaying that the part of the ocean she was on was closed. When the lifeguard entered the water, the female walked back toward the sand and was detained without incident. While at SMPD jail, a DMH Clinician assisted Officers with the female. Hanna Marie Searle was later cited and released for 4.08.760(a)SMMC-Public Nudity.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 253 CALLS ON APRIL 28

Auto Burglary Now 1500blk 6th St 12:10 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:38 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk 19th St 2:47 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800blk Colorado Ave 3:47 a.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 1200blk Michigan Ave 4:16 a.m.
Burglary Now 1600blk Berkeley St 4:33 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:01 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 1300blk 4th St 5:43 a.m.
Burglary Report 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:58 a.m.
Encampment 2700blk The Beach 6:14 a.m.
Encampment 900blk Franklin St 6:25 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk The Beach 6:27 a.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 1400blk 10th St 6:27 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400blk The Beach 6:47 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk The Beach 6:49 a.m.
Burglary Report 900blk 15th St 6:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk 22nd St 7:00 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 9th St / California Ave 7:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 20th St / Olympic Blvd 7:21 a.m.
Stakeout 600blk 26th St 7:24 a.m.
Found Property 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:33 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Ocean Ave / California Incline 7:41 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400blk The Beach 7:56 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 100blk Palisades Ave 8:02 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk Olympic Blvd 8:05 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300blk 4th St 8:13 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600blk 9th St 8:16 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 8:53 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 21st St / Olympic Blvd 8:57 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 11th St / Montana Ave 9:01 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 2200blk 20th St 9:04 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Main St 9:21 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 10th St 9:26 a.m.
Burglary Report 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 9:32 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 700blk Ozone St 9:41 a.m.
Overdose 2700blk 3rd St 9:42 a.m.
Arson 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:58 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2400blk 4th St 10:23 a.m.
Trash Dumping 800blk 5th St 10:26 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 10:29 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1200blk Stanford St 10:33 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 1600blk 4th St 10:48 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1100blk 15th St 10:52 a.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Barnard Way 10:54 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk 16th St 11:09 a.m.
Person Down 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:24 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:39 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2200blk Virginia Ave 11:39 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk 20th St 11:46 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2200blk Virginia Ave 11:54 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700blk Washington Ave 11:54 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900blk Washington Ave 12:01 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2600blk 28th St 12:18 p.m.
Encampment 700blk Ozone St 12:34 p.m.
Burglary Report 1900blk Delaware Ave 12:41 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:43 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2400blk Beverley Ave 12:49 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Main St / Hollister Ave 12:50 p.m.
Burglary Report 1900blk Delaware Ave 1:11 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 1:21 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:27 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 200blk 21st St 1:34 p.m.
Found Person 22nd St / California Ave 1:35 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:43 p.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk Main St 2:18 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 1500blk Wilshire Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 14th St / Maple St 2:57 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:32 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:37 p.m.
General Parking Problem 900blk 4th St 3:44 p.m.
Lost Property 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 3:45 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:47 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 3:49 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 4:29 p.m.
Loud Music 2200blk Virginia Ave 4:47 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900blk 25th St 4:51 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Berkeley St 5:08 p.m.
General Parking Problem 2100blk 20th St 5:13 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000blk Ocean Ave 5:14 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400blk Colorado Ave 5:22 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:35 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 5th St 5:42 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Centinela Ave 5:50 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200blk Broadway 5:55 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 14th St / Olympic Blvd 5:58 p.m.
Burglary Report 100blk Palisades Ave 5:58 p.m.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 32 CALLS ON APRIL 28

Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2600blk Pico Blvd 4:13 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 9th St / California Ave 7:06 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 7:19 a.m.
Assist LAFD 600blk North Kingman Ave 8:02 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 14th St 9:26 a.m.
EMS 2700blk 3rd St 9:42 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 9:49 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 10th St 10:10 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 11:28 a.m.
EMS 800blk 21st St 11:41 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 12:01 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:00 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:14 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk 14th St 1:17 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk 14th St 1:41 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Hydrant Leak 25th St / Washington Ave 1:59 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 2:05 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 5th St 3:31 p.m.
Broken Gas Main 400blk 12th St 3:45 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 3:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:03 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Kansas Ave 5:16 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:19 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 6:28 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 23rd St 7:36 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:08 p.m.
Hydrant Leak 25th St / Washington Ave 9:26 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk Pico Blvd 9:44 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Main St 9:46 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 6th St 10:45 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 23rd St 11:43 p.m.

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Street have been a hot topic since the ideas were first conceived at the start of the pandemic. The program to expand outdoor dining has been popular amongst the business community. Local groups like the Ocean Park Association (OPA) have hosted surveys showing positive public opinion, but OPA members are far from the only ones who expressed interest in making al-fresco a permanent feature of Santa Monica.

"It was certainly done with tremendous success up on State Street in Santa Barbara. It was also done in New York City in some parts and they're actually closing several streets to automobile and bus traffic in San Francisco. So, a lot of communities are considering this," Councilmember Gleam Davis said Tuesday, noting Munich, Germany closed three blocks that were very similar to Main Street and they found retail revenues increased by nearly 200% and restaurant revenues increased by about 300%.

And since the changes would only be implemented as a pilot, Davis added, "if it turns out that it's just a disaster, then we won't do it anymore. But I think the idea is that nobody knows for sure what will happen... so the idea is let's do a pilot and study the traffic and other impacts, and then we can make a decision about whether or not some more permanent program might be appropriate."

Other supporters of the proposal, like Hunter Hall, executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association, believe there are many benefits in implementing weekend closures on Main Street.

"The last year was really rough and stressful for city staff and you. Luckily, your willingness to try new things early in 2020 put us in a better spot than many of our neighboring cities," Hall said, stating the data speaks for itself. "Outdoor dining has been crucial for all businesses around the country — not just restaurants. Every business on Main Street has benefited immeasurably from our current al-fresco program without giving much at all. Now, we now want to double down on it."

However, Councilmembers Phil Brock and Christine Parra said they received a plethora of emails over the last couple of days over the matter and they are both worried about the potential impacts to traffic.

"I don't want that to end up going into, you know, the residential areas, so I'm hopeful that when staff takes a look at this potential pilot that they are really taking a good strong look about how they can make sure or ensure that traffic doesn't get diverted into the residential neighborhoods. And then also I'm interested in not only information on the pilot per weekend but the closure from Friday to Saturday or exposure for Saturday and Sunday, only," Parra said.

"I love the concept. I want us to have outdoor dining forever," Brock added. "But I am concerned that for instance, Jamison's at that corner, their parklet goes way beyond their restaurant borders ... I'm hearing from retailers that they're concerned that people won't be able to see their stores and that their business is actually going to plummet rather than increase, because the restaurants, already right now on Main Street, are packed.... So my concern is are we really going to add to the business?"

Hall and Davis both mentioned there is no intention to continue the pilot after a few weekends if it proves to be a failure in any way.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown added the conversation was almost a perfect microcosm of the commentary he's received on the issue in the last week.

"Some people think that this is an absolute disaster and others think it's going to be the best thing since sex," McKeown said. "And the reality is it's probably going to be somewhere in-between."

Staff expects to return to Council in June with a plan to implement the closures and any other pertinent information related to outdoor dining on Main Street.

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POLICE LOG

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Exhibition Of Speed 6th St / Bay St 5:59 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900blk 4th St 6:38 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:27 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 7:31 p.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 1000blk 11th St 7:50 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2100blk 20th St 8:04 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 18th St 8:12 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1000blk Ocean Ave 8:39 p.m.
Person With A Gun Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 8:41 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:13 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1400blk Ocean Ave 9:40 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:52 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 9:54 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report Ocean Ave / Bay St 10:20 p.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:35 p.m.
Prowler 1000blk Ocean Ave 11:32 p.m.
Party Complaint 1200blk 20th St 11:56 p.m

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California Senate proposes to spend $3.4 billion on drought

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

Mired in yet another drought that threatens drinking water, endangered species of fish and the state's massive agriculture industry, Democrats in the California Senate on Thursday detailed a $3.4 billion proposal designed to gird the state for a new crisis on the heels of a deadly and disruptive pandemic.

The proposal would equal all of the state's combined spending during the previous drought, which lasted from 2012 to 2016, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office. That drought occurred after the Great Recession, when California routinely battled multibillion-dollar budget deficits and struggled to pay for state services.

But this year, California is flush with cash after the forecasts of damaging deficits because of the pandemic never came true. Nine months into California's fiscal year, the state has so far collected $16.7 billion more in taxes than it had predicted. In addition, the federal government has sent the state $26 billion as part of a coronavirus relief package with broad authority on how to spend it.

"We live in an unprecedented time and ... I think we shouldn't have unprecedented patience," Atkins said. "We really have an opportunity now and we should take advantage of it."

California gets nearly all of its rain and snow in the winter and early spring. But this year, snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountains is less than half of normal while most of the state is well below their normal precipitation amounts.

The Senate proposal does not include money for big projects, like building new reservoirs or repairing canals in the Central Valley. Instead, the money would bolster projects and programs the state is already doing, setting them up for the dry, hot months ahead.

"We've been working with them to identify noncontroversial early action projects that will assist now — not six months from now, not a year or two or three years from now," said Danny Merkley, director of water resources for the California Farm Bureau. Merkley said he was involved in the discussions and he is "encouraged" by the proposal.

The Senate, Assembly and Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration would need to agree on any new spending. Newsom will reveal his updated budget proposal next month. Assembly Democrats updated their "budget blueprint" on Wednesday to include "increased investments" in things like "drought resiliency" and clean water. Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said Thursday he looks forward to negotiating with Newsom and Senate leaders on a final proposal.

About $285 million would be spent protecting fish and wildlife from the drought, including the state buying back water from farmers so it can be returned to the Sacramento and San Joaquin river delta, reducing the salinity of the water and making it safer for fish. It would also spend money on monitoring the salmon, which must swim up the state's drought-depleted rivers to spawn.

But John McManus, president of the Golden State Salmon Association, worried the proposal didn't do enough for the state's endangered fish species.

"All the technology in the world so far is only delivering to us the best documented extinction of native species," he said, referencing the delta smelt, a small fish native to California that some scientists say is practically extinct in the wild.

About a third of the money, or $1 billion, would pay off the accumulated debt of unpaid water bills in the state, a problem caused by pandemic-induced economic downturn. That money comes from the federal government, part of the $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package President Joe Biden signed in March.

The rest of the money would come from a variety of sources, including state tax dollars.

About half a billion dollars would pay for things like trucking emergency water into cisterns for small communities, rural storage tanks, and construction to connect smaller water systems to bigger ones to ensure access to potable water in summer.

About $75 million would pay for things like remote sensors and gauges to measure snow and rain to help officials make decisions about how much water they should keep in reservoirs. That money includes $15 million to help the state better predict atmospheric rivers — the long, narrow bands of water vapor that form over the ocean and flow through the sky.

This phenomenon creates between 30% and 50% of annual precipitation on the West Coast of the United States, so knowing when and where they will occur can help officials plan on how to capture and store that water and better manage reservoirs.

About $500 million would pay for things like grants so homeowners and local officials can replace grassy lawns and medians with landscapes that rely on little or no water. The money would also help farmers upgrade their irrigation systems to be more efficient.

Atkins, who lives in San Diego, said she and her spouse have already replaced their lawn to be more water efficient, although they did not take money from a state program.

"That's very clearly happening throughout communities in California because we understand what's at stake," she said.

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Ed Foundation's Santa Monica Wine Auction Will Be Live Online

The entire Santa Monica community is invited to a unique live event this weekend – the 6th annual Santa Monica Wine Auction. Since 2016, this annual food and wine gala for the Santa Monica Education Foundation has raised funds for local public schools. Traditionally held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, this will be the second year that the Wine Auction will happen virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The live-streamed event will take place on Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m. Lasting about an hour, the event will include a live auction, a Dessert Dash, prizes and more. Many guests will also be enjoying delicious dinners and wines purchased through FIG at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Ed Foundation.

Bidding has already begun in the online silent auction portion of the event at smwineauction.org.

More than 300 items are available for bidding in the silent auction, including wine, dining and exciting experiences.

"Like last year, we knew we had to move ahead with this event, despite the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Alison Havel, President of the Ed Foundation's Board of Directors.

"Essential school staff, as well as arts, STEM and wellness programs, depend on funds raised at the Wine Auction. I hope that everyone will join us at this fun event to support and celebrate the incredible students in our local public schools."

The five previous Wine Auctions have raised a combined $1.14 million for Santa Monica schools.

Registration and full details about the event are available at smwineauction.org.

The Wine Auction's presenting sponsors are Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows/MSD Capital, DLJ/ Clarett West, Kilroy Realty, Saint John's Health Center Foundation Community Impact Fund, and Santa Monica Place/Macerich.

Many local businesses are sponsoring the event through the Education Foundation's Corporate Heroes program. In addition to the presenting sponsors, they include: Platinum Sponsors: Boston Properties, Cedars-Sinai, FreeAssociates, Harding Larmore Kutcher & Kozal LLP, Santa Monica Daily Press, and Sir Speedy Santa Monica.

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My Covid Shots and Caitlyn Jenner

Last Friday I received my second Covid shot which isn't exactly a "stop the presses" bulletin but I'm still very grateful to St. John's Hospital's remarkably friendly and efficient staff and the benevolent folks at Meals on Wheels. A month ago it was M.O.W. who alerted me there was an open appointment the following morning which I immediately grabbed, despite, for night owl me, the ungodly hour. I'd been diligently searching online but I hadn't obtained an appointment anywhere. (To avoid any confusion, soon I'll explain how Caitlyn Jenner "worked" her way into this column.)

As I was in a rush for my 8 a.m. appointment I put my I.D. and a note pad and pen into my backpack in case there was a long wait for the shot and I thought of an idea for the great American novel (or even a so-so novel.) In my haste, however, I forgot one small but vital item.

At St. John's I was immediately impressed with how intelligent and courteous the busy staff was in processing the large crowd seeking to get vaccinated. It was uplifting to see, that during the worst pandemic in over 100 years, so many dedicated workers were helping to eradicate the deadly virus.

I was given a form and a pen to fill it out and then discovered to my alarm that I had forgotten to put my reading glasses in my backpack. As the staff seemed so incredibly busy I was too embarrassed to ask if anyone could read the form to me like I was a child. So I held the form so close to my eyes I must have looked like Mr. Magoo. (For those unfamiliar, Google "Mr. Magoo.")

After a lot of squinting, I was pretty sure I got it right. The next step was a staff member went over your form and assigned you to the station where you got the vaccine. The process went extremely quickly for the people in front of me but when I stepped forward the attractive 30-something female worker hesitated as she examined my form. I felt like I had failed a test in grade school. As she cleared her throat she said, with compassion mind you, "Jack, did you intend to present yourself as a female?" (Yikes! I clearly checked the "female" box and felt like Bruce before he became Caitlyn.)

No, dear reader, the mistake was not a Freudian slip unless Sigmund was also an ophthalmologist. I countered with an attempt at humor, "What I intend to do for my second shot is bring my damn reading glasses." She smiled but I got the odd feeling she didn't seem 100% convinced it had been a mistake. In any event, she very politely directed me to the area where I got my shot which, trust me, was far less painless than having checked the wrong gender box. (As Jerry Seinfeld might have said, "Not that there's anything wrong with it.")



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VACCINE: Jack at St. John's Hospital about to get his 2nd Covid vaccine shot.

Other than my Mr. Magoo impression the whole process had gone so quickly, when scheduling my second shot I picked 8 in the morning again. And last Friday was the first available appointment.

This time I definitely remembered reading glasses but, oddly enough, I didn't need them. Instead of filling out a form, I sat in a chair next to a young woman who stared at her computer monitor and asked me the questions: "Had I experienced any Covid symptoms? Had I been in the hospital recently? Did I have any allergies? And... "Are you pregnant?" (Say what?! Yes I've put on some pandemic weight etc, but this was ridiculous.)

I immediately thought my mistaken checking of "female" on the form a month earlier may have still been in the computer. I joked, "Not that I know of." (She didn't laugh.) My guess is that she had asked so many people so many questions it was Q & A fatigue. Who knows, who cares, I was just relieved to be getting my second Covid shot.

That brings me to two subjects I don't understand: "vaccine hesitancy" and Caitlyn Jenner running for Governor as a Republican. (The GOP is as enthusiastic about trans people as they are about gun control reform.) As for the hesitancy, it seems millions have gotten one shot and blown off showing up for their second. The side effects of the second shot were absolutely minimal. (I can't say the same if Caitlyn were to become governor.)

Due to 220 million vaccinations in the past 100 days, we're getting ever closer to having the upper hand on the virus. In California we have the best numbers in the country. So, if you haven't already, get your shots asap! (And I won't describe my image of Kardashians occasionally hanging out in Sacramento.)

For a laugh go to YouTube and type "Driving with Mr. Magoo." Jack is at: facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jackdailypress@aol.com

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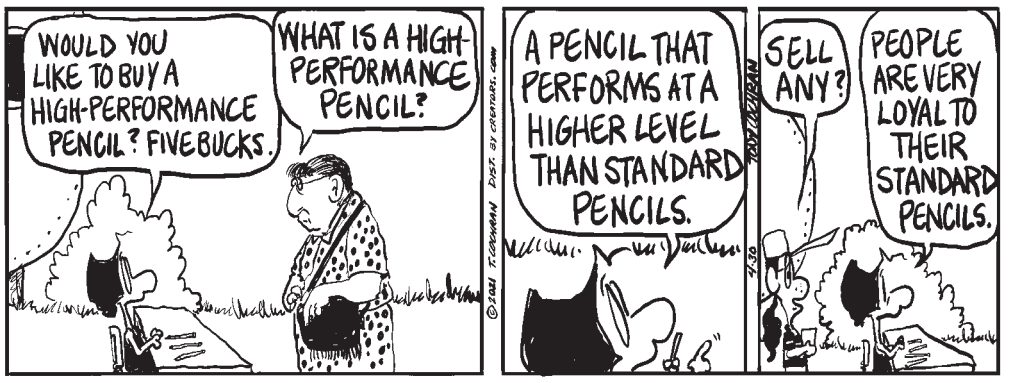
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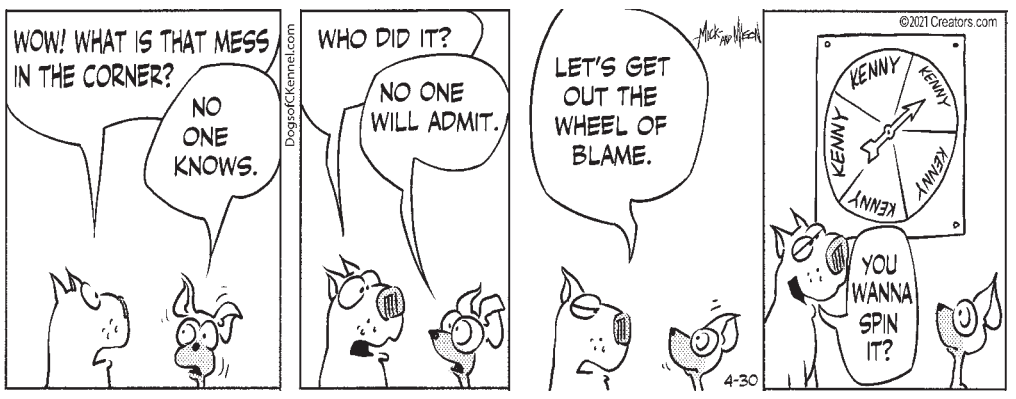
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Holding blend of SSW and NW swells for fun-zone, peaky surf west of Pt. Dume. Light wind in the morning expected to remain fairly light for the afternoon at this point. AM tide window best.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
New round of SSW/S swell moves in as NW swell gets a reinforcing nudge. Fun-zone surf with wind looking to stay light through the early-AM low tide and subsequent tide push. Largest west of Pt. Dume.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/05/02	Sun	4:54 PM	3.42	H
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The endeavor becomes possible because you believe it is possible. You'll build skills and adopt new modes of thought. It is fortifying beyond measure to know you are growing in mind and spirit. In June, you'll dedicate yourself to growing in financial ways, too, as your dream needs real-world assets to back it up. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 17, 3, 37 and 5.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's something of value you don't want to lose. This is what's standing between you and a change. The shift will only be possible after you've reckoned with your feelings and deemed the loss to be necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you wanted to get judgmental, all the data is right there in front of you. It doesn't look great on paper, so there's plenty to judge. But you want to be constructive instead — which is hard, helpful and so on-brand for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those who will do anything you ask of them, but you have to tell them exactly what to do. Do you really want to work that hard? Seek people who come with their own initiative.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To talk about what you know and listen when you don't seems so simple, but many will violate the rule. They speak to fill the void or get attention — tiresome. All you have to do is politely excuse yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you think about it, the amount of love and respect you give yourself pretty much mirrors the amount you give others and vice versa. So no matter how you go about it, increasing the love increases the love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those who worry about having a thing are not really rich in it. There are two ways to be rich — to have so much of something that you can't possibly run out of it or to have so little of it that you have nothing to lose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It would be unreasonable and cold-hearted to love only those who love themselves. Love all types if you can. But when it comes to your close relationships, the healthier prospects promise wonderful harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's said that complaining is like a rocking chair; a comfort though it never goes anywhere. Arguably, those who find comfort in complaining provide far less of it to everyone within earshot. Luckily, you know when to use your feet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Explore, decide, change your mind — all part of the process. Anyone who gives you a hard time about this doesn't fully understand your creativity. Believe in your vision enough for anyone who can't see it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). But be mindful not to tie your self-worth into anything as precarious as a bank balance, bad hair day or other transitory state. Moods will rise and fall like the temperature outside, but your value remains inestimable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Look into the depth of the sky, imagine the breadth of the ocean, try and count the stars. Take that expansive feeling with you wherever you go and know that whatever it is you think you lack, there really is enough to go around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's an elegance in you that you often let shine, though sometimes you tuck it behind a shield because you don't want too many people coming for you at once. Today, you're very much in control of and aware of this.

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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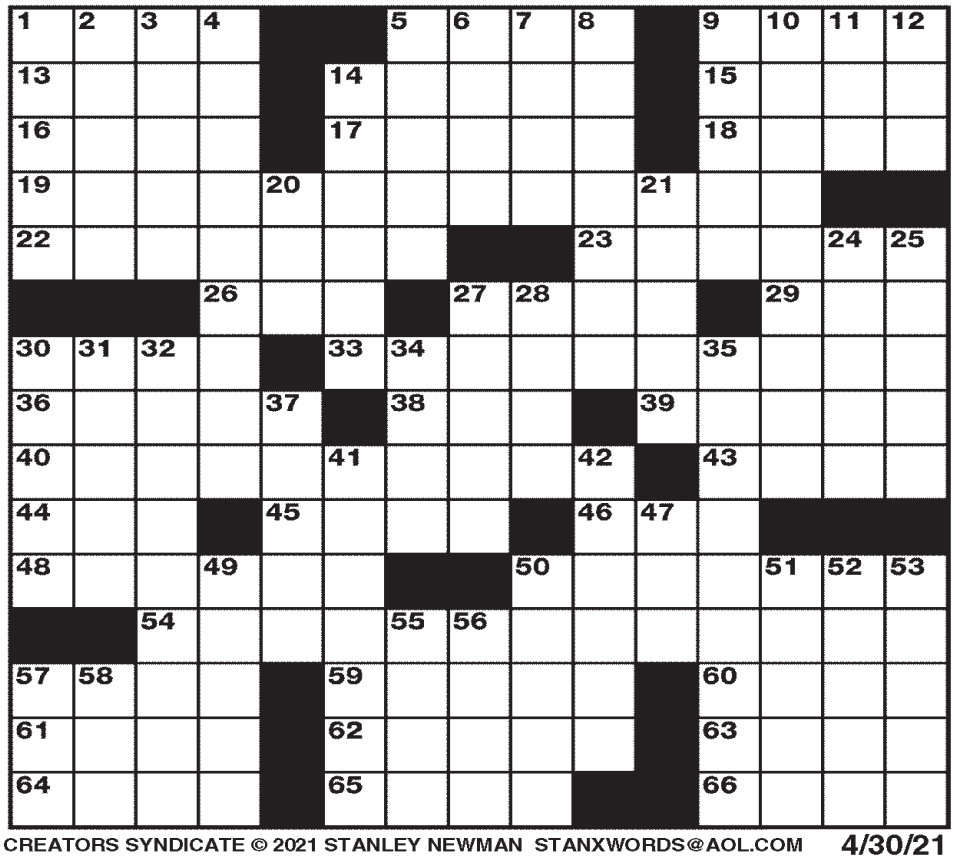
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ACROSS

1 Pole for canvas
5 Betray surprise
9 Crop by cutting
13 Pricing word
14 More authentic
15 Dash (away)
16 Sunscreen additive
17 Staff addition
18 Banded stone
19 Seals and such
22 With an upbeat manner
23 "Let me check"
26 USMA stat
27 Toe trouble
29 Second-century date
30 "Center" starter
33 Book publishing category
36 Bountiful
38 __ Goose (Donald Duck cousin)
39 Chaucer pilgrim
40 Legendary ladylove
43 CEO, often
44 Big bucks
45 Little monster
46 CIO merger partner
48 Tennis great Gibson
50 Self-seekers
54 Silent stage star
57 Commando weapons
59 Green Chinese tea
60 Wheel thing
61 Shed fur
62 Old-style "Awesome!"
63 Swarm
64 Small jab
65 El Salvador's "east"
66 Latin being

DOWN

1 Clothes lines
2 Micronesian nation
3 Certain would-be tree
4 Precious Wagner Ring thing
5 In need of cleaning
6 Mysterious vibe
7 Look to be
8 Superior-quality
9 Online antagonist
10 One prone to pillaging
11 Far from cordial
12 Tex-__
14 What a fugitive may be on
20 Bit of cold
21 Place of worship
24 Holey utensil
25 Wingless fliers
27 Test pilot's garb
28 Greek peak
30 *"__ mia!"*
31 Contact info
32 Proverbial mishap to let go
34 City near Delhi
35 Copy
37 Glowing fragment
41 Weaver of myth
42 1998 Winter Olympics city
47 Word between two "word"s
49 Rashness
50 Overplay it
51 Age-old battlers
52 Chaucer pilgrims' offerings
53 Snide challenge
55 Checks out
56 Aspiring atty.'s exam
57 Ballpark figure
58 Chaotic scene



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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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ROBOTS

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understand these new services.

Kozar said the robots and Zero Emission Delivery Zone Pilot Program have helped provide economic opportunity to small businesses and individuals in the zone, which stretches from the city's southern border at Dewey Street to Wilshire Boulevard, and from the ocean eastward to Lincoln Boulevard. He noted there are currently two companies operating in the city but a third is expected to join them soon after recently receiving approval.

When the robots are allowed to expand citywide 30 days from Council approval, regulations will remain similar to the guidelines outlined in the Zero Emissions Delivery Zone, meaning delivery bots must be controlled by a human at all times, obey traffic laws and speed limits, share operational data and report incidents.

Like the previous iteration of council that initially approved the Zero Emission Delivery Zone, Councilmember Christine Parra asked if any robots in the pilot program had been involved in accidents or if residents have expressed concerns about them traveling around town. But staff said the City hasn't received any complaints or notices of incidents or accidents.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who was one of the councilmembers who was hesitant about the safety aspect of the bots, said he's excited about the increased opportunities.

"I was a bit skeptical when this came up a couple weeks ago because we did this as a pilot for a reason; we wanted to assess the safety and the public reaction," McKeown said. "And I'm very much swayed by the fact that the safety record appears to be impeccable. And tonight and generally, I haven't heard a bad word about this service."

Hunter Hall, who is an active restaurant consultant throughout Southern California, agreed with Council's decision Tuesday when he cited how the restaurant industry has suffered miserable losses over the last year.

"And it is desperately in need of new innovative solutions like COCO and other robot delivery options," Hall said. "The third-party delivery companies like Uber Eats, DoorDash and others have really cannibalized the restaurant industry over the last several years. It's not a sustainable model and it doesn't actually help restaurants. Companies like COCO are great options. They hire locally. They're innovative. They're clean and they're fun! Let's face it, who doesn't like seeing a cute little robot going down the street. It gives Santa Monica an edge…"

Councilmember Phil Brock said he also loves the technology and the idea but he remains somewhat concerned that delivery drivers, who are still recovering from the pandemic as well and used deliveries as a second or third form of income.

"I'm still concerned that many delivery drivers may lose their jobs and their livelihoods when they're trying to make a comeback, so that concerns me," Brock said, adding, "I would hope that Coco will do their best to hire some of the newly displaced delivery drivers that they are helping displace."

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REOPENING

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Residents must schedule an appointment at https://curative.com/sites/28092 and must bring a photo ID and proof that they are over 16 and live or work in L.A. County. For many people one document, such as a driving license, will meet all of these requirements.

Currently, over 50 percent of L.A. County residents over 16 have received at least one dose, and in Santa Monica 65 percent of eligible residents have received at least one dose.

The County's adjusted case rate is down to 1.9 new cases per 100,000 residents and testing positivity is at 0.9 percent. These positive trends are fueled in large part by the accelerating vaccine rollout.

"These numbers prove that the hard work we're doing as a community to protect ourselves from infection is working and allow us to return to many activities we cherish," said County Director of Public Health, Barbara Ferrer.

As of April 28, the County had administered over 7.2 million vaccine doses, of which around 4.6 million were first doses and 2.6 million were second doses. Since becoming eligible on April 15, a quarter of L.A. County teens ages 16 and 17 have received their first dose.

"While this is good progress, we have a long way to go before we can say we have a high enough level of community vaccination to go back to normal life without fear," said Ferrer, urging all residents to make a plan to get vaccinated.

Under recently released CDC recommendations, people who are fully vaccinated may gather indoors without a mask with other fully vaccinated people or with unvaccinated people from one other household. Fully vaccinated people are also allowed to gather and conduct activities outdoors without a mask except in certain crowded situations.

"With all the fear we've been living with over the past year, many of us may have forgotten what an incredibly fun place LA can be and we're so close to being able to reclaim all of that fun," said Ferrer. "The ticket to doing that is getting ourselves, our friends, our families and our co-workers vaccinated."

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ACTIVITY: Santa Monica is hosting a vaccine clinic this weekend as part of broader efforts to facilitate wide scale reopening of the local economy.

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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.**

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